



# University of Toronto

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT AND PROVOST

TO: Planning and Budget Committee

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AGENDA ITEM: 8

## ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Faculty of Arts and Science: Proposal to establish the Mark S. Bonham Centre for Sexual Diversity Studies 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 re-classification of the Mark S. Bonham Centre for Sexual Diversity Studies as an Extra-Departmental Unit B (EDU:B). The Centre was established in 2005 as an EDU:C within the Faculty of Arts and Science.

Currently, faculty members with significant interest in research and scholarship in sexuality are located across the University, with the Faculty of Arts and Science but also at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education/UT, the Faculty of Law, the Faculty of Physical Education and Health and at the University of Toronto at Mississauga. The establishment of the Centre as an EDU:B is based on the expansion of programs in the Centre (adding an undergraduate specialist program, and collaborative graduate programs on the MA and PhD levels), as well as the expectation the Centre will be in a position to make joint (minority) appointments with cognate units in the future. The attached proposal outlines the rationale for the establishment of the interdisciplinary unit.

The Principal of University College, the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science, the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies all support the re-classification of the unit. The proposal has been developed in consultation with appropriate partners. The Faculty of Arts and Science Council approved the proposal on December 3, 2007.

**FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:**

A per the *Guidelines for Administrative Functions and Protocols of Extra-Departmental Units*<sup>1</sup> the Mark S. Bonham Centre for Sexual Diversity Studies would be 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 members rests with the Dean and associated departments or college.

Establishing the Mark S. Bonham Centre for Sexual Diversity Studies as an EDU:B will not entail any change to the current undergraduate program, nor will it involve any altered relationship with those units already contributing to the undergraduate curriculum. The re-classification of the Centre should have no new resource demands beyond those of the current Centre. The financial plan has been reviewed by the Faculty of Arts and Science.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Planning and Budget Committee recommends for approval:

THAT the Mark S. Bonham Centre for Sexual Diversity Studies be established as an EDU:B within the Faculty of Arts and Science, effective immediately.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.provost.utoronto.ca/policy/interdisciplinary.htm>