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FOR INFORMATION:

TO: Planning and Budget Committee

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AGENDA ITEM: 9

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Project Planning Committee for the Centre for Biological Timing and Cognition.

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:

In 2003, researchers from the Department of Psychology, together with the Toronto Hospital, CAMH, Peel District School Board and OISE/UT, submitted a grant application to the Canada Foundation for Innovation requesting grant funding for research to investigate the impacts of biological timing, environmental cycles, and work schedules on cognitive ability and mental health. The application was successful and notification thereof was provided to the University in March, 2004.

The application requested grant funding for new facilities to accommodate a rodent colony and associated laboratories for research. A location, on the south side of Ramsay Wright Building was initially proposed at the time of submission of the application. More recently alternate sites have been suggested that require further detailed investigation in the broader University context with respect to suitability. The Committee will also explore whether these alternate sites could accommodate the entire Department of Psychology and consolidate all activities to one location with possible advantage.

PROPOSED COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:

M. Ralph	Professor, Department of Psychology.
L. Mamelak	Departmental Manager, Department of Psychology.
R. deSouza	Director, Planning and Infrastructure, Faculty of Arts and Science.
J. Binks	Manager, Project Planning, Capital Projects.
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G. Harapa	University Veterinarian, VPRAP
J. Chadwick	Director, GRIP.

TERMS OF REFERENCE:

1. Determine a functional layout and space requirements for the Centre for Biological Timing and Cognition.
2. Make recommendations regarding the location of the Centre and review options for the rodent colony and related support space including the use of the existing and expanded [CCBR] facilities at the Department of Comparative Medicine. Specifically recommend that Dr. Richard Renlund, Department of Comparative Medicine, be invited to provide the appropriate input to the Committee.
3. Respond to the requirements set out in the application to the Canada Foundation for Innovation and any conditions of the award.
4. Determine a detailed space program for the entire Department of Psychology taking into account Council of Ontario Universities' and the University of Toronto's space standards.
5. Identify the capital cost of construction, including renovations, data and communications requirements and the cost of all equipment and furnishings for the Centre and separately for the Department of Psychology if it is possible to locate the entire Department in close proximity to the Centre.
6. Identify all operating costs for the facility and also any operating costs associated with the possible relocation of the Department of Psychology.
7. Identify all security and occupational health and safety requirements and their related costs.
8. Identify deferred maintenance issues that could impact the project and possible additional sources of funding that could address these particular issues.
9. Identify all communication and computer networks & interfaces that are required by the Department of Psychology and the Centre for Biological Timing and Cognition.
10. Identify all proposed sources of funding.
11. Report by December 30, 2004.