

McMaster University

UNIVERSITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.

Council Room (Room 111), Gilmour Hall

PRESENT: Dr. D. Farrar (Chair), Mr. R. Couldrey, Dr. K. Mossman, Dr. M. Thompson, Dr. A. McQueen, Dr. G. Goward, Dr. J. Richardson, Dr. A. Campos, Dr. L. Waverman, Ms A. Dosen, Mr. R. Narro Perez, Mr. T. Heath, Mr. M. Downard (Associate University Secretary), Ms A. Suckert (Governance Coordinator)

OBSERVERS: Ms M. Williams, Dr. S. Van Koughnett, Dr. S. Denburg, Dr. S. Searls Giroux

CONSULTANTS: Ms L. Coslovi, Dr. J. Lee

INVITED: Dr. Gerry Wright, Professor, Biochemistry and Biomedical Sciences
Mr. Norm Hawton, Project Director, Design and Construction

REGRETS RECEIVED: Dr. S. Labarge, Dr. P. Deane, Mr. P. Douglas, Mr. B. Merkel, Dr. S. Hanna

A. *OPEN SESSION*

1 **MINUTES of the Open Session meeting of September 19, 2018**

The minutes of the **September 19, 2018** open session meeting were **approved** as circulated.

2 **BUSINESS ARISING**

There was no business arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

3 **CHAIR'S COMMENTS AND UPDATES**

Dr. Farrar provided members with an update on the provincial government and advised that the economic update would be coming from the Province on Thursday. The University understands that there is the possibility that the government will impose some cutbacks on the sector, but at this point it is not known where alterations will be made. The University is proceeding with the assumption that the block grant will remain unchanged.

Dr. Farrar informed the Committee that the DeGroot School of Business building, which came to the Committee previously for approval in principle, has been updated. The proposal is starting through the governance process and will be going to the Planning and Resources Committee, followed by the University Planning Committee.

4 PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DAVID BRALEY CENTRE FOR ANTIBIOTIC DISCOVERY

Dr. Wright joined the meeting.

Dr. Wright provided the Committee with an overview of the proposal, noting that the purpose is to be able to provide resources and leverage opportunities related to antibiotic discovery. The Centre has been designed to create partnerships across campus and internationally.

A question was asked regarding whether there was any consideration about how the Centre can provide opportunities to undergraduate students. Dr. Wright explained that undergraduates are an integral part of research programs and that the undergraduate experience is key to moving forward.

A question was asked regarding priorities and capital infrastructure. Dr. Wright explained that the Centre is going to need additional space, and this is part of the planning and discussions that will be taking place.

It was duly moved and seconded,

that the University Planning Committee approve, for recommendation to the Senate and the Board of Governors, the establishment of the David Braley Centre for Antibiotic Discovery.

The motion was **carried**.

Dr. Wright withdrew from the meeting.

5 OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business in the open session of the meeting.