

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL
PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE
REQUEST FOR DECISION

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

DATE OF MEETING: May 27, 2010

SUBJECT: Saskatchewan Centre for Masonry Design

DECISION REQUESTED:

It is recommended:

That Council approve the Saskatchewan Centre for Masonry Design as a Type A Centre effective May 27, 2010.

PURPOSE:

The Saskatchewan Centre for Masonry Design aspires, among other goals, to foster novel masonry research; support the development of innovative masonry products and materials; provide the fundamentals of masonry analysis, design and construction to undergraduate students; and provide advanced technical training at the graduate level.

CONTEXT AND BACKGROUND:

The proposed centre supports the priority initiatives within the *Second Integrated Plan* to enhance the university's profile in the area of research, scholarly and artistic work and promote innovation and entrepreneurship. The centre is also aligned with the strategic priorities of the college to enhance the student experience, engage in advanced materials research, and develop innovative technologies which promote a sustainable infrastructure and bring economic benefit to the province.

CONSULTATION:

The Centres Subcommittee reviewed the *Saskatchewan Centre for Masonry Design* on March 8, 2010. Following receipt of the positive recommendation from the Centres Subcommittee that the proposed centre be approved subject to revisions to proposal, the Planning and Priorities Committee considered the centre proposal at its April 28, 2010, meeting and recommended approval of the centre.

SUMMARY:

The centre will revitalize teaching and research in structural masonry, and forge strong links with the local and national masonry industry. The proposal contains a viable budget and donor support, providing the necessary resources upon which to advance the centre's objectives.

In summary, the Planning and Priorities Committee supports the establishment of the Saskatchewan Centre for Masonry Design as a Type A centre, which will enhance the teaching, research, and continuing education activities of the College of Engineering.

ATTACHMENTS:

Proposal to establish the Saskatchewan Centre for Masonry Design

The Centres Policy and Guidelines can be found at:

www.usask.ca/university_secretary/policies/research/8_23.php