OPEN SESSION

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Dr. D. Wilkinson
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UNIVERSITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.
Council Room (Room 111), Gilmour Hall

PRESENT:  Dr. D. Wilkinson (Chair), Dr. R. Baker, Dr. J. Daniel, Dr. P. Deane, Dr. S. Hanna, Dr. J. Hurley, Dr. T. Moffat, Ms L. Serviss, Dr. D. Welch, Ms H. Ayre (University Secretary), Mr. M. Downard (Senior Governance Advisor and Associate University Secretary)

OBSERVERS:  Dr. S. Searls Giroux, Associate Vice-President (Faculty)
Mr. S. Van Koughnett, Associate Vice-President (Students and Learning)
Ms M. Williams, Vice-President (University Advancement)

CONSULTANTS:  Ms L. Coslovi, Executive Director, Office of the Provost

INVITED:  Dr. M. Attalla, Assistant Vice-President (Facility Services)
Dr. J. MacKillop, Professor, Faculty of Health Sciences

REGrets RECEIVED:  Mr. R. Couldrey, Dr. W. D’Angelo, Dr. S. Denburg, Mr. R. Deshpande, Mr. P. Douglas, Mr. A. Jacob, Dr. J. Lee, Dr. A. McQueen, Ms J. Pike,

I  MINUTES

On a motion duly moved and seconded, the minutes of the meeting held on March 15, 2017 were Approved as circulated.

II  BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising from the minutes of the previous meeting that was not addressed by subsequent agenda items.

III  CHAIR’S COMMENTS AND UPDATES

Dr. Wilkinson provided an update on the recent Strategic Mandate Agreement town hall. It was noted also that a positive discussion on the SMA took place in advance of the last Senate meeting.

The Provost informed members that the State of the Academy video will be posted on the Provost’s website.
IV  **2017-18 CONSOLIDATED BUDGET**

Dr. Daniel, Chair of the Budget Committee, provided the Committee with a presentation on the 2017-18 consolidated budget.

V  **PRESIDENT’S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY – ANNUAL REPORT**

Dr. Joseph provided members with an overview of the President’s Advisory Committee on Building an Inclusive Community annual report, including recent events and initiatives that have been held on campus. Dr. Joseph discussed the challenges and opportunities facing the Advisory Committee as it works to enhance inclusivity on campus.

VI  **McMASTER ACCESSIBILITY COUNCIL – ANNUAL REPORT**

Ms Pottier discussed the annual report, explaining the ways in which accessibility is being enhanced on campus. The Accessibility Council has been working with the MacPherson Institute on accessibility resources and training tools referred to as Forward with Flexibility. It was noted that the Accessibility Policy has not been updated in a number of years and is currently under review.

Dr. Deane thanked Ms Pottier for the work of the group and inquired if there are any areas that require specific attention. Ms Pottier explained that there remains work to be done on the accessibility website, as well as maintaining a strong communications plan.

VII  **PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH THE McMASTER CENTRE FOR BUDDHIST STUDIES**

Dr. Hurley discussed the proposal to establish the McMaster University Centre for Buddhist Studies. McMaster currently has research strength in Buddhist studies and the creation of the Centre would help build momentum and international profile. The Committee discussed the details of the Centre, including governance, leadership, and the financial commitment required of the University.

It was duly moved and seconded, that the University Planning Committee approve, for recommendation to Senate and the Board of Governors, the proposal to establish the McMaster Centre for Buddhist Studies, as contained in the circulated material.

The motion was carried.

VIII  **PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH THE MICHAEL G. DEGROOTE CENTRE FOR MEDICINAL CANNABIS RESEARCH**

Dr. MacKillop joined the meeting.

Dr. MacKillop provided the University Planning Committee with an overview of the Centre. Given the current climate surrounding medicinal cannabis, there is an opportunity to capitalize on a field of study where there is a shortage of research. The creation of the Centre
will provide a competitive advantage for McMaster and allow for leadership in this field of study. There is also significant potential to influence public policy making. Members discussed the Centre’s proposed governance.

It was duly moved and seconded,

**that the University Planning Committee approve, for recommendation to Senate and the Board of Governors, the establishment of the Michael G. DeGroote Centre for Medicinal Cannabis Research, as contained in the attached report.**

The motion was carried.

Dr. MacKillop withdrew from the meeting.

**IV**

**NF91 MAIN CAMPUS ELECTRICAL TRANSFORMER AND SWITCHGEAR PROJECT**

Dr. Attalla joined the meeting.

The University Planning Committee discussed the NF91 main campus electrical transformer and switchgear project. Dr. Attalla went through the costs and timelines for completing the project. The current equipment is approximately 60 years old and requires replacement.

It was duly moved and seconded,

**that the University Planning Committee approve, for recommendation to the Planning and Resources Committee, the implementation of phase two of the NF91 Electrical Transformer and Switchgear Replacement project at an estimated project cost of $12,000,000 including net HST.**

The motion was carried.

**V**

**CAMPUS MASTER PLAN**

Dr. Attalla explained to members the changes within the revised Campus Master Plan. The revisions incorporate the principles of the Okanagan Charter, specifically the integration of health promotion and wellbeing. Dr. Deane noted that the revisions focus on the desire to ensure the Charter’s principles are enshrined within the Plan. It is not specific to any one project, but is intended to provide a focus for planning and decision making.

It was duly moved and seconded,

**that the University Planning Committee approve, for recommendation to the Planning and Resources Committee, the revised Campus Master Plan.**

The motion was carried.