

**UNIVERSITY COUNCIL**

**PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE**

**FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

**PRESENTED BY:** Bob Tyler, Chair

**DATE OF MEETING:** June 21, 2012

**SUBJECT:** **Planning and Priorities Committee Year-End Report to Council**

**COUNCIL ACTION:** For information only

**ATTACHMENTS:** Planning and Priorities Committee Year-End Report for 2011-12

**COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:**

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## PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

### YEAR-END REPORT FOR 2011-12

The Planning and Priorities Committee (the Committee) met a total of 23 times in 2011-12. The chair and/or members of the Committee also served on subcommittees of the Planning and Priorities Committee (Finance Subcommittee, Capital Subcommittee, Centres Subcommittee) and on the Coordinating Committee, the Bylaws/Governance Committee, CABIS (Campus Advisory Board for Institutional Systems), the Model Development Oversight Team (MDOT) for TABBS, the Childcare Steering Committee, the Advisory Committee on CFI and the Advisory Committee on Indirect Costs of Research. The Unit Plans Review Committee (UPRC) comprised members of the Planning and Priorities Committee along with the chair and a member from each of the Academic Priorities Committee and the Research, Scholarly and Artistic Work Committee. UPRC reviewed unit plans (20 college/school plans and 16 administrative unit plans) and formulated its reports through a series of 21 meetings beginning in late October, 2011 and continuing through January, 2012.

In 2011/12, the Committee presented the following items to Council for its consideration: *Capital Planning and Update on Major Capital Projects* (for information), *College Quarter North-East Precinct* (for information), *Proposal to Establish the Canadian Centre for Nuclear Innovation* (for decision), *2012-13 Operations Forecast* (for information), *Unit Plans Review Committee (UPRC) Reports on the College, School and Administrative Unit Plans* (for decision), *Third Integrated Plan* (for decision), *Multi-Year Capital Plan* (for information), *Multi-Year Budget Framework* (for information), *Establishment of a school of professional development in the College of Engineering* (for decision), *Dissolution of the Department of Women's and Gender Studies* (for decision), *Reflections on the Integrated Planning Process* (for information), *College of Medicine Organizational Re-structuring* (for decision), *Establishment of the Confucius*

*Institute* (for decision), *Establishment of the Global Food Security Institute* (for decision), *Final Report on the Second Integrated Plan* (for information), and *Implementation of the Third Integrated Plan* (for information). The following is a brief summary of the Committee's activities over the year.

## **STRATEGIC AND INTEGRATED PLANNING**

The Committee reviewed and provided its perspective on the following plans, reports and presentations:

- *College Quarter North East Precinct*
- *External Relations Commitment of the Second Integrated Plan*
- *Accessibility and Affordability of Higher Education*
- *Faculty Complement Foundational Document*
- *Strategic Enrolment Management*
- *Third Integrated Plan*
- *Unit Plans Review Committee Reports*
- *Final Report on the Second Integrated Plan*
- *Implementation of the Third Integrated Plan*

The Committee also met with the President to hear his reflections on the current environment for universities in Canada and elsewhere and implications for the University of Saskatchewan. At its last meeting of the year, the Committee will receive a report on the University's faculty and staff complements. The report and the Committee's response will be submitted to Council for information in September.

## UNIVERSITY FINANCES

The Committee reviewed and provided its perspective on the following plans, reports and presentations. Each topic was also considered by the Capital Subcommittee or Finance Subcommittee, as appropriate.

- *Operations Forecast 2012-12 Update*
- *Provincial Budget 2012-13 Update*
- *Detailed Operating Budget 2012-13*
- *Multi-Year Budget Framework 2012-13 – 2015-16*
- *Multi-Year Capital Plan 2012/13 – 2015-16*
- *Annual Capital Plan 2012-13*
- *Provincial “White Paper” on Pensions: New Funding Regime for Public Sector Plans*
- *RenewUS Program – including Campus Core Revitalization*

In addition, the Capital Subcommittee met with the Provost’s Committee on Integrated Planning Advisory Committee (PCIP-AC) on two occasions to review the components of the *Annual Capital Plan* and *Multi-Year Capital Plan*, including the *Sustaining Capital Grant*.

The Capital Subcommittee also reviewed and commented on the following capital projects:

### Major Project Requests

- *Architecture Program*
- *Replacement of T1 and T2 Transformers*
- *Sustainable Resources Complex*
- *College Quarter Greenway*
- *Stone Barn*

### Planning Briefs

- *WCVM Veterinary Anatomy Lab Renewal*
- *Distributed Health Sciences – College of Nursing Regina Site*
- *Equipment Storage Quonset and Germplasm Storage*
- *Replacement of Burner in Boiler #6 Central Heating Plant*

### Initial Review Stage

- *Facility for Applied Avian Research (FAAR)*
- *Student Employment Career Centre Renovations*

Throughout the year, the Committee debriefed at each stage of the development of the model for a new *Transparent, Activity-Based Budget System (TABBS)* and will report to Council on *TABBS* in September. The *Budget Measures Strategies and Communications Plan* will occupy the Committee significantly in the year ahead. The Committee will report to Council at regular intervals on operating budget adjustments.

## **ACADEMIC MATTERS**

### Notices of Intent

The Committee discussed and provided feedback on the following notices of intent.

- *New Degree Program in Applied Mathematics*
- *Bachelor of Science in Animal Bioscience*
- *Post Graduate Degree Specialization Certificate in Corrections*

### Departments and Schools

The Committee presented the dissolution of the *Department of Women's and Gender Studies* and the establishment of a school of professional development in the College of Engineering (official name to be approved) to Council for approval. The Committee reviewed proposals to establish

new departments in the College of Medicine: *Academic Department of Emergency Medicine* and the *Department of Scholarship in Medical Education*, and anticipates submitting these to Council for consideration of approval in September. Recently, the Committee was updated on the initiative to establish a *School of Architecture*.

### **Centres**

Proposals for three centres were presented to Council: the *Canadian Centre for Nuclear Innovation (CCNI)*, *Confucius Institute*, and the *Global Food Security Institute*.

The Centres Subcommittee met several times during the year to discuss notices of intent and proposals for new centres and to continue its work on developing a revised *Policy on Centres* and new *Guidelines on the Reporting and Review of Centres*. The revised policy and guidelines will be discussed by the Planning and Priorities Committee in September, and it is anticipated that the policy and guidelines will be presented to Council in the fall for input. The revisions address the reporting, review and dissolution of centres.

The Dean of Agriculture and Bioresources has agreed that the *CIBC Centre for Agricultural Entrepreneurship* and the *Saskatchewan Centre for Soil Research (SCSR)* should be removed from the University's list of Type A centres. Both centres were created prior to the existing *Policy on Centres* and will stay in existence, but outside of the formal structure and categorization of centres for which they were not intended. In addition, the following Type A centres were reported as moribund by the Deans of the respective colleges and have been removed from the University's list of centres:

*College of Education:*

- *Child and Youth Development Institute*

*College of Medicine:*

- *Neuropsychiatry Research Unit (NRU)*

- *Prairie Region Health Promotion Research Centre*
- *Saskatchewan Sociobehavioural Cancer Research Satellite Centre*
- *Saskatchewan Stroke Research Centre (SSRC)*

Furthermore, although the *Saskatchewan Neuroscience Network (SNN)* in the College of Medicine is active, it has been removed from the list of centres as it functions primarily as a network. The *Saskatchewan Cancer Control Research Program* should not have been listed as a centre and also has been removed from the list.

Responsibility for the following centres has been transferred from the College of Medicine to the Saskatoon Health Region, where these centres function as service units providing clinical services. Therefore these centres have also been removed from the list of centres:

- *Alvin Buckwold Child Development Program*
- *Geriatric Assessment Program*
- *Sleep Disorder Clinic*

### **Divisions**

The Committee presented a new organizational structure for the College of Medicine to Council in May, which proposed the establishment of three new divisions in the College effective January 1, 2013: *the Division of Clinical Research*, *the Division of Medical Education* and *the Division of Biomedical and Population Sciences*. The Committee will report to Council in September and at regular intervals thereafter on the College and University's progress towards implementation of the new model for clinical instruction and research within the divisions.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

In submitting this report, I wish to highlight the contributions of all members of the Committee over the past year, particularly during the intensive work of the Unit Plans Review Committee. I also wish to recognize all Committee members who took on extra duties as vice-chairs, as

members of subcommittees of the Committee, or as Committee representatives on other university committees.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Tyler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bob" and last name "Tyler" clearly distinguishable.

Bob Tyler, Chair  
June 21, 2012