



Message from Susan M. Gottheil, Vice-Provost (Students)

Dear Colleagues,

In an effort to align our IT resources in an intentional and more prioritized way towards delivering an exceptional student experience, we are issuing a Call for Proposals to solicit IT-related opportunities that you feel would help us achieve that goal.

In Fall 2012 the first Call for Proposals for IT-related opportunities was made and there were 44 submissions from students, staff and faculty. There are currently 15 of these projects, identified as having the highest strategic importance, that are in progress or near completion. Two projects currently near completion are the new student email project and the introduction of wireless technology into more buildings (both at the Bannatyne and Fort Garry campuses). Some projects in progress that will be completed in early 2014 include a video streaming upgrade, a replacement software system for Libraries (Primo and Alma), and the improvement of the University Health Services IT infrastructure.

Building on the success of last year's initiative, and given the positive feedback we have received to date, we would like to repeat the Students First IT Project Call for Proposals. In this regard, we are inviting you to identify additional IT-related projects that will benefit students. If you made a submission for the 2013-14 Call for Proposals, and we could not resource the project under that program, you will be contacted to confirm your interest in re-submitting your original proposal for 2014-15.

Please either use the attached form and email it to student_life@umanitoba.ca or visit this link umanitoba.ca/ist/studentxp to provide details on the project you would like the Selection Committee to consider. If you have questions regarding the form, contact Brian McLean at brian.mclean@umanitoba.ca or extension 7236 for assistance.

Submit your proposals early, as the deadline is 4 p.m. CST December 9, 2013. The goal is to have a first set of prioritized proposals available to IST for more detailed estimates and to the President's Advisory Council on IT and Innovation for review by early January 2014. A final recommendation on project priorities will be included in IST's 2014-15 submission to the Strategic Resource Planning Committee.

Anyone contributing a proposal will be contacted on the proposal's status as we assess projects and set priorities.

Thank you for your interest and submission,

Susan Gottheil, Vice-Provost (Students) & Mike Langedock, CIO, IST

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