

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

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**PRESENTED BY:** Lisa Kalynchuk, chair

**DATE OF MEETING:** June 18, 2015

**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 2014/2015**

#### Council Members

<b>Lisa Kalynchuk, chair</b>	Medicine
<b>Dirk de Boer, vice-chair</b>	Geography and Planning
Bill Bartley	English
Peta Bonham-Smith	Biology [Vice-Dean, Science]
Ramji Khandelwal	Biochemistry
Chary Rangacharyulu	Physics & Engineering Physics
Fran Walley	Soil Science

#### General Academic Assembly Members

Joel Bruneau	Economics
Valerie Korinek	History
Susan Whiting	Pharmacy and Nutrition
Marwin Britto	Library

#### Dean

Beth Bilson	Law
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#### Sessional Lecturer

Leslie Walter	Mathematics and Statistics
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#### Student Members

Desiree Steele/Gabe Senecal	Vice-president academic Affairs, USSU
Izabela Vlahu/Rajat Chakravarty	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  
Mark Roman

Acting director, resource allocation and strategy  
Chief information officer and associate VP information and communications technology

John Rigby  
Assessment

Interim Associate vice-provost, Institutional Planning and

Bryan Bilokreli

Director, capital Planning

Colin Tennent

Associate vice-president, Facilities Management Division

Troy Harkot

Director, institutional effectiveness (*standing guest*)

Administrative Support

Sandra Calver

Associate secretary, academic governance

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Planning and Priorities Committee Annual Report for 2014-15

## **PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2014-15**

The planning and priorities committee (PPC) met a total of 23 times in 2014-15. The chair and/or members of the committee also served on subcommittees of PPC (capital and finance subcommittee, enrolment 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, the CFI advisory committee, and the childcare steering committee.

### **COUNCIL ITEMS**

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

- *2014-15 Annual Capital Plan* (for information)
- *2015-16 Operations Forecast* (for information)
- *Motions from Council Members: Brooke/Bartley & Solose/D'Eon* (for information)
- *Templates for the Disestablishment or Merger of Departments* (for information)
- *Name Change from Department of Religion and Culture to Department of Linguistics and Religious Studies* (for decision)
- *Institutional Priorities* (December 2014 & April 2015) (for information)
- *Name Change from Department of Native Studies to Department of Indigenous Studies* (for decision)
- *Capital Planning* (for information)
- *Revised Template for Notice of Intent for New Programs* (for information)

### **STRATEGIC AND INTEGRATED PLANNING**

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

- *College of Arts and Science Restructuring*
- *Planning for the Fourth Integrated Plan*
- *Review of the School of Public Health*
- *Planning for the ICT Strategic Plan*
- *Vision 2057: Rural Research and Teaching Lands*
- *College and Unit Profiles (data-based)*
- *2016-2017 Operations Forecast*

As part of its consideration of the eight institutional priorities, the committee met with the president and the priority leaders of each priority:

- *Commitment to Aboriginal Achievement*
- *Restructuring of the College of Medicine*
- *Inter-professional Health Education and Inter-disciplinary Health Research*
- *Reorganization of Graduate Studies and Support for Graduate Students*
- *Library Transformation*

- *Reorganization of Centrally Organized Teaching and Learning Supports*
- *Interdisciplinary and Cross-College Academic Programming*
- *Design and Delivery of Administrative Services*

In conjunction with APC, the committee formed a subcommittee to review the current enrolment policy document on viable enrolments approved by Council in 2007. The enrolment subcommittee will develop principles for the consideration of low-enrolment programs and provide guidance to colleges and schools in their consideration of programs and courses with low enrolment. This work will continue in the fall, with the goal of the enrolment subcommittee reporting to Council in December.

The committee met with a number of deans to hear directly about their strategic plans for their colleges: the dean, College of Arts and Sciences to discuss divisional restructuring with the college; the dean, College of Pharmacy and Nutrition to discuss the strategic vision for the college; the dean, College of Medicine to discuss progress against accreditation issues and college re-structuring; the dean, University Library to discuss the vision for the Library; and the acting dean, College of Graduate Studies and Research to discuss the reorganization of the college.

The newly-elected GSA and USSU executive members attended a committee meeting to share their strategic plans and goals for the year ahead on behalf of their respective student bodies.

## **UNIVERSITY FINANCES and CAPITAL**

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

- *Annual Financial Report*
- *Operating Budget*
- *University Pensions*
- *Strategic Directions Fund*
- *Academic Priorities Fund*
- *Responsibility Centre Management (RCM)*
- *Transparency Activity-Based Budget System (TABBS)*
- *Tuition Rates for 2015-16*
- *Provincial Budget 2015-16 Briefing*
- *Endowed Lands*
- *Capital Renewal including the RenewUS Strategy*
- *Major Capital Projects*
- *Annual Capital Plan 2015-16*
- *Operations Forecast 2016-17*

## ACADEMIC MATTERS

### Notices of Intent

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

- *Cross-Departmental Ph.D. in Education*
- *Applied Ph.D. in Economics*
- *Master of Water Security (non-thesis)*
- *Direct Entry Admission to Bachelor of Education*
- *Ph.D. in Indigenous Studies*

#### Certificates of Proficiency

- *Undergraduate and Graduate Certificates in One Health*
- *Certificate in the Practical and Applied Arts*
- *Jazz and Related Creative Studies (approved as Certificate in Jazz)*
- *Ethics, Justice and Law*
- *Applied and Professional Ethics*
- *Indigenous Languages*
- *Career and Guidance Studies*
- *Professional Communication (Engineering)*
- *Engineering Entrepreneurship*
- *Leadership and Post-secondary Education*
- *Kanawaytayan Aski – “Let Us Take Care of the Land”*

The committee discussed and provided feedback to the academic programs committee on the following program terminations.

- *BSE in Biological Engineering*
- *Minor in Jazz Studies*
- *Four-year B.Sc. Computing*
- *Post Degree Specialization Certificate in Computer Science*

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

In submitting this report, I 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. I also appreciate the work of all committee members who took on extra duties as members of subcommittees or as committee representatives on other university committees, 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