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AGENDA ITEM: **Item #12**

## **ITEM IDENTIFICATION:**

Revision to Operating Plan and capital priorities for the 30/35 Charles St Family Residence to delay window replacement and instead relocate and renovate the Day Care Centre.

## **JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:**

University Affairs Board approves the annual plans of the ancillaries.

## **PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:**

Plan for 2004 was approved at the last meeting of the University Affairs Board on April 29, 2003.

## **HIGHLIGHTS:**

George Brown College has approached the University with an offer to take over the operation of the day care centre currently located at 35 Charles Street. They have a program that needs to relocate and will bring with them approved subsidies for parents as well as \$100,000 worth of equipment for the centre.

At the present time, there is a 25 space day care operating in the building. It is operated by Tower Day Care and provides a very limited service level – no infant care, no lunch time care, limited hours of operation. The University has not been happy with this operation for some time; many of the parents are equally unhappy.

If we accept George Brown's offer, we will have a 52 space centre, with a full range of services, longer hours and infant care. George Brown will operate the centre and will use it as part of their Early Childhood Education Program. U of T researchers also will be able to work in the centre.

To renovate and relocate the centre will cost approximately \$1.4 million dollars. The budget is available if we defer some planned capital renovations and use the funds for

this instead. The executive of the Tenants Association have been consulted and are in agreement with this change of priorities for capital expenditures. Daycare is one of their high priority items.

**FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:**

Replacement of windows and doors will be deferred. Funds will be spent on this project instead.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The report is presented for information only.