

**UNIVERSITY COUNCIL**  
**PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE**  
**FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

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**PRESENTED BY:** Fran Walley, Chair

**DATE OF MEETING:** June 19, 2014

**SUBJECT:** **Planning and Priorities Committee Annual Report to Council**

**COUNCIL ACTION:** For information only

**COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE**

1. Conducting and reporting to Council on university-wide planning and review activities in consultation with the Provost and Vice-President Academic.
2. Evaluating College and Unit plans and reporting the conclusions of those evaluations to Council.
3. Recommending to Council on academic priorities for the University.
4. Recommending to Council on outreach and engagement priorities for the University.
5. Seeking advice from other Council committees to facilitate university-wide academic planning.
6. Recommending to Council on the establishment, disestablishment or amalgamation of any college, school, department or any unit responsible for the administration of an academic program, with the advice of the Academic Programs Committee.
7. Balancing academic and fiscal concerns in forming its recommendations.
8. Providing advice to the President on budgetary implications of the Operations Forecast and reporting to Council.
9. Considering the main elements of the Operating Budget and the Capital Budget and reporting to Council.

10. Advising the Academic Programs Committee on the fit with University priorities and the general budgetary appropriateness of proposals for new academic programs and program deletions.
11. Integrating and recommending to Council on matters referred to it from other Council committees.
12. Advising the President and senior executive on operating and capital budgetary matters, including infrastructure and space allocation issues, referred from time to time by the President, providing the advice is not inconsistent with the policies of Council. The Planning and Priorities Committee will report to Council on the general nature of the advice and, where practicable, obtain the guidance of Council. However, the Committee need not disclose to Council matters the disclosure of which would be inimical to the interests of the University.

## COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP FOR 2013/2014

### Council Members

Bill Bartley	English
Peta Bonham-Smith	Biology [Vice-Dean, Science]
Dirk DeBoer	Geography and Planning
Lisa Kalynchuk	Medicine
Ramji Khandelwal	Biochemistry
Venkatesh Meda	Chemical & Biological Engineering
<b>Chary Rangacharyulu (Vice-Chair)</b>	Physics & Engineering Physics
<b>Fran Walley (Chair)</b>	Soil Science

### General Academic Assembly Members

David Janz	Veterinary Biomedical Sciences
Jeremy Rayner	Public Policy
Greg Wurzer	Library

### Dean

Sanjeev Anand	Law
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### Sessional Lecturer

Leslie Walter	Mathematics and Statistics
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### Student Members

Max FineDay /Desiree Steele	President, USSU/VP Academic Affairs, USSU
Ehimai Ohiozebau/Izabela Vlahu	President, GSA

### Ex Officio

Brett Fairbairn	Provost & Vice-President Academic
James Basinger	Associate Vice-President Research [VP Research designate]
Laura Kennedy	Associate Vice-President (Financial Services) & Controller [VP Finance and Resources designate]

Resource personnel

Jacque Thomarat

Acting Director, Budget Strategy and Planning

Mark Roman

Acting Chief Information Officer and Associate VP Information and Communications Technology

Winona Wheeler

Native Studies [designate of the Special Advisor to the President on Aboriginal Initiatives designate]

Pauline Melis

Assistant Provost, Institutional Planning and Assessment

Bryan Bilokreli

Director, Capital Planning

Colin Tennent

Associate Vice-President, Facilities Management Division

Administrative Support

Sandra Calver

Coordinator, University Governance

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Planning and Priorities Committee Annual Report for 2013-14

## **PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2013-14**

The Planning and Priorities Committee (the Committee) met a total of 22 times in 2013-14. 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, and the Advisory Committee on CFI.

### **COUNCIL ITEMS**

The Committee presented the following items to Council for its consideration:

- *The Way Forward: College of Medicine Implementation Plan* (for information)
- *Vision 2025: From Spirit to Action* (for information (October 2013) and decision (April 2014))
- *2014-15 Operations Forecast* (for information)
- *TransformUS task force reports* (for information)
- *Joint (with APC) Report on Disestablishment Processes* (for information)
- *Disestablishment of the Environmental Engineering Division and Related Council Bylaws Amendment* (for decision)
- *Strategic Enrolment Management (SEM) Report Summary* (for information)
- *TransformUS Action Plan* (for information)

### **PROGRAM PRIORITIZATION**

The *TransformUS Program Prioritization* process occupied the Committee significantly throughout the year. The committee submitted two reports to Council on *TransformUS*, as noted above.

- *TransformUS Task Force Report (including a critique of the TransformUS process and Council committee responses)* (for information)
- *TransformUS Action Plan* (for information)

### **STRATEGIC AND INTEGRATED PLANNING**

The Committee reviewed and provided its perspective to administration on the following plans, reports and presentations prior to Council presentations:

- *Graduate Education Review Committee (GERC) Phase 1 Report*
- *Strategic Enrolment Management 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 2014-15 and Sustaining Capital Grant allocations*
- *Annual Financial Report*
- *Operations Forecast 2014-15*
- *Operating Budget Adjustment Strategies*
- *Provincial Budget 2013-14 Update*
- *Tuition Rates 2013-14*
- *University Pensions*
- *Endowed Lands*
- *Capital Renewal*
- *Major Capital Projects*

## ACADEMIC MATTERS

### Notices of Intent


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

- *Certificate of Proficiency in Aboriginal Theatre*
- *Certificate of Proficiency in Classical and Medieval Latin*
- *Graduate-level Certificate of Proficiency in Social Economy and Co-operatives*
- *Master of Arts (M.A.) in Applied Linguistics (thesis-based)*
- *Master of Arts (M.A.) Teacher of English for Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)(course-based)*
- *Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Management and Marketing (thesis)*
- *Joint Degree with the Arctic University of Norway University of Tromsø: Masters of Governance and Entrepreneurship in Northern and Indigenous Areas (GENI)*
- *Dual Degree (three plus one) Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (BSA, Food and Bioproduct Sciences) with Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University, China*
- *Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) degree program to replace the existing Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy (BSP) program*

At the NOI level stage and prior, new types of programs and structures are being sought at the graduate and undergraduate level. The committee executive welcomes these creative initiatives and is committed to exploring programmatic structures with proponents. Increasingly, the work of the committee on novel programs involves joint meetings with the academic programs committee executive and chair.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

In submitting this report, I wish to highlight the contributions of members of the committee executive: Chary Rangacharyulu (vice-chair), Pauline Melis and Sandra Calver, who held many additional meetings to plan and coordinate the committee's agendas. I also wish to recognize all committee members who took on extra duties as members of subcommittees of the Committee, or as committee representatives on other university committees. I also want to acknowledge the excellent support provided by the various resource personnel, and the University Secretary's Office. I particularly want to acknowledge the outstanding support provided to the committee and subcommittees by Sandra Calver. Her deep understanding and respect for Council combined with her dedication, organization, and cheerful willingness to provide support at all hours is gratefully acknowledged.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fran Walley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Walley, Chair