

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL
PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE
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PRESENTED BY: Jay Kalra, Chair, Planning and Priorities Committee

DATE OF MEETING: April 15, 2010

SUBJECT: **Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy Operating Principles**

COUNCIL ACTION: For information only

CONTEXT AND BACKGROUND:

In June, 2007, the presidents of the University of Regina and the University of Saskatchewan signed a memorandum of understanding to create a single graduate school of public policy in Saskatchewan. The Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy (JSGS) is an integrated school offering master's degrees in public administration, international trade, public policy; master's certificates; and a doctoral program in public policy.

An addendum to the 2007 memorandum was signed in January, 2010, outlining specific operating principles to allow the school to operate seamlessly as a provincial school. The principles address program consistency and integrity, enrolment management, student mobility and course accessibility, regulatory primacy, equitable treatment, collegiality, organizational autonomy, joint leadership, entrepreneurship and external relations, and enhancing the two universities' images.

DISCUSSION SUMMARY:

The Planning and Priorities Committee discussed the draft principles with the school's executive director in December, 2009. The committee viewed the construction of the operating principles as a positive step towards equitably addressing many potentially divisive issues and solidifying the practices adopted within the school. The operating principles transparently address the administrative and operational differences between the two institutions and advance the joint aspirations for the school.

As the Planning and Priorities Committee views the operating principles as a model for future collaborative efforts involving joint programming, the committee is pleased to submit the principles to Council for information.

ATTACHMENTS:

Operating Principles for the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy