



# University of Toronto

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TO: Business Board

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AGENDA ITEM: 6(e)

## ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

**Capital Project: Centre for Biological Timing and Cognition**

## JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

Under the Policy on Capital Planning and Capital Projects, Business Board is required to approve the allocation of funds in support of a capital project.

## PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

In 2003, researchers from the Department of Psychology, together with the Toronto Hospital, CAMH, Peel District School Board and OISE/UT, submitted a grant application to the Canada Foundation for Innovation requesting grant funding for research to investigate the impacts of biological timing, environmental cycles, and work schedules on cognitive ability and mental health. The application was successful and notification thereof was provided to the University in March, 2004.

The application requested grant funding for new facilities to accommodate a rodent colony and associated laboratories for research. A location, on the south side of Ramsay Wright Building was initially proposed at the time of submission of the application. Alternate sites have been suggested but these have not been found to be satisfactory for various academic planning issues. The possibility to consolidate the Department of Psychology into a single site was also explored but could not be accommodated.

## HIGHLIGHTS:

The proposed facility will be constructed on the south side of the Ramsay Wright Building with the addition of a few floors on the existing structure. The intent is to provide new space for the Centre for Biological Timing and Cognition [CBTC] in reasonable proximity to

Sidney Smith Hall, but not to directly integrate this new space with the existing activities of the Department of Zoology, lead occupants of the Ramsay Wright Building.

The successful application to the Canadian Foundation for Innovation [CFI] has a total value of \$25,100,000 with funding as follows: CFI: \$10,056,000, Ontario Innovation Trust [OIT], the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade: \$10,056,000, the Faculty of Arts and Science contribution of \$2,440,000 plus various in-kind contributions amounting to \$2,589,000 from various suppliers and supporters of the project. Of the total project cost, it is estimated that approximately \$13,000,000 will be required for the construction component of the project planned for the Ramsay Wright site with the balance to be used for the non-construction elements of the project.

Under the Policy on Capital Planning and Capital Projects, the Project Planning Committee will continue through the implementation phase. The Working Executive of the Project Committee will comprise the lead User, a Planner and Implementer all of whom have been intimately associated with the project definition since its inception; this membership is:

**User:** L. Hasher

**Planner:** Bill Yasui

**Implementer:** Julian Binks

This Working Executive will be expanded to include a Project Manager to be appointed by the Chief Capital Projects Officer. Consideration will also be given for the design of this project to be undertaken by staff internal to the University.

As indicated above the total project cost [TPC] for the proposed construction is estimated at \$13,000,000 which allows for escalation costs through to 2005 to coincide with the commencement of the project.

#### **FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:**

The complete funding for this project has been secured from funds to be received from the Canadian Innovation Foundation and the Ontario Innovation Trust. As a result there is no impact on the level of borrowing to be provided through the University.

It is nevertheless very important that this project be initiated as soon as possible to protect all funding secured from the Canada Foundation for Innovation and the Ontario Innovation Trust [and the Ontario Ministry of Economic Development and Trade]. Accordingly, the recommendation is to secure authorization for the Vice-President - Business Affairs to expend up to \$1.5 million to initiate the process for the selection of consultants subject to Governing Council approval of the project on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

Part of the funds provided by the Faculty of Arts and Science in the amount of \$1,500,000 will be used for this purpose. In 2005 the Business Board will be requested to approve the full funding for the CTBC project.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT subject to Governing Council approval in principle to undertake the Centre for Biological Timing and Cognition [CBTC] project as an addition to the Ramsay Wright Building on the St. George Campus

Be it Resolved

THAT the Vice-President, Business Affairs be authorized to expend up to \$1,500,000 to allow for the selection of the consultants for the design of the Centre for Biological Timing and Recognition, with funding from the Faculty of Arts and Science.