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#### **MEMORANDUM**

To:

Planning and Budget Committee

From:

Ron Venter, Vice-Provost, Space and Facilities Planning

Re:

Accessibility Examination Centre, Robarts Library

## **Item Identification**

Allocation from the University Infrastructure Investment Fund [UIIF] to re-establish and construct the Accessibility Examination Centre within the ground floor of the Robarts Library

#### Sponsor

Ron Venter, Vice-Provost, Space and Facilities Planning

## Inrisdictional Information

The Planning and Budget Committee recommends approval of expenditures from the Operating Budget Special Funds, specifically the UIIF for this project.

### Highlights

An Accessibility Examination Centre is currently operational within the Koffler Building on College Street. This centre has provided excellent service and assisted many disabled students to write their examinations in a supportive environment. Unfortunately, the Centre is not conveniently accessible and as such some difficulties have arisen which have necessitated the need to relocate this facility. Fortunately the new location is well located within the Roberts Library and is immediately accessible. Furthermore, the Student Accessibility Offices are located immediately adjacent to the planned examination facility and as such will permit an excellent interface and contribute significantly to reduced cost for invigilation and timely monitoring of the facility. A sketch of the proposed layout of the new facility is attached for information; it illustrates a semi-circular arrangement of examination rooms with the invigilator at the centre.

## Resource Implications

The cost of the project is estimated at \$225,000. The complete project cost is to be funded from an allocation from the University Infrastructure Investment Fund [UIIF]. This facility will contribute reduced invigilation expenditures as a result of the proximity to the Student Accessibility Offices.

### Recommendations

That the Planning and Budget Committee recommend to the Academic Board:

1. THAT the Planning and Budget Committee approve the allocation of \$225,000 from the University Infrastructure Investment Fund [UIIF] to address the complete cost of the Accessibility Examination Centre within the Robarts Library.

