



TO: Planning and Budget Committee

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AGENDA ITEM: #7.3

**ITEM IDENTIFICATION:**

Project Committee for the Lash Miller/McClennan Courtyard

**JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:**

Under the Policy on Capital Planning and Capital Projects, section 5.A, the membership and terms of reference of Project Committees shall be reported to the Planning and Budget Committee.

**BACKGROUND:**

The 1991 Campus Master Plan for the St. George Campus identified areas on the campus where remedial landscape projects should occur. The Lash Miller/ McLennan Courtyard was given a high priority ranking in the list, but no funds were available to pursue this goal. The area was again identified in the Open Space Master Plan for the St. George Campus as a demonstration case study ranking high on the list because it was seen to be a strategic link connecting the future improvements to Kings College Circle and the recently improved St. George Street. This has become more significant since the addition and renovations to the Davenport Research Laboratories and the increased activity in this sector of the campus.

The courtyard primarily comprises concrete pavers that cover an underground parking area, loading docks and below grade research laboratories. This hard surface, and lack of irrigation precludes the possibility of growing anything here. In summer the heat makes the space unusable. The plans that will be developed will transform the space into a vibrant and accessible green space that can be enjoyed by the University community.

Financial support for this project has been received from the Davenport family, as a continuation of their interest for the activities and accommodation of the Department of Chemistry. The report of the Project Committee will identify the proposed landscape plan and initiatives for this courtyard.

**PROPOSED COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:**

S. Whittington, Professor & Acting Chair, Department of Chemistry  
D Farrar, Vice-Provost, Students  
R. de Souza, Director Planning & Facilities, Arts and Science

E. Sisam, Director, Campus and Facilities Planning  
P. Garment, Director, Buildings and Grounds  
J Binks, Capital Projects, University of Toronto  
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**TERMS OF REFERENCE:**

1. Prepare a landscape plan for the Lash Miller/ McLennan Courtyard.
2. Address concerns regarding accessibility, personal safety and security of the courtyard.
3. Identify the total project cost of the landscape plan for the Lash Miller/ McLennan courtyard.
4. Identify any costs associated with secondary effects or associated costs, or loss of revenue to affected areas during the period of construction.
5. Identify all proposed sources of funding.
6. Report by April 1, 2003.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

For information only.