



# University of Toronto

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Office of the Assistant Vice-President, Campus and Facilities Planning

## **FOR INFORMATION:**

**TO:** Planning and Budget Committee

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**AGENDA ITEM:** 10 (a)

Project Committee for a Student Commons on the St. George campus.

## **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:**

At the University of Toronto's St. George Campus numerous excellent nodes of student activity space exist to enhance the student experience. The multi-nodal model is considered a progressive approach for large campuses as they recognize the unique nature of those campuses and the diverse nature of their many student communities.

On the St. George Campus these nodes range in size from the large, Hart House, to the medium, the International Student Centre, and to the many smaller lounges and niches all over the campus. In the summer of 2005 a Committee was established to review the current University approach to student activity space and the extent to which this multi-nodal approach continues to serve the needs of the students on the campus. The Committee was charged with articulating the extent to which a need for an additional large node of student activity space might be required on campus to serve space demands which are now not being addressed.

In the September 2006 Final Report of the Committee to Review Student Activity Space on the St. George Campus, the Committee suggested the development of a new large node of student activity space and recommended that the University establish a Project Planning Committee to begin the formal planning process, in collaboration with student governments and other key stakeholders. The Project Planning Committee will also look at the possibility of including other academic space and complementary services.

## **PROPOSED COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:**

Ms. Elizabeth Sisam (Chair)	Assistant Vice-President, Campus and Facilities Planning
Shuaib Ally	President, Muslim Students' Association
Professor G. Averill	Dean, Faculty of Music
Mr. Steve Bailey	Director, Office of Space Management
Mr. Ashwin Balamoham	Vice-President, University Affairs, Students' Administrative Council
Mr. Brian Burchell	Manager, CIUT Radio
Ms. Kelly Castle	Dean of Students, Trinity College
Ms. Kayley Collum	President, Victoria University Students' Administrative Council
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Mr. Jim Delaney	Assistant Director, Student Affairs
Professor Greg Evans	Faculty of Applied Science & Engineering
Professor David Farrar	Vice-Provost, Students
Ms. Deanne Fisher	Student Life Professionals
Ms. Jen Hassum	Students Administrative Council
Mr. Glenn Loney	Assistant Dean/Faculty Registrar and Secretary, Faculty of Arts and Science
Ms. Laney Marshall	Director of Programmes, Hart House
Professor Janet Patterson	Principal, Innis College
Ms. Cheryl Shook	Registrar, Woodsworth College
Professor Berry Smith	Vice-Dean, School of Graduate Studies
Estefania Toledo	Student Governor
Mr. Ben Yang	Director, International Student Centre
TBA	Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students
TBA	Graduate Students Union
TBA	Committee for the Allocation of Student Activity Space
TBA	Arts & Science Students' Union
TBA	Engineering Society

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE:**

1. Determine the space programme for a "Student Commons" on the St. George Campus including:
  - a) A large node of student activity space including but not limited to, reception, event and social spaces, meeting space, food services as well as office and other space required for one or more anchor tenants.
  - b) Academic space such as classrooms.
  - c) Space for services and other organizations.
3. Demonstrate that the proposed space programmes take into account the Council of Ontario Universities' and the University's own space standards.
4. Determine a functional layout of the space required.
5. Identify any secondary effects to the building project and related resource implications of these effects.
6. Identify all equipment and moveable furnishings necessary to the project and their related costs.
7. Provide a total project cost for the Student Commons.
8. Identify all resource implications of the proposal including a site for the Student Commons.
9. Identify the sources of funding for the project.
10. Report by January, 2007.