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TO: Planning and Budget Committee

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AGENDA ITEM: 6

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Faculty of Arts and Science: Proposal to establish a Cinema Studies Institute as an Extra-Departmental Unit B (EDU:B).

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

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

4.4.1. 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.

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

HIGHLIGHTS:

The Faculty of Arts and Sciences proposes the establishment of the Cinema Studies Institute as an extra-departmental unit (EDU) that would allow the Institute to offer both undergraduate and graduate programs. The attached proposal outlines the rationale for the establishment of the interdisciplinary unit.

The proposal has arisen as part of the Faculty of Arts and Science Stepping Up planning. Past external reviews of the Cinema Studies Program (CSP) have recommended a reorganization of the CSP, noting that it should be "strengthened and stabilized". This was reiterated by the most recent external review (November 2005) in which reviewers praised the program as being "clearly among the top two or three undergraduate film studies programs in Canada". The reviewers recommended that an Institute for Cinema Studies be established as an administrative unit that would be an M.A. granting unit.

Units whose faculty and/or pre-existing graduate-level courses are associated with the program have expressed strong support for the establishment of a Cinema Studies unit. Innis College Council approved the proposed change in status for Cinema Studies on April 3, 2006. The Principal of Innis College, the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science, the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies all support the establishment of the unit. The Faculty of Arts and Science Council approved the proposal on November 9, 2006.

A proposal for a Master of Arts in Cinema Studies has been approved by the Faculty of Arts and Science and will be brought forward to the Graduate Education Committee prior to consideration by the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

The criteria for establishment of EDUs at the University are currently contained in the *Report of the Provostial Committee on Centres and Institutes*, approved by Governing Council in 1984. As per the criteria contained in the Report, the Cinema Studies Institute proposal could be considered as either a modified EDU:1 or modified EDU:2. The proposed new *Policy on Interdisciplinary Education and Research Planning*, to be brought forward to Planning and Budget Committee on December 5, 2006, delegates authority to set administrative criteria to the Office of the Vice-President and Provost. A revised guideline for the establishment of EDUs has been developed over the past year through the work of the Interdisciplinarity Committee, and in consultation with Principals and Deans. In the revised criteria, the Cinema Studies Institute would be clearly classified as an EDU:B in having a critical mass of interdisciplinary activities that allows for the unit to engage in the admission of students to a program of graduate or undergraduate study. EDU:B units do not have primary faculty appointing rights and cross-appointment of faculty rests with the Dean and associated departments or college. It is proposed that the Cinema Studies Institute be classified as per the new EDU criteria subject to approval of the new Policy on Interdisciplinary Education and Research Planning.

Establishing the Cinema Studies Institute as an EDU will not entail any radical change to the current undergraduate Cinema Studies Program, nor will it involve any dramatically altered relationship with those units already contributing to the undergraduate curriculum.

As outlined in the proposal, the budget for the Cinema Studies Institute will consist of the operating budget of the existing Cinema Studies Program, with the addition of Faculty of Arts and Science funds for academic initiatives related to the graduate program. The Institute will be housed within Innis College, continuing the arrangements currently held with the cinema studies program. Space and facility arrangements will not be significantly increased by the establishment of the Institute.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Planning and Budget Committee recommends for approval:

THAT the Cinema Studies Institute be established within the Faculty of Arts and Science,

and,

THAT the Cinema Studies Institute be established as an EDU:B unit, subject to the approval of the *Policy on Interdisciplinary Education and Research Planning*.