

Memorandum

To: Members of the Academic Council

From: Kamiel Gabriel, Associate Provost, Research

Date: October 7, 2008

Subject: Strategic Research Plan

Federally funded programs such as the Canada Foundation for Innovation and the Canada Research Chairs require higher-education institutions to submit an institutional strategic research plan and to renew their plans every 3-5 years. The UOIT first strategic research plan was developed in late 2003 and has been guiding our research thrust over the past 5 years. As UOIT matures and builds strength in special research fields, the research plan needs to be revised accordingly. The new plan builds on the research themes where UOIT has demonstrated strong leadership.

The process to develop a new strategic research plan started in June 2007 with initial consultations involving an ad hoc committee of faculty members representing all seven Faculties and having a good mix of junior and senior faculty, CRC's and Industrial Chairs. The Plan was then developed based on a wide consultation process involving the deans and the academic leadership. It has been endorsed by members of the Research Board at its meeting of September 10th, and was initially presented to members of the Academic Council on the the same day. After receiving feedback from AC members (mostly editorial in nature), the Plan was further modified and re-submitted to the Executive Committee of the Academic Council at its October 6th meeting. The Executive Committee has endorsed the Plan to move forward for submission to the Canada Foundation for Innovation and the CRC secretariat.

A copy of the Plan is attached to this memo. I would like to move the following motion:

“That the Academic Council approves the Strategic Research Plan as presented and covering the period from 2008 to 2013”.

Thank you!

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