



TO: Planning and Budget Committee

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AGENDA ITEM: 8

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Faculty of Law Academic Plan 2012-17

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

Divisional academic plans are considered by the Committee and the Academic Board for information and feedback. Prior to approval by the Provost and presentation to the Committee, it is expected that the relevant divisional Council would endorse the academic plan in principle. (*P&B, Terms of Reference, Section 4.1*)

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

HIGHLIGHTS:

The Divisional Academic Plan of the Faculty of Law is the product of extended consultation with the Faculty's faculty, student leaders, academic leadership, staff and alumni both at large and in a series of smaller focus groups providing input on specific topics. Regular updates on the consultation process were provided at three successive Faculty Council meetings (January 25, 2012, February 29, 2012, and March 21, 2012). Feedback from the community at large was solicited, additional consultations were conducted and successive drafts were posted on the Faculty's web site welcoming individual and collective submissions. The process culminated in the October 3, 2012 meeting of Faculty Council when the plan was shared for final feedback. The Divisional Plan was approved by the Provost in early November 2012.

The five year Academic Plan of the Faculty of Law emphasizes eight key priorities over the planning period. These support a commitment to continuing to enhance the Faculty's position as one of the top law schools internationally - through an expanded student recruitment strategy emphasizing excellence and diversity, ongoing curricular development including the expansion of research opportunities, continued recruitment of extraordinary faculty, and enhanced support for faculty research - and a commitment to transforming the Faculty's physical environment.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

The resource implications of the Divisional Academic Plan are as detailed in the plan.

ACTION SOUGHT: This item is for information and feedback only.

