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FOR INFORMATION:

TO: Planning and Budget Committee

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AGENDA ITEM: 5(b)

Project Planning Committee to recommend a plan for future expansion of the Institute of Child Study of the St. George Campus.

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:

Established in 1925, the Institute of Child Study (ICS) was the first multidisciplinary institute at the University of Toronto and is a unique part of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE). ICS continues its tripartite mission consisting of three fully integrated components: a graduate teacher education program, the Dr. R.G.N. Laidlaw Research Centre, and the ICS Laboratory School (Kindergarten to Grade 6) for approximately 200 students. From its inception in 1925, ICS has been dedicated to advancing innovative research, evidence-based practice and public policy to promote children's well-being and development.

In 1953, ICS moved to its current location at 45 Walmer Road, which had been bequeathed to the University by past U of T board member, Leighton G. McCarthy. In 2000, the property at 56 Spadina Road immediately east and backing onto 45 Walmer Road was purchased in order to begin a much-needed expansion of the Institute's facility.

In 2003, a Project Planning Committee report and corresponding ICS Capital Campaign mandate was approved by Governing Council. This plan included the construction of a large multi-purpose gymnasium/auditorium on the existing site.

Changes to setback requirements by the City, coupled with the examination of the footprint requirements for the physical expansion, revealed that the space provided by 56 Spadina Road would not be sufficient to accommodate the expansion.

In January 2008, the adjacent property at 58 Spadina Road was purchased enlarging the site available for expansion of the ICS facilities.

The ICS Project Planning Committee is being reconstituted to review and confirm space usage and future requirements for this expanded site, consistent with current academic and research priorities.

PROPOSED COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:

Kang Lee, Director ICS (Co-chair)
Joe Weinberg, Chief Administrative Officer, OISE (Co-chair)
Elizabeth Morley, Principal, ICS Lab School
Robin Farb, ICS Capital Campaign
Esther Geva, Chair, Human Development and Applied Psychology
Carol Rolheiser, Associate Dean, Teacher Education
Jan Pelletier, ICS Faculty member
Maya Fowlie, ICS MA student
Julian Binks, Manager Capital Projects Planning
Jennifer Adams Peffer, Office of the AVP. Campus and Facilities Planning

TERMS OF REFERENCE:

1. Make recommendations for a detailed space program indicating how space and facilities for ICS should be organized at the site including 45 Walmer Road, and 56 and 58 Spadina Road.
2. Identify the space program as it relates to the existing and planned enrolment targets, academic program direction and requirements for research infrastructure.
3. Demonstrate the relationship of the proposed space program with applicable space standards including the Council of Ontario Universities and the University's own space standards.
4. Demonstrate that the proposed space program is sufficiently flexible to meet the ranges of possible changes in program needs.
5. Identify the furniture, equipment and special features which will be necessary for the project.
6. Provide the total project cost estimate which identifies all resource implications including a projected increase to annual operating costs.
7. Identify the schedule and sequencing of construction/renovation activities.
8. Make recommendations for funding alternatives including discussion of co-development opportunities.
9. Complete report by April 28, 2008.