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Subject: MARK YOUR CALENDARS - John R Brodie Science Centre Open House

You are all invited to attend an Open House to review conceptual design recommendations for our John R Brodie Science Centre on Tuesday, January 15th at 12:15 pm in our Louis Riel Room.

JOHN R. BRODIE SCIENCE CENTRE OPEN HOUSE WITH PRESENTATION TO REVIEW CONCEPTUAL DESIGN RECOMMENDATIONS

BACKGROUND

In June of 2018, Brandon University commissioned Prairie Architects Inc. and their team comprised of Mansfield Construction, Wolfrom Engineering Ltd. and SMS Engineering, to undertake a preliminary assessment of the John R. Brodie Science Centre and make conceptual design recommendations related to the teaching and research space needs of the Faculty of Science and broader BU community in consideration of a re-envisioned John R. Brodie Science Centre on the BU campus.

The existing building no longer meets the needs of the Faculty of Science, nor the broader BU community. The Prairie Architects Inc. team has conducted much of the work to produce a high-level existing building assessment, functional space plan, determination of the current use of space, current and future space needs and addressed potential gaps that may exist, in order to understand why and how the existing building no longer meets the needs of the Faculty of Science, nor the broader BU community. This is where your assistance in the process is required!

PROCESS

The architects and engineers have conducted on site reviews to assess the Brodie Science Centre and have drafted a comprehensive quantitative Existing Building Condition Assessment. Following this assessment, the team gathered more specific user and department focused information through an online survey and a series of department chair interviews to compile a quantitative and qualitative User Data Summary. Based on what they heard, the team produced 2 conceptual design recommendations to meet the established \$20M and \$40M budget thresholds. The architects presented the concept development to the Science Faculty Planning Committee (SPFC) in early December and we'd now like to open the discussion up to a larger group for feedback.

In order to gather feedback on the proposed conceptual design recommendations, we invite you to join us for an open house and presentation on **Tuesday, January 15, 2019 from 12:15pm to 1:45pm in the Louis Riel Room**. The session will be structured to allow for mingling and review of the concepts from 12:15pm to 12:45pm; with a formal presentation by the architects from 12:45pm to 1:15pm; followed again by an opportunity to mingle and review the concepts and engage in conversation with the architects to answer any questions you might have. We ask that you take the time to join us and come prepared to share your feedback on the conceptual recommendations that will be presented. We want to hear from you in your own words, what you think about the proposed vision for the Brodie Science Centre!

INTENT

The intent of this process is to facilitate feedback on the design of a re-envisioned John R. Brodie Science Centre not only for the Faculty of Science, but also for the broader BU community. It is an opportunity for students, researchers, faculty and administration to comment on the re-imagined space: what works and what doesn't? What are *your* thoughts on the approach? It is an opportunity for the architects to report the findings of their work, to show you the conceptual design

recommendations, and to get feedback on the concepts that were developed within the \$20M and \$40M budgetary thresholds. We want you to continue to be a part of the process that will take the Faculty of Science and the broader BU community into the future with premiere teaching and research spaces that will attract and retain the best and the brightest.

NEXT STEPS

Once your feedback from the open house has been gathered and recorded, it will form part of the final report that will be presented to the BU Board of Governors in March of 2019. Then, moving toward the next chapter for the Brodie Science Centre will involve a significant level of consultation and communication with you – this is just the beginning of a very exciting process!

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