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PROVOST’S REPORT TO COUNCIL

June 2016

INSTITUTIONAL PLANNING
University of Saskatchewan Operating Budget 2016/17
On June 21, 2016, the Board of Governors will consider management’s recommended operating budget for 2016/17. The submission reflects the June 1, 2016 provincial budget announcement of a 0% increase (and downward SUFM adjustment) in the University’s operating grant and a reduction in targeted funding for the College of Medicine. Once the budget has been approved by the Board, it will be communicated to the campus community.

University of Saskatchewan Operations Forecast 2017/18
At the June meeting of the Board of Governors, management will present a draft of the Operations Forecast for 2017/18. The University of Saskatchewan provides an operations forecast to the Ministry of Advanced Education on an annual basis. The provincial government’s investment in the U of S contribute not only to the learning and discovery mission of the university, but also to the overall well-being of the province.

The timing for the submission of the forecast this year was tight, given that the 2016/17 Provincial Budget was only released in June, following the election. The 2017/18 Operations Forecast was due to the Ministry of Advanced Education within three weeks of the budget.

The strategy for the forecast is to address the Ministry of Advanced Education’s focus on access, responsiveness, sustainability, accountability, and quality. The document outlines the financial request for operating, targeted, research, and capital funding for 2017-18. It also includes the three-year multi-year forecast, a zero-percent scenario, and projects that are on the horizon for the university. The appendices address the information requirements requested by the Government of Saskatchewan. Following the consideration of the board, and the submission to the government, the forecast will be released to the campus community.

The preparation of this document involved consultation with the Planning and Priorities Committee of Council, deans’ council, PCIP, and a collaborative effort on the part of our administrative offices.

Provost’s Committee on Integrated Planning (PCIP)
PCIP met three times in May. PCIP endorsed two submissions to the Federal Post-Secondary Institutions Strategic Investment Fund (Library Transformation Phase III, and the Collaborative Sciences Research Building) prior to presentation to a special board meeting for approval. PCIP considered restructuring of fee-for-services practices and the impact of these issues on colleges and units. Recommendations regarding the governance of Huskie Athletics were also discussed. At the May 25th Board Items meeting, PCIP discussed and approved for submission to the Board: the Capitalization Planning & Capitalization Strategy update and a new capital funding strategy for presentation to the provincial government; a CFI funded CERC award of $2M plus operating funds to support the Roots of Food Security Research Facility; the Livestock Facility Progress Update and proposal to purchase additional land for beef and forage teaching and research; the Children’s Hospital Power Supply and potential requirement for the installation of a redundant power supply line; required repairs to the Williams Building heating system
to ensure the long-term future of the building; and the proposal to lease space at Preston Crossing for the Huskie Store.

**Unit Reviews**

Unit reviews have been completed for the School of Environment and Sustainability and the Library. Terms of reference documents, the external reviewer’s reports, and unit responses can be found on the IPA website: [http://www.usask.ca/ipa/institutional-effectiveness/reviews.php](http://www.usask.ca/ipa/institutional-effectiveness/reviews.php). The external reviewer’s report on the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy is expected this month. A unit review of the College of Engineering has been initiated, with a site visit being scheduled during the September-October, 2016 timeframe.

The external review report for SENS readily acknowledged the strengths, accomplishments and potential of the School. The design of the School and its approaches to interdisciplinary education and research were lauded. High praise was given to the leadership, faculty and staff. The reviewers encouraged the School to University to ensure that the School is supported through appropriate policies, governance and resources.

The external review report for the Library applauded the transition that has taken place over the past decade in our University Library as it has moved from being primarily a service provider to now being acknowledged and respected as an academic partner. The high quality of leadership, faculty and staff was praised. The University was encouraged give a high priority to the ongoing capital transformation initiatives and to maintain appropriate operating budget support for acquisitions. Themes for further advancing the value of the Library to the University include engagement in scholarly communications (open access, institutional repository for research outputs, stewardship of research data) and collaboration with the CIO on information and communications technologies.

**COLLEGE AND SCHOOL UPDATES**

**College of Pharmacy and Nutrition**

**Pharmacy Association of Saskatchewan Pharmacist of the Year: Dr. Fred Remillard**

Congratulations to [Dr. Fred Remillard](http://www.usask.ca/pharmd) who was named Pharmacy Association of Saskatchewan Pharmacist of the Year for 2016. The PAS Pharmacist of the Year Award is presented in recognition of a pharmacist who performs an outstanding single deed or long term service, as to bring credit and prestige to the profession of pharmacy.

**Pharmacy accreditation update**

The Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs (CCAP), a national organization involving educators and Pharmacists, is responsible for developing and maintaining Canadian standards for pharmacy education.

Accredited programs are reviewed at least every seven years, at which time the program does a self-study and has a site visit by accreditors. The pharmacy program at the University of Saskatchewan is a fully accredited program with its next site visit scheduled for October 24-26, 2016. We will be seeking accreditation for both the Bachelor of Science in pharmacy (B.S.P) program, as well as the Pharmacy Doctoral (PharmD) program. The new degree program has been approved by the Board of Governors, University Council and confirmed by University Senate. Regular updates on the Doctor of Pharmacy curriculum development process are available at: [http://words.usask.ca/pharmd](http://words.usask.ca/pharmd).
In Winter 2015, we were informed by CCAPP of our accreditation site visit (October 2016). In January we formed an Accreditation Committee:

- Dr. R. Dobson, Associate Professor
- Dr. Y. Shevchuk, Associate Dean Academic,
- Dr. B. Semchuk, Manager, Clinical Pharmacy Services
- Dr. K Mansell, Division Head, Pharmacy
- Dr. J. Alcorn, Associate Dean Graduate Studies and Research
- Paul Melnyk, Pharmasave Central Region Pharmacy Operations Manager
- J. Poteet, Third Year Pharmacy Class Representative
- T. Raiche, SPNSS Co-President
- S. Knowles, Executive Assistant to the Dean
- S. Mulhall, Coordinator, Assessment and Evaluation, College of Pharmacy and Nutrition

Since that time we have:

- reviewed the thirty-five accreditation standards and the material that might be needed to prepare the self-study
- began collecting the material for preparation of self-study report
- prepared a time-line for completion of report
- determined a communications plan for keeping stakeholders informed of the process
- began writing the self-study report (we are in the process of working through each of the standards

College of Arts and Science

Congratulations to our newest graduates from Spring Convocation! We celebrate the students who won top awards: Copland Prize in Humanities: Louis William Reed-Wood; Copland Prize in Social Science: Sara Jean Bartel; University of Saskatchewan Film Society Prize: Megan Marion Jole Bauman; Earl of Bessborough Prize in Science, and Haslam Medal: Scott Charles Olson; Spring Convocation Three-Year Degree Medal: Ryan Kenneth Alvin Tenevych; University Medal in a Bachelor’s Degree of Arts and Science: Lauren Dawn Achtemichuk.

Congratulations to Joe Garcea (Pols), who at Spring Convocation was presented the Award for Distinction in Outreach and Public Service.

Hugo Cota-Sánchez (Biol) won the Master Teacher Award: link

PotashCorp Kamskénow, an award-winning outreach program that brings engaging science and math education to community schools in Saskatoon, has received renewed funding through PromoScience, a program of the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada. Lana Elias is the Director of Science Outreach: link

Laura Dally (recent sociology graduate and all-star member of the Huskies women’s basketball team) capped her five-year career with a national championship title, while also being named Canada West player of the year, the U of S female athlete of the year and a first-team all-Canadian. Dally recently signed with an agent who is securing a contract for her to play in Europe in 2016-17: link

Neil Chilton (Biol) is the recipient of a 2015/16 University of Saskatchewan Students’ Union Teaching Excellence Award: link
Our Computer Science Department is ranked in Maclean’s top 20 comp sci universities: link

The College honors the winners of the YWCA Women of Distinction Awards 2016, many of whom have ties to Arts & Science: link

Sheryl Prouse and Ted Toporowski are this year’s winners of the Dean’s Distinguished Staff Awards: link

Timothy Kelly (Chem and CRC in Photovoltaics) is the 2016 recipient of the University of Saskatchewan’s New Researcher Award: link

The Governor General of Canada has awarded Carin Holroyd (Pols) a Meritorious Service Medal (Civil Division) for her charitable and community work related to the Vietnam Education Society: link

Jeanette Lynes (Eng, and coordinator of the MFA in writing program), received a 2016 Saskatchewan Book Award. Two other Saskatchewan authors with ties to the College of Arts & Science were recognized: alumna Leah Marie Dorion; and alumna and MFA in writing mentor Elizabeth Philips.

Regan Mandryk (Cmpt), who specializes in human-computer interactions, has been awarded $1.65 million over six years for SWaGUR, Saskatchewan Waterloo Games User Research initiative. Space scientist Kathryn McWilliams (Phys and EP) has been awarded an identical amount for the International Space Mission (ISM) Training Program, a joint effort with partners in Canada and Norway. Funds are provided through the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada’s Collaborative Research and Training Experience Program (NSERC CREATE). With partner contributions, the two projects come in at $2.45 million and $2.95 million, respectively: link

Nathaniel Osgood (Cmpt), Joe Garcea (Pols) and Wendy Roy (Eng) are the winners of the 2015-16 College of Arts & Science Teaching Excellence Awards and the Provost’s College Awards for Outstanding Teaching. Kathryn Labelle (Hist) was the winner of the Provost’s Outstanding New Teacher Award.

Lorin Elias has been appointed to the position of associate dean students in the College of Arts & Science for a five-year term, effective July 1, 2016: link

The college recognizes and acknowledges our distinguished retiring faculty, all of whom will carry the illustrious title of Professor Emeritus: Keith Bell (Art & Art Hist), Robin Renault (Geol), Ron Steer (Chem), Gerald Langner (Music), Don Harris (Eng) and Ron Cooley (Eng).

For our most recent news, visit: link

The Alumni of Influence awards are a public way for the College of Arts & Science to recognize and celebrate our very distinguished alumni. The awards signal to today's students that they are part of a vibrant and accomplished college. In March, eleven new Arts & Science Alumni of Influence were recognized at the 7th Dean’s Gala and Awards Ceremony:

- Brenda Baker (BFA’81) - Author, performer, volunteer;
- Sanjay Bakshi (BSc’92, MSc’94) - Computer animator;
- Ruth Cuthand (BFA’83, MFA’92) – Artist;
- Brian Gable (BA’70) - Editorial cartoonist;
- Kathleen McCrone (BA’62) - Historian, professor;
- Brenda Macdougall (BA’94, PhD’05) – Métis scholar, professor;
- That Ngo (BSc’69, SC’70, PhD’74) - Biochemist, professor, author;
- Berni Schiefer (BSc’85) - Computer scientist;
- Paul Thagard (BA’71) - Philosopher, cognitive scientist, author;
- Bill Waiser (MA’76, PhD’83, DLitt’10) - Historian, author, professor;
- Alan Wildeman (BSc’75, MSc’77) - University president.
OFFICE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT RESEARCH

The research highlights for the month of June are reported in the attachment by the office of the vice-president, research.