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TO: UTM Campus Council

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DATE: November 14, 2018 for November 21, 2018

AGENDA ITEM: 4

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Vice-President & Principal’s Report: Background information

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

Under section 5.6, (Matters for Information) of its Terms of Reference, the UTM Campus Council “receives, annually from its assessors, reports on matters within its areas of responsibility, including statements of current issues, opportunities and problems, and recommendations for changes in policies, plans or priorities that would address such issues.”

GOVERNANCE PATH:

- 1. UTM Campus Council [For Information] (November 21, 2018)**

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

None

HIGHLIGHTS:

University Pension Plan:

Jointly sponsored pension plan (JSPP) for the university sector reached an agreement early in October with participation by the University of Toronto, University of Guelph, and Queen’s University. The representatives included the relevant faculty associations, USW and non-unionized employees (through the Ontario Association of Non-Unionized University Employees). New pension plan would cover employees at all three universities, and once in operation will permit other universities to join. For more information:

<http://pension.hrandequity.utoronto.ca/oct-3-upp-update/>

Smoke Free Policy

- The entire University is planning on going smoke-free on January 1, 2019, pending Governing Council approval;
- Information and support for cessation will be part of the implementation;
- Consideration will be given to the safety of smokers during a transition period with the discretion of campus leadership to create designated smoking areas at UTM;
- Designated smoking areas will shrink (in number and size) over time;
- Approach for enforcement will be to educate and encourage community members who smoke to move off campus or to designated smoking areas (as appropriate). By-law enforcement continues unchanged
- <http://www.hrandequity.utoronto.ca/news/updated-smoking-policy/>

Annual Budget Review (ABR) Key Elements:

Experiential Learning supports – a key element of the Academic Plan:

- Manager, Experiential Learning
- Experiential Learning Officers – 5.0 FTE to work directly with departments/centre
- Experiential Learning Administrators – 2.0 FTE

Addressing retention and graduation rates:

- Identify, explore and pilot implementation of best practices in ***integrated academic advising*** with a team of 8 staff for delivery, and one staff member who will focus on data collection/analysis:
 - (1) developing a UTM-specific retention program linked to improving graduation rates;
 - (2) assisting in the evaluation and improvement of programs such as academic advising, career planning, and internship placements;
 - (3) assisting in recruitment as well as program planning and development;
 - (4) evaluating the allocation and management of space in facilities planning as it relates to the utilization of academic offices, classrooms and other types of space; and
 - (5) providing information about the division that is used in proposals for institutional and external funding of specific projects.

Specialized infrastructure for undergraduate laboratories:

We are now beginning to design new teaching laboratories for robotics which will need a substantial outlay for equipment. The development of a robotics teaching lab is crucial to attract students, to establish robotics as a new “feature“ for UTM, to recruit students for projects to the laboratories of the new faculty and to increase experiential educational options. Interest exists to develop joint instruction with Physics. This is a natural match and UTM has already spent funds in the renovated Physics undergraduate laboratories to reflect the design used for instruction of electronics/circuits in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering.

- The proposed undergraduate course “Programming mechatronic systems”: requires teaching equipment
- The graduate course “Continuum Robotics“: requires teaching equipment, and the equipment will also be used in undergraduate laboratory.
- The undergraduate course “Introduction to Robotics“: requires teaching equipment.
- Additional investment in High Performance Computing: requires for capacity expansion.

Continuing to build support for research – a key element of the Academic Plan

The funding provided from the UF this past year has been invested in people to support physical facilities (core labs and digital humanities); in programs such as seed funds, bridging funds, travel funds for humanists, PDF recruitment; and in specialized facilities such as high performance computing and the animal vivarium. We will include at least one further new investment proposal every year in the ABR as the research enterprise at UTM continues to build. This year we propose the addition of one further administrative staff member to support research in a number of departments across the division that have significant interactions with the community. This includes human subject recruitment activities, currently thousands of test subjects and accompanying individuals from infants to seniors participate in a broad range of research projects at UTM. In addition, the person will facilitate collaborative research partnerships across our catchment area. A closely related aspect of working with test subjects is the need to assist researchers in the development of human ethics protocols. Submissions of such protocols have expanded dramatically in numbers across the departments that work with test subjects both on and off campus, and many protocols require multiple rounds of review due to lack of guidance. The UF proposal is to hire a Community and Research Engagement Officer who will co-ordinate these activities across the campus. In many ways, this new hire will be equivalent to the support that we are currently providing to the core science infrastructure and to the digital humanities as a result of last year’s UF request.

Event Highlights:

- Presentation by The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario; hosted by the Master of Science in Sustainability (MScSM) program.
<https://www.utm.utoronto.ca/mscsm/industry-partners/sustainability-leaders-series>
- Scholars Reception for incoming and continuing students, with presentations by President Meric Gertler and Chancellor Rose Patten.
- Launch of the annual United Way campaign
- UTM Campus Day for student recruitment
<https://www.utm.utoronto.ca/future-students/visit/fall-campus-day>
- UTM Fall Convocation
<http://strmstr.com/november-5-230-2018.html>
- UTM Excellence Awards
<https://www.utm.utoronto.ca/vp-research/research-campus/u-t-mississauga-excellence-awards>
- Centennial Celebration of the Occupational Science – Occupational Therapy Program
<http://ot.utoronto.ca/celebrating-100/centenary-events/launch-of-the-mscot-program-at-utm-and-centenary-celebration/>

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

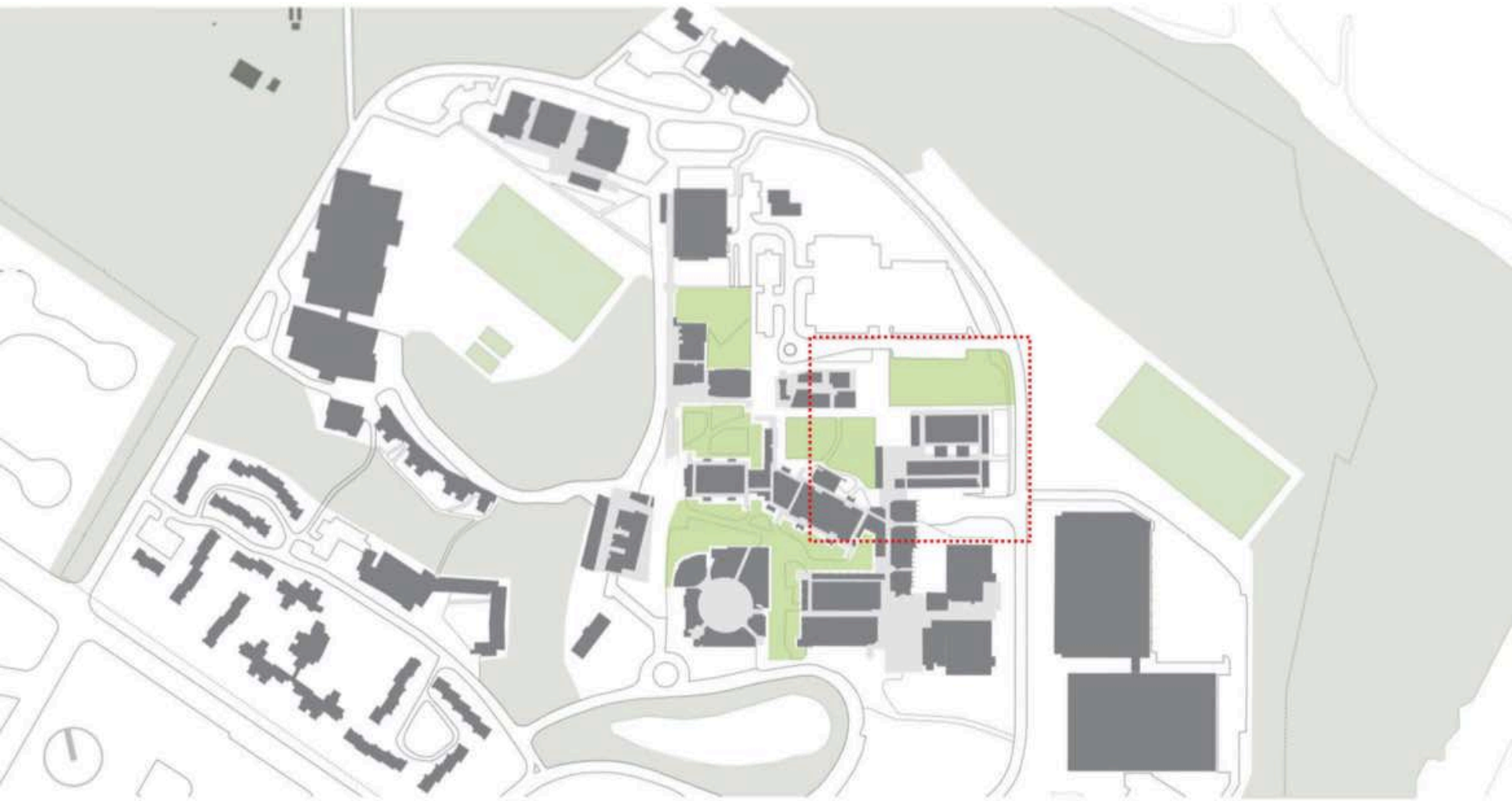
RECOMMENDATION:

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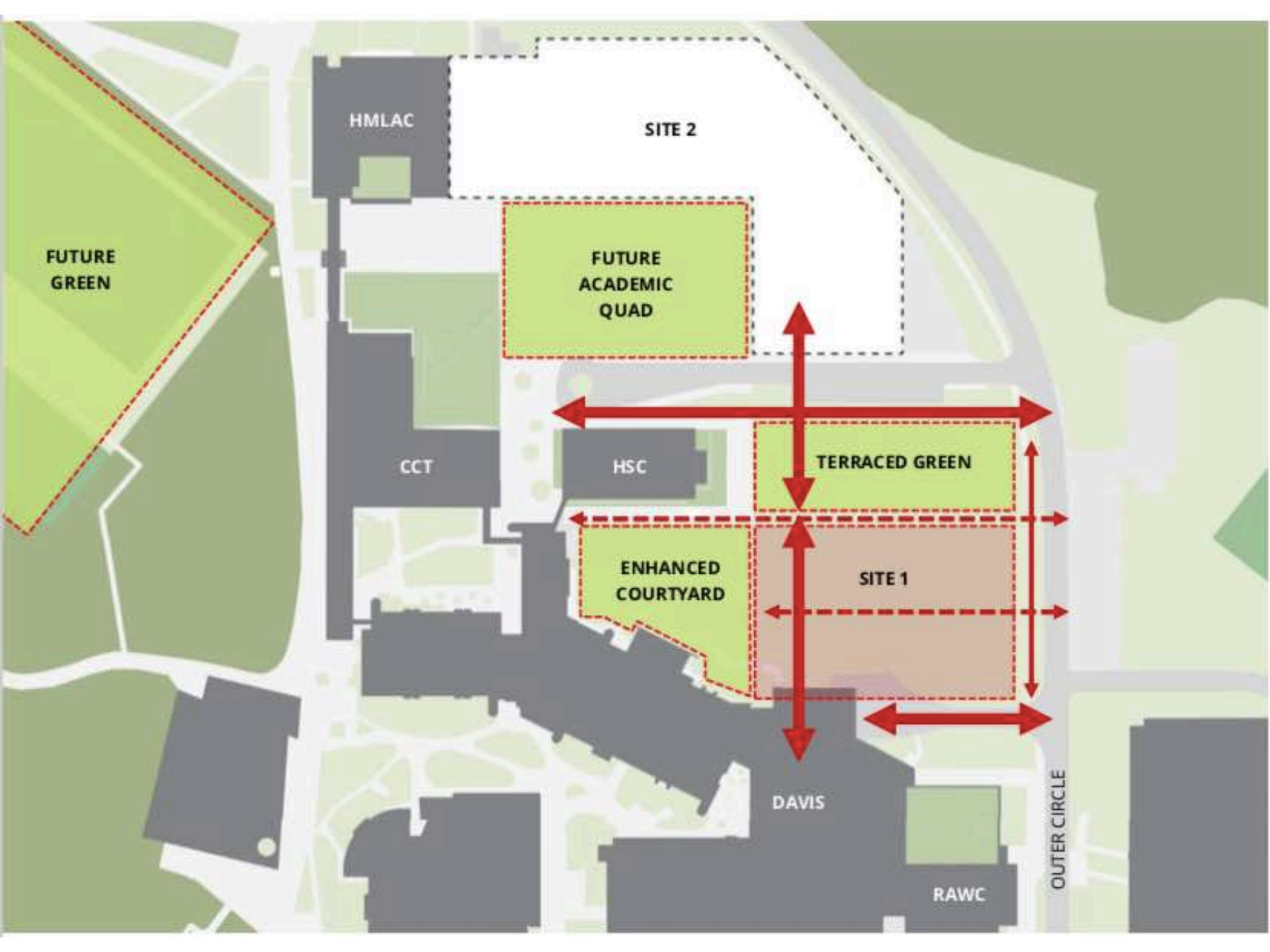
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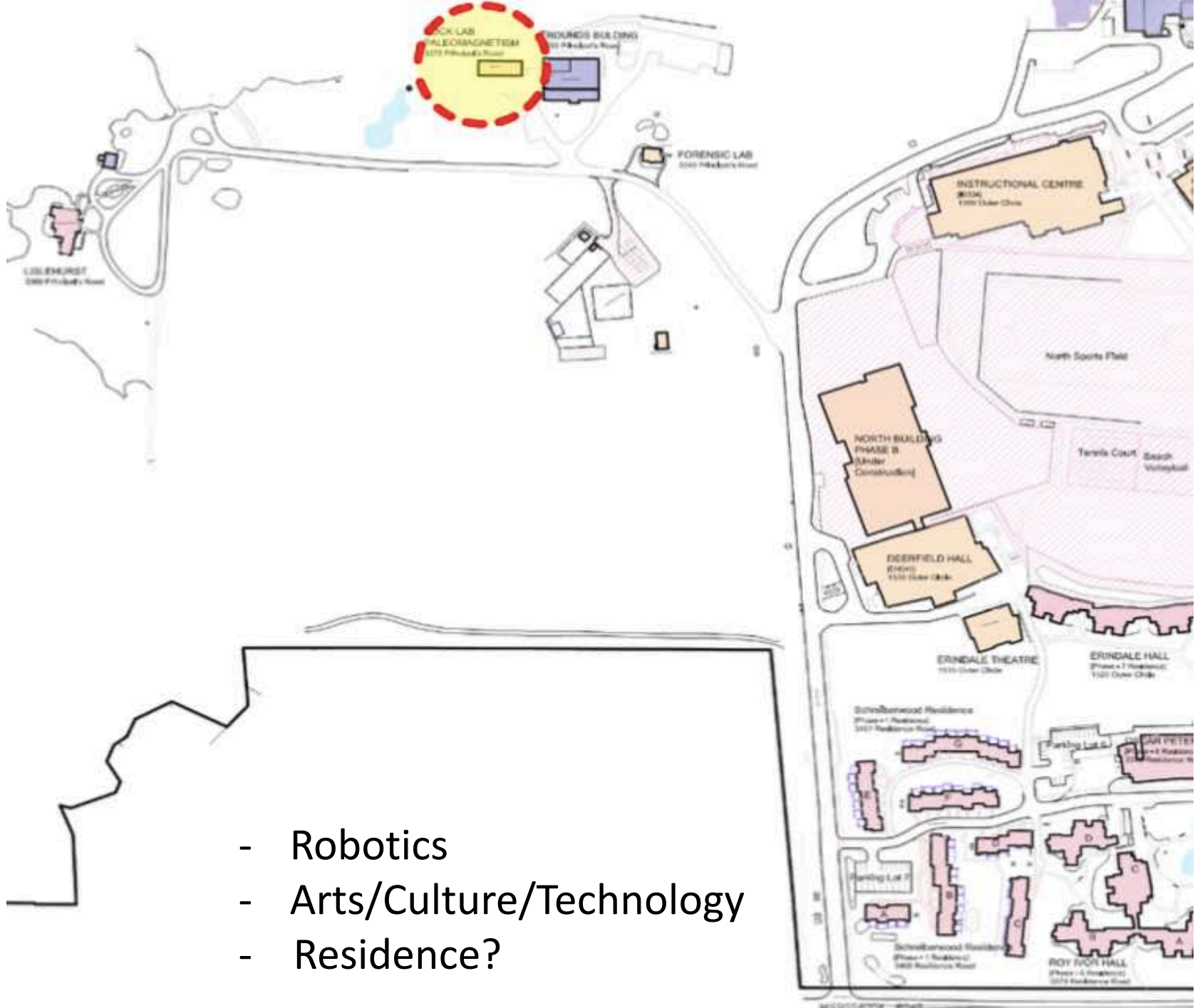
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OUTER CIRCLE



- Robotics
- Arts/Culture/Technology
- Residence?