



TO: Planning and Budget Committee

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## **ITEM IDENTIFICATION:**

Proposal to Disestablish the Canadian Institute for Theoretical Astrophysics as an SGS Institute and to transfer the Institute to the Faculty of Arts and Science

## **JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:**

Excerpt from the terms of reference for the Planning and Budget Committee:

*4.4.2. The Committee advises the Academic Board on the planning and resource implications of plans and proposals to establish, disestablish or significantly restructure academic programs. Those implications might include significant planning and budgetary changes within the division or significant effects on other divisions, the University as a whole and the public.*

## **HIGHLIGHTS:**

Given the strong ties that Canadian Institute for Theoretical Astrophysics (CITA ) has with departments in Arts and Science, the institute has requested that it be transferred from SGS into the Faculty of Arts and Science, effective July 1, 2005. This transfer will allow CITA to play a stronger role within the Faculty of Arts & Science through greater interaction with members within the Departments of Astronomy, Astrophysics, Physics and Mathematics, and is consistent with the *Stepping UP* objective to strengthen the linkages between research and academic programs.

CITA will be disestablished as an Institute in the School of Graduate Studies and re-established as an Institute within Arts and Science reporting to the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science.

The proposal was approved by SGS Council on April 26, 2005 and the Faculty of Arts & Science Council and General Committee on March 31, 2005.

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

The operating budget of the Canadian Institute for Theoretical Astrophysics (inclusive of CRC award) will be transferred to the Faculty of Arts & Science (including related carried forward operating fund balances).

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Be It Recommended to Academic Board:

THAT the Canadian Institute for Theoretical Astrophysics be disestablished as an academic unit in the School of Graduate Studies and reestablished as the Canadian Institute for Theoretical Astrophysics as an EDU-1 in the Faculty of Arts and Science, effective July 1, 2005.