

**UNIVERSITY COUNCIL**  
**PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE**  
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**PRESENTED BY:** Bob Tyler, Chair

**DATE OF MEETING:** June 20, 2013

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

**COUNCIL ACTION:** For information only

**ATTACHMENTS:** Planning and Priorities Committee Year-End Report for 2012-13

**COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:**

Bob Tyler, Chair  
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Sandra Calver, Secretary

**PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE**  
**YEAR-END REPORT FOR 2012-13**

The Planning and Priorities Committee (the Committee) met a total of 21 times in 2012-13. The chair and/or members of the Committee also served on subcommittees of the Planning and Priorities Committee (Capital and Finance Subcommittee, Centres Subcommittee) and on the Coordinating Committee, the Governance Committee, the Model Development Oversight Team (MDOT) for TABBS, the Operating Budget Adjustments Steering Committee (OBASC), the Central Academic Quadrant (Program Prioritization), the Childcare Steering Committee, the Advisory Committee on CFI and the Advisory Committee on Indirect Costs of Research.

**COUNCIL ITEMS**

- In 2012-13, the Committee presented the following items to Council for its consideration:
  - College of Medicine Organizational Restructuring* (for decision)
  - Faculty and Staff Complements Report* (for information), *Criteria for Assessment of a College of Medicine Renewal Plan* (for information)
  - Transparent Activity-Based Budget System (TABBS)* (for information), *2013-14 Operations Forecast* (for information)
  - C-EBLIP: Evidence-based Library Information Practice as a Type A Centre* (for approval)
  - SERI: Sustainability Education Research Institute as a Type A Centre* (for approval)
  - College of Medicine Vision Document* (for approval-in-principle)
  - Name for the School of Professional Development* (for approval)
  - Program Prioritization* (for approval-in-principle)
  - Centre for Applied Epidemiology as a Type A Centre* (for approval)
  - Name Change for the Department of Languages and Linguistics* (for approval)
  - PRISM: Proteomics Research in Interactions and Structure of Macromolecules as a Type A Centre* (for approval)
  - Disestablishment of Open Studies* (for approval)
  - Progress Report on the Third Integrated Plan* (for information)

## **STRATEGIC AND INTEGRATED PLANNING**

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

- *Strategic Enrolment Management*
- *First Year Progress Report of the Third Integrated Plan*
- *New Model for Faculty Start-up and Support*
- *Graduate Program Review – Outcome Synthesis Report (first year report)*
- *Distributed Education*
- *Aboriginal Initiative Commitment*
- *Information and Communications Technology – Campus Wireless Expansion, ICT Governance, ICT Security*
- *Internationalization*
- *First Nations Labour Market Report*

## **UNIVERSITY FINANCES**

The Committee and/or its Finance and Capital Subcommittee reviewed and provided its perspective on the following plans, reports and presentations:

- *Annual Capital Plan 2013-14 and Sustaining Capital Grant*
- *Operations Forecast 2013-14*
- *Operations Forecast 2014-15*
- *Operating Budget Adjustment Strategies*
- *Provincial Budget 2013-14 Update*
- *TABBS Scenario Analysis Tool*
- *Tuition Rates 2013-14*
- *University Pensions*

As well, the Capital and Finance Subcommittee reviewed and commented on the following capital projects:

### **Major Project Requests**

- *WCVM Classroom Project*
- *WCVM Dog Kennel*

- *WCVM Paddocks*
- *McEown Park – Residence Renewal*
- *CFI capital projects*

#### Planning Briefs

- *ICT-UnivRS (University Research System)*
- *ICT-Enterprise Asset Management (EAM)*

#### Project Updates

- *Childcare Expansion*

The *Operating Budget Measures Strategies* and *TransformUS Program Prioritization* occupied the Committee significantly throughout the year. The Committee presented the request for *Approval in Principle of Program Prioritization*; and reports and updates have been presented to Council by the President and the Provost and Vice-President Academic.

### **ACADEMIC MATTERS**

#### Notices of Intent

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

- *Certificate of Proficiency in Indigenous Knowledge*
- *Certificate of Proficiency in Public Administration*
- *Certificate of Proficiency in Social Justice and Addictions*
- *Certificate of Proficiency in Sustainability Education*
- *PGD, M.Eng., M.Sc, and Ph.D. Graduate Degrees in Geological Engineering*
- *M.A., M.Sc. and Ph.D. Graduate Degrees in Global Water Security*
- *Bachelor of Arts and Science in Health Studies*

The Committee also discussed the *Degree Authorization Act* and *Quality Assurance Board*, which will provide other institutions with the ability to grant post-secondary degrees.

#### Departments and Colleges

The Committee presented to Council the disestablishment of *Open Studies* and name changes for the *School of Professional Development* and the *Department of Languages and Linguistics*. The

Committee also requested an update on the initiative to establish a *School of Architecture* following a series of community events intended to bring profile to the initiative. The restructuring of the College of Medicine continued to engage the Committee. The Committee submitted the *College of Medicine Organizational Restructuring* for confirmation, as required by a decision of the General Academic Assembly. As the motion was defeated in favour of providing the College of Medicine the opportunity to develop its own renewal plan, the Committee developed the criteria by which any renewal plan for the College would be considered. Subsequently, the Committee presented the *College of Medicine Vision Document* for approval, conditional upon the development of an implementation plan for the document which would address the criteria for renewal. The Committee is to receive this plan on August 15, 2013 and report to Council in the fall on this item.

### Centres

Proposals for three centres were presented to Council for approval: *C-EBLIP: Evidence-based Library Information Practice*, *SERI: Sustainability Education Research Institute* and *PRISM: Proteomics Research in Interactions and Structure of Macromolecules*.

The Centres Subcommittee met several times during the year to continue its work on developing a revised *Policy on Centres* and new *Guidelines on the Reporting and Review of Centres*. It has become apparent to the Subcommittee that more substantive and fundamental changes are required for the governance of the University's centres, and therefore this initiative has proceeded at a slower pace than planned.

The Office of the Vice-President Research has reported the *Animal Resources Centre* and the *Women's Studies Research Unit* (both Type A centres) as moribund, and they have been removed from the University's list of centres.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

In submitting this report, I wish to highlight the contributions of all members of the Committee. I also wish to recognize all Committee members who took on extra duties as vice-chair, acting chair, members of subcommittees of the Committee, or as Committee representatives on other University committees. I also most gratefully acknowledge the outstanding secretarial and

administrative support provided to the Committee by Sandra Calver, without whose efforts the Committee, under the leadership of the current chair at least, would have accomplished but a small fraction of what it did this year. I also gratefully acknowledge the resources provided by the University Secretary's Office in support of the work of Council and its 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 20, 2013