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MEMORANDUM

To: Planning and Budget Committee

From: Ron Venter

Re: Project Committee for the Bloor East and Bloor West Residences at Varsity Centre, St. George Campus, University of Toronto

Date: March 7th, 2002

Background

The demand for residence places at the University of Toronto, especially places for first year students, has grown steadily over the last few years. Addressing this growth, Expanding Residence Capacity at the University of Toronto, called for the addition of approximately 1935 places for undergraduate students at the Colleges on the St. George Campus. Some of these places will be created with the building of the New College and Woodsworth residences, but additional places are required.

The development of Varsity Centre provides for the creation of four residences on the periphery of the Stadium. The planned residences are identified as Bloor East, Bloor West (both at the north end of the site on Bloor Street), the Bar running north-south along the east side of Devonshire Place and the South West Residence located at the south west end of the site on Devonshire Place (south of the Bar). A total of approximately 800 places will be constructed in this area. These new residences will be planned to allow for fluctuations in demand between the graduate and undergraduate student population. Some faculty housing may also be provided.

Membership

Professor Ian Orchard, Vice-Provost, Students
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Professor Ron Venter, Vice-Provost, Space & Facilities Planning [Chair]

Terms of Reference

1. Make recommendations regarding the number of spaces for the new residence on the Varsity Centre site as permitted within each of the building envelopes.
2. Identify the preferred type of accommodation, including any special requirements for particular user groups.
3. Make recommendations for other activities that can make use of the planned facilities such as conferences and identify any special requirements associated with these activities.
4. Make recommendations regarding a detailed space plan indicating how space and facilities should be organized.
5. Identify equipment and movable furnishings necessary to the project and their estimated cost.
6. Identify requirements for networking and other electronic and data communications and their estimated cost.
7. Identify all resource implications, including a preliminary estimate of capital costs, and projected increases to the annual operating costs to the University. Identify a funding plan for capital and annual operating cost.
8. Report by May 2002.

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