MEETING OF THE RESOURCE PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE of Erindale College Council held on Monday, September 27, 2010 at 2:00pm in the #3214, William G. Davis Building.


In attendance: S. Elias, C. Rizzo

1) Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting (October 26, 2009)
   The minutes were approved.

2) Welcome new members of RPPC – elect Chair
   All in attendance introduced themselves.
   The Chair (R. Reisz) announced that his time as Chair of RPPC had come to an end. It was necessary to elect a new Chair. P. Goldsmith nominated L. Bailey as the new Chair and P. Donoghue seconded the motion. Motion passed: As per the ECC Constitution L. Bailey is now Chair of RPPC for a duration of two years.

   P. Donoghue thanked R. Reisz for his dedication of the past years being Chair of RPPC and thanked him for agreeing to stay on the committee as a member. P. Donoghue presented R. Reisz with a token of his appreciation.

3) Reports of Committees and Officers:

   a) Update on bike lane / sidewalk project – C. Rizzo

   C. Rizzo gave a project update on the bike lane and sidewalk project currently being undertaken on campus. He noted that the path will be 2.5 metres wide and on the inside of Circle Road from the RAWC to the north entrance at Mississauga Road. Delivery on the first phase of the project will be March 31, 2011. There will be an upgrade to lighting on campus, using LED lights which are 40% more efficient than current lighting. He also stated that there may be road closures and/or lane restrictions due to the construction.

   The Chair opened the floor to questions:

   A member asked - Why are you combining pedestrian and bike traffic? C. Rizzo replied that the bike/pedestrian lane is wider than current City of Mississauga standards (2.4m width) and in an attempt to ensure bike rider safety we do not want the bikes competing with vehicles. There will be a bike lane graphic on the sidewalk.
A member asked a question for information – What is the purple area on the slide? C. Rizzo responded that it is an area for a burm. This is a location where excess excavation materials will be placed in an attempt to contain costs. P. Donoghue added that the Grounds Monitoring Committee will make recommendations as to what kind of plantings will be used for the burm/naturalization area.

A member asked – Are there trees being taken out? C. Rizzo responded that only trees that are inhibiting sightlines or causing danger will be removed. The sidewalk is being built on the inside of the road to minimize the number of trees being affected.

A member asked – Is there a section of sidewalk currently missing near the Collegeway? C. Rizzo stated that yes there is, it will be corrected in a later phase of the project.

b) SPMC Update – S. Elias
S. Elias provided an overview of current SPMC projects. Lab renovations, and south building renovations were included. The south building addition is slated for occupancy before Christmas. Ms. Elias included information on the academic annex, it is 100 feet long and two stories high. In addition, S. Elias showed the group pictures and discussed the new Senior Scholar Centre that has been recently built in the old Principal’s Office. S. Elias informed the group that there had been 20 new hires so far this year.

c) Operating Budget Update – C. Capewell
C. Capewell shared a slide presentation with the group. She discussed the four different budgets which make up UTM’s budget: operating, restricted, capital and ancillary. Focussing on the operating budget, C. Capewell noted that the budget is comprised of approximately half tuition, half provincial operating grants. She told the group that the St. George campus has endured budget cuts, UTM hasn’t had any this year.

A member noted that there may be secondary issues associated with enrollment increases.

C. Capewell discussed UTM’s expenses increasing before revenue. A member asked how is the revenue increase occurring? C. Capewell responded the revenue is an overall average. Enrollment growth must be carefully managed. C. Capewell noted that University wide costs (university fund, student aid, etc.) are deleted from funding before UTM receives it. Central library systems is one of our biggest costs. P. Donoghue noted that UTM carries its own occupancy costs. University costs are being re-assessed, modifications may occur as a result.

C. Capewell noted that the University fund allocation is now $2.7M. A member asked if we are receiving revenue based on student enrollment. C. Capewell explained that yes, we are and that our portion of tuition and grant revenue is reflected in the slide on the screen. P. Donoghue noted that university costs are $25M + $2.5M, and we contribute 10% of our revenues to the University Fund of which, we receive $2.7M back. Divisional revenue (self-funded student services) is mostly self-funded student services and recoveries between UTM departments. money transactions (recoveries) between internal UTM departments. It was noted that the accumulated UofT deficit was currently $14 million, and UTM makes annual payments of $3M. payment, the result is a remaining $11M deficit.
A member asked do we pay for downtown office of advancement and library services? C. Capewell responded that yes, we do, but we receive a large discount, as does UTSC. A member wondered if there are steps we can take to get more than 10% back. P. Donoghue noted that in a meeting scheduled for November 13th at St. George, this consideration will be a key component. Our position is that we intend to get a great deal of that money back from the University Fund. A. Mullin agreed – stating that our faculty to student ratio is one of our biggest levers. A member asked about endowment funds, P. Donoghue noted that UTM doesn’t have large amounts of endowment funds.

The next meeting of Resources, Planning and Priorities will be on Monday, November 1st, 2010.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10pm.

Lee Bailey
Chair

Tamara Breukelman
Acting Director, Governance & Special Projects

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