

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

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**PRESENTED BY:** Lisa Kalynchuk, chair

**DATE OF MEETING:** June 23, 2016

**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 2015/2016

#### Council Members

<b>Lisa Kalynchuk, chair</b>	Medicine
<b>Dirk de Boer, vice-chair</b>	Geography and Planning
Ralph Deters	Computer Science
Veronika Makarova	Linguistics and Religious Studies
Ken Wilson	Biology
Chelsea Willness	Human Resources & Organizational Behaviour

#### General Academic Assembly Members

Joel Bruneau	Economics
Susan Whiting	Pharmacy and Nutrition
Valerie Korinek	History
Catherine Niu	Chemical and Biological Engineering
Karen Lawson	Psychology

#### Dean

Beth Bilson	Law
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#### Sessional Lecturer

Leslie Walter	Mathematics and Statistics
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#### Student Members

Gabe Senecal/Brooke Malinoski	Vice-president academic Affairs, USSU
Rajat Chakravarty/Ziad Ghaith	President, GSA

#### Ex officio voting

Ernie Barber	Interim provost & vice-president academic
James Basinger	Associate vice-president research [VP research designate]
Greg Fowler	Vice-president finance and resources

Resource members

Jacque Thomarat	Acting director, resource allocation and strategy
Mark Roman/Shari Baraniuk	Chief information officer and associate VP information and communications technology
John Rigby	Interim associate vice-provost, Institutional Planning and Assessment
Bryan Bilokreli	Director, capital planning
Colin Tennent	Associate vice-president, Facilities Management Division
Troy Harkot	Director, institutional effectiveness
<u>Administrative Support</u>	
Sandra Calver	Associate secretary, academic governance

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Planning and Priorities Committee Annual Report for 2015-16

## **PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2015-16**

The planning and priorities committee (PPC) met a total of 21 times in 2015-16. The chair and/or members of the committee also served on subcommittees of PPC (capital and finance subcommittee, centres subcommittee), and on the coordinating committee, the governance committee, the information systems steering committee, the institutional taskforce on university rankings, the Vision 2057: Off Campus Research Lands steering committee, and the CFI advisory committee.

### **COUNCIL ITEMS**

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

- *2016-17 Operations Forecast and Economic Impact Analysis (for information)*
- *Reorganization of Centrally Organized Teaching and Learning Activities (for information)*
- *Report on the College of Graduate Studies and Research and the Administration of Graduate Programs (for information)*
- *Update on the Third Integrated Plan (IP3) (for information)*
- *Report for Information on the USSU Motion on Indigenous Content in the Curriculum (for information)*

### **STRATEGIC AND INTEGRATED PLANNING**

The committee received presentations on the following university-level initiatives and plans:

- *Service Design and Delivery*
- *University Internationalization*
- *Disestablishment of the Division of Arts and Science, Social Sciences, and Science in the College of Arts and Science (for decision)*
- *College and Unit Profiles*
- *University Mission, Vision, and Values Document (for input)*
- *Review of University Rankings, from the Task Force on Institutional Rankings*

The committee continued its initiative to meet with deans to hear directly about their strategic plans for their colleges: the dean, College of Education to discuss organizational, cultural, and programmatic change within the college; the dean, College of Agriculture and Bioresources, to discuss research and enrolment growth within the college.

### **UNIT REVIEWS**

The committee received the external reviewers' reports and provided feedback to the provost and vice-president academic on the following unit reviews:

- *School of Public Health*
- *School of Environment and Sustainability (SENS)*
- *University Library*

## UNIVERSITY FINANCES and CAPITAL

The committee and/or its capital and finance subcommittee considered the following:

- *Operating Budget*
- *University Pensions*
- *Responsibility Centre Management (RCM)*
- *Transparency Activity-Based Budget System (TABBS)*
- *Tuition Rates for 2016-17*
- *Provincial Budget 2016-17 Briefing*
- *Development of University Lands*
- *Capital Renewal including the RenewUS Strategy*
- *Major Capital Projects*
- *Operations Forecast 2017-18*
- *Capital Profiles*
- *Strategic Preventative Maintenance and Renewal Fund*
- *Capital Renewal Prioritization Framework*

## ACADEMIC MATTERS

### Notices of Intent

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

- *International Indigenous Ph. D in Education*
- *Specialization in Leadership in Post-secondary education within the Master of Education (M.Ed.)*
- *Additional Qualifications Certificate (AQC) in English as an Additional Language (EAL)*
- *School of Architecture and entry-to-practice architectural professional programs (for information)*

### Name Changes

- *Name change of the Department of Civil and Geological Engineering to the Department of Civil, Geological and Environmental Engineering (for decision)*
- *Name Change of the Department of Bioresource Policy, Business and Economics to the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics (for decision)*
- *Name change of the College of Graduate Studies and Research to the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (for decision)*

### New Departments

- *Department of Emergency Medicine (for decision)*

### New Centres

- *Establishment of the Johnson-Shoyama Institute for Science and Innovation Policy (ISIP) as a Type A Centre within the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy (for decision)*
- *St. Thomas More has approved the establishment of a Centre for Faith, Reason, and Justice in 2017. Although not required to be approved by the university, the centre will be added to the list of university centres on the university website and is reported here for Council's information*

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

In submitting this report, I want to emphasize how much I appreciated the work of all committee members, who arrived at meetings fully prepared and who debated issues with collegiality and integrity. The positive environment created by members at our many meetings was a great benefit for the work of the committee, particularly this year as we grappled with several large and difficult files. I also want to highlight the valuable contributions of members of the committee executive: Dirk de Boer (vice-chair), John Rigby and Sandra Calver, who attended many additional meetings to plan and coordinate the committee's agendas, and the work of our resource personnel in supporting the committee's activities. Finally, I am extremely grateful to our committee secretary, Sandra Calver, for her hard work and dedication to the committee.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Kalynchuk, chair