

McMaster University

UNIVERSITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.
Council Room (Room 111), Gilmour Hall

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

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

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

INVITED: Ms D. Martin, Assistant Vice-President and Chief Facilities Officer

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

A. OPEN SESSION

1 MINUTES of the Open Session meeting of February 27, 2019

The minutes of the **February 27, 2019** open session meeting were **approved** as amended.

2 CHAIR'S COMMENTS AND UPDATES

Dr. Farrar provided the Committee with an update on the Federal budget announcement. The most interesting announcement is the federal investment in indigenous investments. Another aspect is student work integrated learning. There is funding for international student mobility. The important part is cohort-based mobility at the graduate level. There are also some changes to the student loans.

Another change is to student ancillary fees. The university has been putting in a lot of effort to the opt out component. There is a component around opting out for varsity sports however this is unlikely to impact McMaster in a major way.

3 BUSINESS ARISING

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

4 OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.