

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL
PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE
REQUEST FOR DECISION

PRESENTED BY: Lisa Kalynchuk, chair
Planning and priorities committee of Council

DATE OF MEETING: April 21, 2016

SUBJECT: **Postponement of consideration of the Canadian Institute for Science and Innovation Policy (CISIP)**

DECISION REQUESTED:

It is recommended:

That consideration of the motion to approve the Canadian Institute for Science and Innovation Policy (CISIP) be further postponed to the May Council meeting.

PURPOSE:

The planning and priorities committee is requesting that consideration of the Canadian Institute for Science and Innovation Policy (CISIP) as a Type A centre within the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy (JSGS) be postponed until the May 19 meeting of Council. This motion is in the form of an amendment to the procedural motion carried at the April meeting of Council, “*That consideration of the proposal be postponed to the April meeting of Council.*”

DISCUSSION SUMMARY:

On April 6, the committee met with proponents and considered the work undertaken to date to revise the proposal in light of concerns raised by Council. Proponents have made significant progress in the additional consultation requested by Council to include faculty in the health sciences, natural sciences, social sciences, and Indigenous studies in the collaborative efforts of the centre. The proposal has been revised to clarify the research and scholarly purpose of the centre, and consultation is ongoing with respect to how the centre’s activities can involve and benefit students.

Two town halls have been held with an open invitation to faculty and students to discuss the institute, meetings have been held with colleges, including presentations to the divisional faculty councils in the College of Arts and Science and with Veterinary Medicine, discussion will occur with the research advisory committee of the health sciences deans, a meeting held with the graduate students' association; and follow-up discussions with the International Centre for Northern Governance and Development, First Nations University of Canada, and the Indigenous Peoples' Health Research Centre.

Proponents have requested an additional month to complete their consultation. In addition, the executive director of the school Kathy McNutt, and the director, Jeremy Rayner are unable to attend the April Council meeting due to previously scheduled meetings with the external reviewers for the review of the school. The planning and priorities committee considered the request to be reasonable. Therefore, the committee carried the following motion after meeting with proponents on April 6 and reviewing an incomplete revised draft of the proposal: *“That consideration of the CISIP proposal occur at the May Council meeting to provide proponents with more time to complete the additional consultation requested by Council and to accommodate the previously scheduled review of JS GS.”*

SUMMARY

In summary, the committee supports the request to postpone consideration of the proposal to the May Council meeting as the additional time provided to proponents will strengthen the proposal and better enable proponents to address Council's concerns with the previous version of the proposal. If Council defeats the motion, the motion to consider the proposal in April remains open on the floor to be voted on or further amended.