



■ School of Architecture Senate ■ Presentation October 2014

Current Status

Premise for School of Architecture at U of S

- High Demand in Profession for Graduates
- High Demand from Students
- Cultural Driver in a Growing Economy
 - a) More Architects (and Engineers) required to lead project development for growth envisioned by Premier Wall
- Centrum for other Design Disciplines
- Innovative and energetic student planning and design services to communities throughout the province
- Significant financial loss to province currently because work is exported



Model - Health Sciences Bio-medical Wing – U of S

Academic Support from U of S Faculty

- Series of three interrelated symposia held at the U of S to explore substantive themes in architectural education
- Internationally recognized architectural academics engaged wide range of faculty from numerous U of S disciplines
 - a) Discussions surrounded advantages of a school of architecture to the university
 - b) Concluded school of architecture would:
 - add cohesive focus currently missing
 - call upon colleges, schools and departments including engineering, law, business, natural and social sciences, fine arts, public health and environment & sustainability as essential contributors
- Currently no academic champion at U of S to sustain enthusiasm coming out of symposia

Prospect of Partnership with SIAST (Saskatchewan Polytechnic):

- Saskatchewan Polytechnic (SP) from SIAST September 24, 2014
- Existing architectural technology programming is solid - could contribute to curriculum necessary for professional accreditation
- Establishing partnerships with SP could lead to rapid development of a robust and unique program of architecture
- Partnerships with University of Regina and other post-secondary institutions could assist in creating province-wide program
- Risk that SP could develop program alone – loss of rich cross-discipline opportunity if U of S does not take lead



Home for School Secured:

- Historic John Deere Plow Building in Saskatoon's warehouse district has been gifted to the U of S by the City of Saskatoon if used to house a school of architecture
- The City of Saskatoon has been a long-time strategic partner of the U of S and recognizes the advantages of a vibrant school of architecture in the city's downtown



Home for School Secured (con't):

- Substantial donor readiness to refurbish the building has been clearly expressed by proponents of the cause. Contributions would be both cash and in-kind (materials and/or labour)
- Recognize need to maintain academic and research connections between core campus and architecture



Support from Saskatchewan Association of Architects (SAA) – Proving the Value Proposition:

- Awareness campaign under way to contact industry leaders for expressions of support
 - a) Building owners, municipal, provincial and federal government agencies, developers and contractors will be asked to demonstrate current and anticipated demand for graduate and registered architects
 - b) The contribution of architects to business success of industry leaders will be identified
 - c) This information will be the remaining evidence of need required by the province to provide support for school of architecture
- Strong statements of financial support expressed to date



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