



# University of Toronto

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT AND PROVOST

TO: Planning and Budget Committee

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AGENDA ITEM: 7

## ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Faculty of Arts and Science: Proposal to establish the School of International Studies as an Extra-Departmental Unit B (EDU:B).

## JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

Excerpt from the terms of reference for the Planning and Budget Committee:

4.4.1. The Committee advises the Academic Board on the planning and resource implications of plans and proposals to establish, disestablish or significantly restructure academic units, here defined as “faculties, schools, colleges, departments centres and institutes with teaching, or teaching and research functions, undergraduate degree programs, and graduate degree programs”, regardless of the source of funds.

## PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

## HIGHLIGHTS:

The Faculty of Arts and Sciences proposes the establishment of the School of International Studies as an Extra-Departmental Unit B (EDU:B). As the attached proposal highlights, since the founding in 2000 of the Munk Centre at Trinity College within the Faculty of Arts and Science, the Centre in coordination with its constituent Centres and academic programs have become global leaders for teaching and research on international relations and global affairs. An international peer review of the Munk Centre supported this assessment and recommended that its role and status within the University be reviewed.

A Committee on International Studies at the University of Toronto and the Role of the Munk Centre was struck by the Vice-President and Provost in 2007 to consider international studies and the future of the Munk Centre.<sup>1</sup> The committee membership was broadly representative and proposed a series of recommendations including the creation of a School incorporating the Munk Centre. This would enable the Munk Centre and its constituent centres and programs to move beyond their present excellence towards an academic program of world-class stature. The Committee members noted that the normal international terminology for such a unit is “School” (Harvard’s Kennedy School, Princeton’s Woodrow Wilson School, Columbia’s School of International Public Affairs, Carleton’s Norman Patterson School).

The Centre presently houses five undergraduate programs (International Relations, American Studies, Latin American Studies, European Studies, the David Chu Program in Asia Pacific Studies), three collaborative MA programs (International Relations, Asia Pacific Studies, South Asian Studies), one stand-alone MA program (European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies), and two collaborative PhD programs (Dynamics of Global Change, South Asian Studies). The Committee recommended that

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.provost.utoronto.ca/Assets/Reports/isc\\_rep.pdf](http://www.provost.utoronto.ca/Assets/Reports/isc_rep.pdf)  
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the collaborative MA program in International Relations be reconfigured as a stand-alone professional masters degree and that further steps be taken to integrate graduate students into the School.

The Committee recommended that the multidisciplinary aspect of the School's constituent academic programs be maintained and enhanced and that the proposed School investigate ways of enhancing the involvement of the three campuses in its programming.

The Principal of Trinity College, the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science, and the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies all support the creation of the unit. The proposal has been developed in consultation with appropriate partners. The Faculty of Arts and Science Council approved the creation of a School of International Studies on March 3, 2008.

**FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:**

As per the *Guidelines for Administrative Functions and Protocols of Extra-Departmental Units*<sup>2</sup> EDU:B have a critical mass of interdisciplinary activities that allow for the unit to engage in the admission of students to a program of study. EDU:B units do not have primary faculty appointing rights and cross-appointment of faculty members rests with the Dean and associated departments or colleges.

Funding for the School will be based on the existing financial commitments to the School. The School will be actively involved in outreach programs and additional sources of funding will be identified. As academic needs evolve, the University will assist the Faculty of Arts and Science in identifying the space needed for the expansion of its programs. The financial plan has been reviewed by the Faculty of Arts and Science. All revenues and costs associated with the School will be part of the budget of the Faculty of Arts and Science and will be subject to the budgetary procedures of that Faculty.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Planning and Budget Committee recommends for approval:

THAT the School of International Studies be established as an EDU:B within the Faculty of Arts and Science, effective July 1, 2008.

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.provost.utoronto.ca/policy/interdisciplinary.htm>  
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