

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL
PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE
REPORT FOR INFORMATION

PRESENTED BY: Dirk de Boer, chair

DATE OF MEETING: June 22, 2017

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 2016-2017

<u>Council Members</u>	<u>Department/Unit</u>	<u>Term Expiry</u>
Dirk de Boer (Chair)	Geography and Planning	June 30, 2019
Greg Wurzer	University Library	June 30, 2017
Ralph Deters	Computer Science	June 30, 2018
Veronika Makarova	Linguistics and Religious Studies	June 30, 2018
Ken Wilson	Biology	June 30, 2018
Peter Phillips	Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy	June 30, 2019
 <u>General Academic Assembly Members</u>		
Joel Bruneau	Economics	June 30, 2017
Susan Whiting	Pharmacy and Nutrition	June 30, 2017
Norman Sheehan	Accounting	June 30, 2019
Catherine Niu	Chemical and Biological Engineering	June 30, 2018
Karen Lawson	Psychology	June 30, 2018
 <u>Dean</u>		
Peta Bonham-Smith	Dean, Arts & Science	June 30, 2017
 <u>Sessional Lecturer</u>		
Leslie Walter	Mathematics and Statistics	June 30, 2017
 <u>Undergraduate Student Member</u>		
Emmanuel Barker	VP Operations & Finance, USSU	May 1, 2016 - April 30, 2017
Deena Kapacila	VP Operations & Finance, USSU	May 1, 2017 - April 30, 2018
 <u>Graduate Student Member</u>		
Ziad Ghaith	GSA President	April 30, 2018
 <u>Ex Officio (Voting)</u>		
Ernie Barber	Interim Provost & Vice-President Academic	
Greg Fowler	Vice-President, Finance and Resources	
Kevin Schneider	Interim Associate Vice-president Research) [VP Research designate]	
 <u>Ex Officio (Non-voting)</u>		
Peter Stoicheff	President	
Lisa Kalynchuk	Chair, Council	

Resource Personnel (Non-voting) – attend all committee meetings

Troy Harkot	Director, Institutional Effectiveness
Jacque Thomarot	Director, Resource Allocation and Planning
Shari Baraniuk	Interim Chief Information Officer (CIO) and Associate VP Information and Communications Technology (AVP ICT)
John Rigby	Interim Associate Provost, Institutional Planning and Assessment
TBD	President's designate on Aboriginal Matters

Resource Personnel (Non-voting) – attend PPC Capital and Finance Subcommittee meetings

Brad Steeves	Interim Director of Facilities Management Division
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Administrative Support

Sandra Calver (Secretary) Associate Secretary, Academic Governance

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Planning and Priorities Committee Annual Report for 2016-17

PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2016-17

The planning and priorities committee (PPC) met on 19 occasions throughout 2016-17. 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, CFI advisory committee, and the *ad hoc* planning group constituted to advise on the development of the university integrated plan.

COUNCIL ITEMS

The committee presented the following items to Council for approval:

- *Vision, Mission and Values of the University of Saskatchewan*
- *Centre for Research, Evaluation and Action Towards Equal Justice (CREATE Justice) in the College of Law*
- *Respiratory Research Centre in the College of Medicine*
- *Name Change of the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences*

The committee reported on the following items to Council:

- *Report on University Lands and Capital Projects*
- *Report on the Work of the ad hoc Enrolment Subcommittee*
- *2017-2018 Operations Forecast*
- *Policy for Medical Faculty [request for input]*
- *Draft Integrated Plan [request for input]*

STRATEGIC AND INTEGRATED PLANNING

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

- *Building Capacity for Collaborative Scholarship at the University of Saskatchewan*
- *International Blueprint for Action*
- *ICT Security Policy*
- *ConnectionPoint*
- *A new approach to University Centres*
- *Library Space Planning*
- *Athletics and Recreation Facilities Master Plan*
- *Campus Master Plan*

UNIT REVIEWS

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

- *Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy*
- *College of Engineering*

UNIVERSITY FINANCES and CAPITAL

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

- *2017/18 Tuition Rates*
- *Responsibility Centre Management (RCM)*
- *Transparency Activity-Based Budget System (TABBS)*
- *2017/18 Provincial Budget*
- *2017/18 University Comprehensive Budget*
- *Student Financial Aid Project Report*
- *2018/19 Operations Forecast*
- *Capital Budget Framework*
- *Update on the Capital Plans of Colleges and Schools*
- *Preventative Maintenance and Renewal Fund*
- *Updates on Major Capital Projects*
- *Capital Renewal Financing Strategies*
- *Capital Project Prioritization Matrix*
- *10-Year Capital Plan*

ACADEMIC MATTERS

Notices of Intent

The committee discussed and provided feedback to proponents on the following notices of intent for new programs and academic unit restructuring:


- *Graduate Certificate in Veterinary Clinical Sciences*
- *Engineering Business Certificate*
- *Jewish and Christian Origins Certificate*
- *Biomedical Sciences Undergraduate Program (BMSC)*
- *Department Merger among the Biomedical Sciences Departments*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I want to thank the members of the committee for their time preparing for and attending the meetings. Many of the items on the committee's agenda involved a considerable amount of reading, and committee members always came to the meeting fully prepared for thoughtful and in-depth discussions of the issues at hand. These discussions took place in a positive environment marked by collegiality, integrity, and respect for diverse opinions, and I want to thank the committee members for collectively creating this positive environment. I also want to thank the members of the committee executive—Ken Wilson (vice-chair), John Rigby, and Sandra Calver—who attended many additional meetings to plan and coordinate the committee's agendas, and our resource personnel for supporting the committee's activities. Finally, the committee could not have

functioned without our committee secretary, Sandra Calver, and I thank her for her hard work and dedication to the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dirk de Boer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dirk de Boer, chair

