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FOR INFORMATION:

TO: Planning and Budget Committee

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AGENDA ITEM: 11(b)

Project Planning Committee for the Proposed School for International Studies

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 the fall of 2007, the University of Toronto formed a Committee broadly representing the University's academic community with interests in public policy and international relations to review the status of the Munk Centre. The Committee's mandate was to consider: the status of the Munk Centre as an extra-departmental unit, in light of its breadth of activities and the number of cross-appointed faculty; the status of the collaborative MA program in International Relations; the appropriate continuing relationship between the Centre and other faculties and centres and the appropriate governance structure for the Munk Centre.

The Committee commented that since its foundation in 2000 the Munk Centre for International Studies, located in renovated space in the former residences of Devonshire House, has become Canada's foremost centre for teaching and research on international relations. The Centre is widely known for academic excellence, providing a home for a range of academic programs, both undergraduate and graduate, as well as for strong research centres and institutes.

This academic review of the Centre in 2007 contained an enthusiastic endorsement for the creation of a School for International Studies, to expand graduate programs, faculty, administrative support, and physical space.

Through cross-appointments, the Munk Centre for International Studies enjoys strong and productive links to the following University partners: Departments within the Faculty of Arts and Science, across all three campuses; The Joseph L. Rotman School of Management; School of Public Policy and Governance; Faculty of Law; Faculty of Medicine, including the Department Health Policy, Management and Evaluation; and the Faculty of Education.

Institutions that share the closest affinity by virtue of their international research, teaching interests, will be co-located in the University's northeast sector of the St. George Campus are the University's School of Public Policy and Governance, the Joseph L. Rotman School of Management, and the independent Canadian International Council.

The co-location of these institutions will benefit the School for International Studies through the synergy of the traffic they will each generate, by their complementary but distinct missions and research programs, and by the intellectual exchange and collaboration that such synergies will stimulate.

A project planning committee for the northeast sector of the campus has reviewed the potential for development of a significant facility on 100 Devonshire Place (Site 12) of the St. George Campus. The recommendations of the committee will address development permissions and allow for the construction of a facility large enough to accommodate the School for International Studies program and several of the partner programs that have been identified.

The project planning committee for the School for International Studies will define the requirements of the facilities to accommodate the academic program.

PROPOSED COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:

Janice Stein, Professor and Director, Munk Centre of International Studies Jeffrey Kopstein, Director, Ceres (at the Munk Centre) and Professor, Department of Political Science Robert Vipond, Professor of Political Science William Wong, Undergraduate Student, TBA Patricia Mangeol, Graduate Student Adrienne DeFrancesco, Assistant Dean Planning Faculty of Arts and Science Elizabeth Sisam, Assistant Vice-President, Campus and Facilities Planning Julian Binks, Manager, Design, Capital Projects Ron Swail, AVP, Facilities and Services

TERMS OF REFERENCE:

- 1. Identify the requirements for additional academic space necessary to accommodate the proposed School for International Studies.
- Demonstrate that the proposed space program will be consistent with the Council of Ontario Universities' space standards and best practice guidelines for clinical space necessary for the program.
- 3. Identify all secondary effects (including site remediation if hazardous materials are present) and including space reallocations at 100 Devonshire Place (Site 12) within the existing building (315 Bloor Street West). The impact on the delivery of academic programs in adjacent buildings during construction, and the relocation of existing units affected by the construction.

- 4. Address campus-wide planning directives as set out in the project planning report for the northeast sector of the campus, open space plan, urban design criteria, and site conditions that respond to the broader University community.
- 5. Identify equipment and moveable furnishings necessary to the project and their estimated cost.
- 6. Identify all data and communications requirements and their related costs.
- 7. Identify all security, occupational health and safety, and accessibility requirements and their related costs.
- 8. Determine a total project cost for the capital project, including all aspects identified above.
- 9. Identify a funding plan for capital and operating costs.
- 10. Report by October, 2008.