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FOR INFORMATION:

TO: Planning and Budget Committee

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AGENDA ITEM: 11(a)

Woodsworth College Comprehensive Space Planning Project Committee

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:

In November 2007, the office of the AVP Campus and Facilities Planning prepared a space utilization study of existing Woodsworth College facilities. The study recommended further review of the allocation to student activity space, currently under-accommodated by comparison with other undergraduate colleges on campus. The report also suggested that, because of proximity to the Woodsworth campus, space vacated by the Centre for the Study of Religion at 123 St. George Street be reviewed for possible use by Woodsworth College use assuming the academic justification of space.

The mandate of this committee will be to develop a functional space plan for the College that considers all aspects of use within and around the College facilities. Planning for 119 St. George St. and the new wing (including the basement) is expected to focus on the creation of student activity spaces in line with the space utilization study completed in Fall 2007. Planning for 123 St. George Street is expected to concentrate on the use of the building for elements of the Woodsworth access programs which may include the Academic Bridging Program and the Seneca project, and for services which might support such access programs. Finally, planning should consider the courtyard and rear-lane condition in relation to the University's open-space plan and north-east sector plan discussions.

PROPOSED COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:

John Browne, Acting Principa, Woodsworth College
Mary Choi, CAO, Woodsworth College
Liza Nassim, Dean of Students, Woodsworth College
Barbara Track, Director Advancement, Alumni and Communication
Brock MacDonald, Director of Academic Writing Centre (Senior Lecturer),
Woodsworth College
Kerri Huffman, Awards Officer
Athmika Punja, President of Woodsworth College Student Association
Adrienne DeFrancesco, Assistant Dean Planning Faculty of Arts and Science
Tim Harrison, Woodsworth College Student
Alexa Gilmour, Woodsworth College alumna
Jennifer Corinthios, Property Manager
Jennifer Adams Peffer, Office of the AVP Campus and Facilities Planning
Julian Binks, Manager Design, Capital Projects
Ron Swail, AVP, Facilities and Services

TERMS OF REFERENCE:

1. Identify the demand for additional academic space necessitated by enrolment and program growth within Woodsworth College.
2. Prepare a functional plan for the College that will consider all aspects of use within and around the College campus.
3. Demonstrate that the proposed functional plan will be consistent with the Council of Ontario Universities' and the University's own space standards.
4. Identify all secondary effects, including space reallocations within the existing building, impact on the delivery of academic programs during construction and the possible required relocation as required to implement the plan of existing units.
5. Address campus-wide planning directives as set out in the campus master plan, open space plan, north-east sector plan, and site conditions that respond to the broader University community.
6. Identify equipment and moveable furnishings necessary to the project and their estimated cost.
7. Identify all data and communication requirements and their related costs.
8. Identify all security, occupational health and safety and accessibility requirements and their related costs.
9. Determine a total project cost estimate and identified costs of implementation in phases.
10. Identify a funding plan to support the proposed functional plan.
11. Complete report by September 2008.