



TO: Business Board

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AGENDA ITEM: **6(e)**

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

School of Global Affairs at the Munk Centre

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:

Since its foundation in 2000 the Munk Centre for International Studies, located in the renovated space in the former residences of Devonshire House, has become Canada's foremost centre for teaching and research on international relations. An academic review of the Centre in 2007 contained enthusiastic endorsement for the creation of a School of Global Affairs, to expand graduate programs, faculty, administrative support, and physical space. The project scope comprises an addition of approximately 4280 square feet, and renovations to approximately 18,029 gross square feet at 315 Bloor Street West, including an elevator and adding accessibility to the building. The renovated space at 315 Bloor Street West will provide expansion for programs and a home for the Canadian International Council.

Currently the building at 315 Bloor Street West houses the University's Registrar and Admissions and Awards department, however, the University's recent acquisition of the property at 172 St. George Street has allowed these departments to relocate by November 2009.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

The School of Global Affairs project is estimated to cost \$13.6 million dollars. Funding for the School of Global Affairs project is the Provincial Government. A consultant team will be selected by the end of June, 2009 in anticipation of construction commencing by December 2009. The School of Global Affairs project is scheduled for completion by summer, 2011.

RISK IMPLICATIONS:

None identified.

RECOMMENDATION:

Be it resolved

Subject to Governing Council approval of the project,

THAT the Vice-President, Business Affairs be authorized to execute the School of Global Studies project, at a total project cost not to exceed \$13.6 million dollars with sources of funding as follows:

- Provincial Government \$13,600,000