



TO: Planning and Budget Committee

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AGENDA ITEM: 7

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Proposal to establish the Institute for Management and Innovation as an Extra-Departmental Unit:B (EDU:B) effective 1 July, 2013, University of Toronto Mississauga

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The Planning and Budget Committee is responsible for making recommendations to the Academic Board on 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. (*P&B Terms of Reference, Section 4.4.1*)

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN: None

HIGHLIGHTS:

This is a proposal for a new Extra Departmental Unit:B (EDU:B) proposed by the University of Toronto Mississauga called the Institute for Management and Innovation (I.M.I.). The I.M.I. will focus on the role of innovation and management across a wide range of disciplines, industries and professions and is intended to serve as a hub for both research and teaching.

The I.M.I. builds on the extensive strength of UTM in this area across a number of fields of study and will house the following graduate programs (currently offered through the Professional Graduate Programs Centre (P.G.P.C.) at UTM) that build on these strengths including the Master of Biotechnology (M.Biotech.), Master of Management and Professional Accounting (M.M.P.A.), and the graduate Diploma in Investigative and Forensic Accounting (D.I.F.A.). As outlined in the proposal, the I.M.I. will provide a framework for integrating the teaching of Management with the discipline-, sector- or profession-specific teaching that makes the program distinctive, and explore synergies between programs in both academic delivery and administration.

At the same time, the I.M.I. will help to support the existing Master of Management of Innovation (M.M.I.) and Master of Science in Biomedical Communications (M.Sc.B.M.C.) which are currently delivered on the UTM campus by the Faculty of Medicine and the proposed Master of Science in Sustainability Management (M.Sc.S.M.) which pending provincial approval will be offered by the P.G.P.C. The I.M.I. will also help to support the established undergraduate Commerce programs at UTM.

The I.M.I.'s research mission will focus on the role of innovation and management in the development of the sciences, industrial sectors, and professions associated with its teaching activities.

The proposal includes a substantial list of faculty who will hold non-budgetary cross-appointments to the proposed EDU. It also indicates separately the on-going commitment of resources to the academic programs delivered by or supported by the I.M.I. It is initially intended that the director of the IMI will hold a minority, budgetary appointment in the EDU and anticipated that further budgetary appointments will follow.

UTM has consulted widely with cognate units concerning this proposal including the Joseph L. Rotman School of Management and the Department of Management, University of Toronto Scarborough. The creation of the I.M.I. is actively supported by a number of cognate departments and administrative units at UTM as indicated (page 6) in the proposal.

The structure of the proposed EDU:B and the role and responsibilities of the new Director is entirely in line with the University's Guidelines for Administrative Functions and Protocols of Extra-Departmental Units (EDU) (2007).

This proposal was approved by the Erindale College Council on Thursday December 6, 2012.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS: As outlined in the proposal, the new/additional financial obligations resulting from the creation of this new Extra-Departmental Unit and its subsequent growth will be met at the Divisional level.

RECOMMENDATION:

Be It Recommended to the Academic Board:

THAT the proposal to establish the Institute for Management and Innovation as an Extra-Departmental Unit:B (EDU:B) at the University of Toronto Mississauga be approved effective 1 July, 2013.