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## **FOR INFORMATION:**

TO: Planning and Budget Committee

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AGENDA ITEM: 7

## **ITEM IDENTIFICATION:**

Project Planning Committee for the Department of Mathematics

## **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:**

The Department of Mathematics presently occupies approximately 2000 net assignable square metres scattered in six locations across campus. The departmental home is within Sidney Smith Hall with incomplete satellite activities at 1 Spadina Crescent, Whitney Hall, the Earth Science Centre, Wetmore Hall and University College.

Most of the space allocated to the Department is in Sidney Smith Hall, a building that is severely overcrowded and houses almost twice the number of occupants for which it was designed. Problems related to space in Sidney Smith Hall for this Department and others within the Faculty of Arts & Science have been the focus of discussions for many years. Other problems limited the ability to resolve space problems are the lack of capacity for increased infrastructure required in today's facilities and the presence of asbestos, making even the most minor of changes unaffordable. Consolidation and necessary expansion of the all Department of Mathematics activities to Sidney Smith Hall is therefore impossible.

Recent reviews of the Department by Ontario Council of Graduate Studies have also expressed serious concern about the operating space that is available to the unit and need to be addressed.

This Project Planning Committee will determine the space requirements for the Department of Mathematics and propose a suitable location on the St. George campus.

**PROPOSED COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:**

Prof. J. Quastel	Acting Chair, Department of Mathematics [Chair]
R. deSouza	Assistant Dean, Faculty of Arts & Science.
J. Binks	Manager, Project Planning, Capital Projects.
R. Swail	Acting Assistant V-P, Facilities and Services.
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D. Dewees	Interim Chair, Department of Economics
Prof. E. Bierstone	Faculty, Department of Mathematics
Prof. A. Nachman	Faculty, Department of Mathematics
G. Lynch	Graduate Student, Department of Mathematics
B. Leslie	Administrative Staff, Department of Mathematics

**TERMS OF REFERENCE:**

1. Determine a functional layout and space requirements for the Department of Mathematics.
2. Make recommendations regarding the location of the Department and review options for its accommodation, including a possible phase approach, if required, to accommodate the interim needs of other Departments within the Faculty of Arts & Science..
3. Determine a detailed space program for the Department of Mathematics taking into account Council of Ontario Universities' and the University of Toronto's space standards.
4. Identify the capital cost of construction, including renovations, data and communications requirements and the cost of all equipment and furnishings for the Department.
5. Identify all operating costs for the facility.
6. Identify all security and occupational health and safety requirements and their related costs.
7. Identify deferred maintenance issues that could impact the project and possible additional sources of funding that could address these particular issues.
8. Identify all communication and computer networks & interfaces that are required by the Department.
9. Identify all proposed sources of funding.
10. Report by January 30, 2004.