

McMaster University

UNIVERSITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

**Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.
Provost Boardroom (Room 211), Gilmour Hall**

PRESENT: Dr. D. Farrar (Chair), Dr. P. Deane, Dr. R. Baker, 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: Dr. S. Van Koughnett, 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

A. OPEN SESSION

1 MINUTES of the Open Session meeting of January 16, 2019

The minutes of the **January 16, 2019** open session meeting were **approved** as circulated.

2 CHAIR'S COMMENTS AND UPDATES

Dr. Farrar provided members with an update on snow closures. The process begins at 5:00 a.m. and involves examining if it is dangerous to get to campus or will be dangerous to leave campus. There is a tendency to stay open because of the implications of closing. Consideration is made around safety and is not coupled to school board closings and how that will affect staff, students and faculty with families. Once a decision is made, a banner goes on the top of the home page and the message is pushed out over the safety app and all social media.

3 BUSINESS ARISING

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

4 OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Baker provided the Committee with an update on a forthcoming Centres and Institutes update. A strategic research plan is being completed for the appropriate

placement for institutes. There is the possibility of moving the institutes to a faculty or a coalition of some Deans. The proposal will be presented later this year.