

**FOR INFORMATION:**

**TO:** Planning and Budget Committee

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**AGENDA ITEM:** 8

Project Planning Committee for the University of Toronto Scarborough Sport and Recreation Centre (SARC).

**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:**

The importance of fitness, sports and recreation opportunities for a well-rounded university experience is well recognized as is the link between physical and mental wellbeing. When the current UTSC Athletics & Recreation Centre facility was built 38 years ago, it was designed for 4,000 students; the current population is more than 10,000 undergraduate students. The existing facility does not include aquatics, track and field or multi-purpose arenas and due to the limitations of the Centre's location and structure, it cannot be substantially expanded. When compared to the other twenty-one campuses in the Ontario system, UTSC ranks in the bottom six in terms of athletic / recreation spaces per student.

Many years ago the students at UTSC began advocating for a new athletics facility to improve their overall campus experience. Then in 2004, to find the funding needed to create a suitable facility for the UTSC community, UTSC students and administration jointly began exploring a partnership with the City of Toronto with a goal to identify potential facility programming and cost sharing arrangements. The City of Toronto has long identified the eastern Scarborough community as a neighbourhood underserved in athletics facilities. All parties recognized that a shared facility would make a comprehensive athletic facility much more feasible.

Recently, the opportunity to partner with the 2015 Pan American Games has given the UTSC/City partnership a tremendous boost and provided a catalyst to finally solidify a partnership to build a major athletics and recreation complex. As a site partner in the Pan Am Games, UTSC will have the opportunity to create a world-class facility. Students will have the best possible facilities available to them, from four

gymnasia and multipurpose program area, fitness and training facilities, running tracks to two Olympic-sized swimming pools, a diving tank and a climbing wall. They will be able to pursue a wide range of sports and recreation interests, from intramural league play to personal fitness to pick-up recreation and other diversified student activities. UTSC students now have an opportunity to replace their current aging Recreation Centre with one of the best University sports complexes in Canada, built to international and universal design standards.

Not only will the new Sport and Recreation Centre revitalize sports and physical activity at UTSC but, combined with an anticipated growth in the academic infrastructure, UTSC will become known for its great campus experience, attracting more top students and faculty. World-class athletes will want to attend university at UTSC to be close to these exceptional training facilities. The increased awareness of UTSC's physical campus will bring new exposure to the faculty and programs at UTSC. Students will graduate with an increased sense of pride for their campus and alumni will also find a new source of pride and means for re-engaging with UTSC.

The Scarborough Campus Students' Union (SCSU) proposed the establishment of a new Special Levy representing the student contribution of \$30 million (being 18% of the total \$170 million capital costs - all costs in 2008 figures) to the Pan Am Games legacy facilities to be located on University of Toronto Scarborough and adjacent City of Toronto lands. The ratification date for the student levy in support of the capital construction cost of the UTSC SARC was March 26, 2010.

This Project Planning Committee Report will identify and prioritize the array of student facilities that would benefit by co-location within the Pan Am facility.

#### **PROPOSED COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:**

Tom Nowers, Chair, Dean Student Affairs UTSC

Kim McLean, Chief Administrative Officer UTSC

Andrew Arifuzzaman, Chief of Strategy UTSC

Liz Hoffman, Director of Athletics, Faculty of Physical Health and Education UT

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John Kapageridis, President, Scarborough College Athletic Association (SCAA)

*Predetermined Designate: Milad Moshfeghian*

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Gail Milgrom, Managing Director, Campus and Facilities Planning

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#### **TERMS OF REFERENCE:**

1. Determine a space program that will accommodate current needs and the future growth and change in physical education, athletic and recreation related programs and services at the University of Toronto Scarborough. The space program should address the athletic and recreational

needs of UTSC students in detail, identifying priorities, and also generally identify the space needs and implications of potential partnerships.

2. Ensure that issues of gender equity, accessibility and cultural diversity are addressed in the descriptions of the preferred space program, layouts and amenities thus supporting a welcoming and inclusive environment for all participants.
3. Demonstrate that the space program will take into account the Council of Ontario Universities building blocks space formula and the University of Toronto space standards.
4. Identify all security and occupational health and safety requirements.
5. Identify the equipment and furnishings necessary for the UTSC detailed space program and its services.
6. Identify the site for the UTSC SARC in accordance with the Master Plan of UTSC.
7. Identify the secondary effects at UTSC, including existing space that will be released as a result of this project.
8. Identify the process by which operating resource implications will be determined and approved by the University.
9. Identify the capital contribution to the Pan Am project.
10. Prepare the Project Planning Report for submission to the Planning and Budget Committee in September 2010.