



TO: Planning and Budget Committee

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AGENDA ITEM: 4

**ITEM IDENTIFICATION:**

Faculty of Arts and Science (FAS): Proposal to change the status of the Munk School of Global Affairs from an EDU: B to and EDU:A.

**JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:**

The Planning and Budget Committee is responsible for making recommendations to the Academic Board on plans and proposals to establish, disestablish, or significantly restructure academic units, here defined as "faculties, schools, colleges, departments, centres and institutes with teaching, or teaching and research functions, undergraduate degree programs, and graduate degree programs," regardless of the source of funds. (*Terms of Reference, Section 4.4.1*)

**PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:**

On April 2, 2008, the Planning and Budget Committee approved a proposal to establish the School of International Studies as an Extra-Departmental Unit:B [EDU:B].

The name of the School was subsequently changed to the School of Global Affairs by approval of Academic Board on March 26, 2009.

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

This is a proposal brought forward by the Faculty of Arts and Science to change the status of the Munk School of Global Affairs from an EDU: B to an EDU:A. The proposed change is a product of the natural maturation of the Munk School which functions as a leading inter-disciplinary academic centre for global issues.

The Munk School is home to numerous academic centres, institutes, and a wide range of undergraduate and graduate degree credit programs including the recently established professional Masters in Global Affairs (approved 2009). As an EDU B, the School holds minority faculty appointments related to these programs and the School's extensive research commitments.

The proposal to change the status of the Munk School from an EDU: B to an EDU:A is prompted by a recognition that the School is characterized by a "well-established and defined area of

Scholarship” which is one of the distinguishing features of an EDU: A. In line with the University’s *Guidelines for Administrative Functions and Protocols of Extra-Departmental Units* (2007) the proposal demonstrates that the Munk School has “attained the critical mass of interdisciplinary scholarship at the University that allows for the unit to engage in the appointment of teaching staff” and serve as a home for majority tenure-stream faculty positions.

As summarized in the proposal, the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science, the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies and the Principal of Trinity College support the change of status for the School. The proposal has been developed in consultation with the Munk School Council which includes faculty and students, the Directors of the Centres, Programs, and Institutes, the Director of the School of Public Policy and Governance, and the Chairs of the collaborating departments within the Faculty of Arts and Science. The proposal was approved by the Munk School Council on March 31, 2011 and the Faculty of Arts and Science Council on April 11, 2011.

**FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:**

The change in the status of the Munk School to an EDU: A will have no implications for the appointments of faculty members currently cross-appointed to the School, affiliated centres or institutes. New appointments will be cross-appointed as appropriate with departments and Faculties across the University.

Students in undergraduate and graduate programs associated with the School, and its affiliated centres and institutes, will not be affected by the change in status.

The proposed change will not affect existing budget allocations to the School from the Faculty of Arts and Science. Funding for the School will continue to be based on the existing financial commitments to the School from the federal and provincial governments and donors. All revenues and costs associated with the School will be part of the budget of the Faculty of Arts and Science and will be subject to the budgetary procedures and decision-making of the Faculty.

The change in status to an EDU: A does not require additional space allocation.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Be It Recommended to the Academic Board:

THAT the status of the Munk School of Global Affairs be changed from an Extra-Departmental Unit: B (EDU: B) to an Extra-Departmental Unit: A (EDU: A) effective July 1, 2011.