The following item arises from the Information Technology (IT) Committee meeting of May 14, 2019. It is presented to the Board of Governors for information.

I. FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

1. Report on IT Project and Contract Approvals valued between $1M and $6M [IT18-10]

The Committee received a Report on IT Project and Contract Approvals valued between $1M and $6M approved by the Principal or the Vice-Principal (Administration and Finance) during the reporting period of October 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019, pursuant to their respective authorities under the Policy on Approval of Contracts and Designation of Signing Authority.

There were no IT projects valued between $1 million and $6 million to report for the period of October 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019. There were two IT contracts valued between $1 million and $6 million to report for the period of October 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019 valued at $1,991,959 (excluding taxes) and $3,161,237.06 (excluding taxes) respectively.

2. Update on Financing Plan for Deferred Maintenance and IT Initiatives: [IT18-11]

Adjustment of Bond Allocation

The IT Committee was informed of a reallocation of bond proceeds for deferred maintenance and IT initiatives. Previously, the spending allocation was set at $300 million for deferred maintenance and $100 million for IT initiatives. Moving forward, $250 million will be allocated for deferred maintenance projects, and $150 million for IT initiatives. This adjustment takes into account increased funds needed to address deferred maintenance needs in the area of IT and the availability of increased government funding for deferred maintenance in the area of construction and renovation projects. The Building and Property Committee and Finance Committee have also been informed of this adjustment.

3. Update on Cyber Security [IT18-12]

The Committee received an update on cyber security for the period from January to April 2019. It was noted that the most common types of security incidents were phishing attacks, hacking attempts and malware infections. The update featured a report, which described incidents and corrective measures, which had been fully implemented. In order
to monitor the resilience of the University’s IT security, the Committee will receive an update on cyber security at each meeting.


The Committee received a Report on planned and approved IT initiatives and projects, which included a status update of initiatives and projects funded by proceeds of the Bond.

As at January 31, 2019, the cumulative expenditure of bond proceeds on IT initiatives and projects was $37,345,712.

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