



TO: Business Board

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AGENDA ITEM: 6(c)

**ITEM IDENTIFICATION:**

**Chemistry Research and Instructional Laboratory Revitalization in the Lash Miller Building**

**JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:**

Pursuant to Section 5.2. (b) of its Terms of Reference, the Business Board approves expenditures for, and the execution of, approved Capital Projects.

**PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:**

This is the first time this project is being presented to the Business Board. Other boards and committees approved to date include:

- Planning and Budget Committee – May 7, 2009
- Academic Board – June 1, 2009

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

The Chemistry Department will renovate existing laboratory space in the Lash Miller Chemical Laboratories in order to create a suite of research laboratory facilities that will enhance the department's discovery, training, and innovation capacity. Chemistry will create state-of-the-art research labs in Materials and Catalytic Chemistry required to meet the needs of the increased numbers of graduate students and postdoctoral fellows and accommodate these personnel and their research. The labs will include a molecular imaging facility with a clean room and related laboratories. The renovation will include removal of asbestos and new electrical and mechanical services for new fume hoods. The project scope involves major renovation of 32,956 square feet of existing lab space at a total project cost of \$8.0 million dollars.

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**FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:**

The Chemical Research and Instructional Laboratory Revitalization project is estimated to cost \$8.0 million dollars. Funding for the Chemical Research and Instructional Laboratory Revitalization project is Provincial Government (pending). The Chemical Research and Instructional Laboratory Revitalization project is scheduled to be materially completed by December 31, 2010.

**RISK IMPLICATIONS:**

No Government funding.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Be it resolved

Subject to Governing Council approval of the project,

THAT the Vice-President, Business Affairs be authorized to execute the Chemistry Research and Instructional Laboratory Revitalization in the Lash Miller Building project, at a total project cost not to exceed \$8.0 million dollars subject to provincial government funding.