



FOR APPROVAL:

TO: Planning and Budget Committee

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AGENDA ITEM: 7

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Project Planning Report for the Renovation and Renewal of Robarts Library 4th Floor

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

Under the Policy on Capital Planning and Capital Projects, the Planning and Budget Committee reviews Project Planning Reports prepared for a capital project and recommends to the Academic Board approval in principle of the project.

BACKGROUND:

The renewal of much of Robarts Library primary public spaces as described in the 2007 *Robarts Library Renewal and Expansion Plan* has been achieved through generous funding from the Ontario Government, matching funds by a lead donor and Student Experience Funds. Completed to date are spaces that include the renewal of stack floor apex and core reading rooms, renovation of the 5th floor Data Management and GIS space and 3rd floor Media Commons, the enclosure of the 2nd floor Patio areas and the construction of a new entry stair.

Additional funding is now being provided through the Graduate Expansion Capital Fund, along with matching donor funds to expand renewal efforts to the 4th floor for the two distinct units of Library Research and Reference Services (LRRS) and the Centre for Teaching Support and Innovation (CTSI). Enhanced graduate student training and study opportunities will be available within new facilities associated with each unit. Further, through some reorganization of the spaces currently occupied by these groups, additional student study space will be added and central library computing and meeting space will be relocated within a public “spine” which anticipates a future connection to a Robarts Library Pavilion.

Approval to proceed with design drawings and preliminary costing has been given through AFD in order to allow for more detailed information to inform the final approval of these combined projects through Planning and Budget.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Library Research and Reference Services project includes the reorganization, refurbishment and renovation of 625gsm this space on the 4th floor administrative area to better utilize the staff area. 190gsm of the 625gsm will receive more extensive renovation to expand electronic teaching and graduate student training opportunities through the insertion of a 42 seat electronic teaching laboratory, meeting room and staff support area. This project will enhance the student experience by expanding training opportunities as and study spaces within a new electronic teaching laboratory accessible to students when not in use for teaching purposes.

The renovation of 765gsm of space for CTSI will improve utilization of existing inventoried space to allow the group to work together in a collaborative maner, and allow for ease of functionality when engaging with faculty and graduate student clients. This project will further enhance the student experience by expanding study space within the relocated meeting/computer room shared centrally.

The plan also makes way for the anticipated Robarts Pavilion to the west and a new spine of student study tables through the reorganization and renovation of 150gsm space.

FINANCIAL AND PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

The cost of renovating this floor will include the removal of half-walls at the centre of the LRRS space and integration with 4029 immediately to the north of the defined space. New construction will occur only in the classroom and study space with the remainder of the administrative office space to be refurbished through paint and re-furnishing.

CTSI and Central Library spaces will require more extensive renovations including demolition across the defined space.

Costs will include removal of asbestos floor tiles and installation of carpet as in other Robarts Revitalization areas.

The total project cost is estimated to \$2.6 million. Funding is provided by the Graduate Expansion Capital Fund (\$2.0M), along with matching funds received from a donor (\$600,000).

PROJECT FUNDING

Funding provided by the Graduate Expansion Capital Fund, along with matching funds received from a donor will allow the project described here to go forward with design and implementation.

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| Graduate Expansion Capital Fund | \$2,000,000 |
| <u>Donor matching funds</u> | <u>\$ 600,000</u> |
| Total Available funds | \$2,600,000 |

SCHEDULE

The facility is scheduled to be fully operational by September 2012.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Be It Recommended to the Academic Board:

- i) THAT the Project Planning Report for the Robarts Library 4th Floor West, dated October 25, 2011, be approved in principle.
- ii) THAT the project scope as identified in the Project Planning Report be approved at a cost of \$2.6M with funding from the Graduate Expansion Capital Fund and donor funds.