UNIVERSITY COUNCIL
PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE
REPORT FOR INFORMATION

PRESENTED BY:  Dirk de Boer, chair
DATE OF MEETING:  June 20, 2019
SUBJECT:  Planning and Priorities Committee Annual Report to Council for 2018-19
COUNCIL ACTION:  For information only

COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Conducting and reporting to Council on university-wide planning and review activities in consultation with the Provost and Vice-President Academic.

2. Evaluating College and Unit plans and reporting the conclusions of those evaluations to Council.

3. Recommending to Council on academic priorities for the University.

4. Recommending to Council on outreach and engagement priorities for the University.

5. Seeking advice from other Council committees to facilitate university-wide academic planning.

6. Recommending to Council on the establishment, disestablishment or amalgamation of any college, school, department or any unit responsible for the administration of an academic program, with the advice of the Academic Programs Committee.

7. Balancing academic and fiscal concerns in forming its recommendations.

8. Providing advice to the President on budgetary implications of the Operations Forecast and reporting to Council.

9. Considering the main elements of the Operating Budget and the Capital Budget and reporting to Council.

10. Advising the Academic Programs Committee on the fit with University priorities and the general budgetary appropriateness of proposals for new academic programs and program deletions.
11. Integrating and recommending to Council on matters referred to it from other Council committees.

12. Advising the President and senior executive on operating and capital budgetary matters, including infrastructure and space allocation issues, referred from time to time by the President, providing the advice is not inconsistent with the policies of Council. The Planning and Priorities Committee will report to Council on the general nature of the advice and, where practicable, obtain the guidance of Council. However, the Committee need not disclose to Council matters the disclosure of which would be inimical to the interests of the University.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP FOR 2018-19**

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**Ex Officio (Non-voting)**
Peter Stoicheff  
President
Chelsea Willness  
Acting Chair, Council

**Resource Personnel (Non-voting) – attend all committee meetings**
John Rigby  
Associate Provost, Institutional Planning and Assessment (IPA)
Troy Harkot  
Director, Institutional Effectiveness, IPA
Jacquie Thomarat/  
Director, Resource Allocation and Planning, IPA
Jennifer Beck  
Director, Resource Allocation and Planning, IPA
Shari Baraniuk  
Chief Information Officer (CIO) and Associate VP Information and Communications Technology (AVP ICT)

**Administrative Support**
Sandra Calver/  
Associate Secretary, Academic Governance
Jacquie Thomarat  
Associate Secretary, Academic Governance

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Planning and Priorities Committee Annual Report for 2018-19
The planning and priorities committee (PPC) met on 17 occasions throughout 2018-19. The chair and some members of the committee also served on subcommittees of PPC (centres subcommittee), and on the coordinating committee and the governance committee of Council.

COUNCIL ITEMS

The committee presented the following items to Council for approval:

- Name change of the Department of Linguistics and Religious Studies to the Department of Linguistics
- Name change of the Centre for the Study of Cooperatives to the Canadian Centre for the Study of Cooperatives
- Establishment of the Centre for the Study of Quantum Topology and its Applications (quanTA)

The committee reported on the following items to Council for information:

- Revised tuition policy
- 2019/20 Operations Forecast
- *Discovery the World Needs: Research Strategic Plan*

STRATEGIC AND INTEGRATED PLANNING

The committee received presentations and provided feedback on the following university-level initiatives and plans:

- Resource allocation process
- Updates on the strategic planning and planning processes
- *Discovery the World Needs: Research Strategic Plan*
- Interdisciplinarity in the health sciences
- Interdisciplinarity in the environmental sciences
- USask Campaign and Brand
- Enrolment reports and enrolment planning
- University rankings
- Student Learning, Teaching and Experience Foundational Plan

UNIVERSITY POLICIES, FINANCES and CAPITAL

The committee considered the following:

- Academic program reviews
- Assessment processes and framework
- Centres policy and practices
- Revised tuition policy and procedures
- 2018/19 University of Saskatchewan Comprehensive Budget
- 2019/20 Government of Saskatchewan Budget
• 2019/20 Tuition Rates
• 2019/20 Operations Forecast

ACADEMIC MATTERS

The place of internationalization in the PPC terms of reference was considered in light of the potential dissolution of the International Activities Committee of Council. Feedback was provided to the coordinating and governance committees of Council.

Notices of Intent

The committee discussed and provided feedback to proponents on the following notices of intent for new programs:

College of Dentistry
• DMD Curriculum Renewal
• Certificate in Dental Assisting
• International Dentist Degree program (IDDP)
• BSc in Dentistry (BSc Dent)
• MSc and PhD in Dental Public Health

College of Arts & Science
• BSc, MSc, and PhD in Hydrology (Department of Geography and Planning)
• BSc in Environmental Geoscience (Department of Geology)

College of Arts & Science in collaboration with the College of Medicine
• Biomedical Sciences Undergraduate Degree (BMSc)

College of Engineering
• Technological Innovation Certificate
• Termination of the Engineering Professional Internship Program and replacement with the Engineering Coop Internship Program

Edwards School of Business
• Certificate in Business
• Certificate in Entrepreneurship

College of Education
• Masters of Indigenous Language Revitalization (Education Foundations)

Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy
• Masters of International Public Administration

College of Pharmacy & Nutrition
• Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Food Service Management Systems
School of Environment and Sustainability
- A suite of interconnected graduate professional programs that share a set of core competencies: Masters of Energy Security, Masters of Food Security, Masters of Biocultural Conservation

Western College of Veterinary Medicine
- BSc in Comparative Health

TBD
- Bachelor of Midwifery

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I want take this opportunity to thank the members of PPC for their thoughtful and substantive discussion of the issues at hand. The large majority of items on the committee’s agenda involved a significant amount of reading, and committee members always came to the meeting well prepared and ready to contribute to the discussion. I also want to thank the committee members for collectively creating a positive environment in which conversations took place with collegiality, integrity, and respect for diverse opinions. Furthermore, I want to thank the members of the PPC executive—Ken Wilson (vice-chair), John Rigby, and Jacquie Thomarat—who attended many additional meetings to plan and coordinate the committee’s agendas, and our resource personnel for supporting the committee’s activities. Most importantly, the committee could not have functioned without the support of the committee secretary—Jacquie Thomarat—and I thank her for her insight, advice, and dedication to the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Dirk de Boer, chair