

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL  
PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE  
FOR INFORMATION ONLY

---

**PRESENTED BY:** Jay Kalra, Chair, Planning and Priorities Committee

**DATE OF MEETING:** June 17, 2010

**SUBJECT:** School of Architecture

**COUNCIL ACTION:** For information only

**CONTEXT AND BACKGROUND:**

The Planning and Priorities Committee was first presented with a Notice of Intent for the programs envisioned for a potential new School of Architecture on December 9, 2009. The notice outlined the initiative at an early, formative stage and offered several alternatives leading to the master's degree qualification required for accreditation by the Canadian Architectural Certification Board (CACB). At that time, the committee expressed general support in principle for proponents to continue to develop the notice and offered several suggestions for consideration.

The committee subsequently received an update on the initiative on May 12, 2010, followed by an initial proposal to establish the school, which was discussed on May 19, leading to the following motion, which was carried, *“That the Planning and Priorities Committee approves in principle the initiative to establish a School of Architecture at the University of Saskatchewan.”* The intent at this time is to report to Council on the initiative to establish the school and to provide a context for further discussion.

**DISCUSSION SUMMARY:**

The Planning and Priorities Committee supports the mandate of the proposed school in architectural studies as distinctive and compelling based upon the imaginative themes of *“indigeneity in Architecture”* and *“Winter Cities.”* Proponents have been encouraged to develop the full content of the Master of Architecture program options over the summer in consultation with the College of Graduate Studies and Research, with a view to submitting a full program proposal for the undergraduate and graduate programs to the Academic Programs Committee of Council.

Available resources have been assembled to provide support towards key components in the curriculum at all levels and indicate the level of investment already in existence. As confirmation of resources is critical to the success of the school, the Planning and Priorities Committee encourages that a business plan, which includes consideration of the

effect of the school relative to other units and faculty teaching resources, be submitted as soon as possible to the Provost's Committee on Integrated Planning (PCIP).

The Planning and Priorities Committee has requested that proponents ascertain the long-term professional demand for the program relative to the province's economy and needs, and the potential for the school to attract national interest, based upon the unique and imaginative themes proposed. When the proposal to establish the school is fully developed, further consideration of the school will occur by the Planning and Priorities Committee. Although at this time, the initiative is proceeding on the basis that a school will be the structure selected to house the architectural programs, other structures could be selected.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

The attached is a summary description only of the proposed School of Architecture.