

Memo



TO Georgina Moore, Secretary of the Senate

FROM David Pardy, Secretary, Applied Science Faculty Board

DATE Thursday, July 10, 2008

SUBJECT Closure of the Centre for Manufacturing of Advance
Ceramics and Nanomaterials

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At its meeting on June 18, 2008, the Applied Science Faculty Board approved the following motion:

That Faculty Board recommend to Senate, that the Centre for Manufacturing of Advance Ceramics and Nanomaterials, be closed officially on September 30, 2008.

A copy of the report provided to the Faculty Board is attached. Please note that we are following an abbreviated process for closure under the Senate "Procedures Governing the Establishment, Reporting and Review of Research Centres, Institutes, and other entities at Queen's University".

There has been an orderly winding down of the Centre's activities under the supervision of the Faculty Office. Financial statements will be prepared for the Dean of Applied Science and Vice-Principal (Research). We have not appointed an independent consultant as the principal stakeholders in the Centre's activities have been consulted in the proposal to close the Centre in this manner. This action by Faculty Board is consistent with the practice followed recently by the Faculty of Applied Science in the closure of CAMM, the Centre for Automotive Materials and Manufacturing.

David Pardy
Secretary
Applied Science Faculty Board

Faculty of Applied Science
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To Members of the Applied Science Faculty Board

Motion to Close the Centre for Manufacturing of Advance Ceramics and Nanomaterials

In 2000, Queen's University successfully led a consortium of four institutions in receiving a \$3.3 million grant from the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ontario (MEDT) under the Strategic Skills Program. The consortium, Queen's, RMC, the University of Toronto and Niagara College, was granted interim status as a Queen's faculty-based centre in 2002. It received over \$7.5 million in funding from the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) and the Ontario Innovation Trust (OIT). In 2006, CMACN was approved formally as a Faculty-based centre.

Since its inception the centre has successfully discharged its mandate in skills training, graduate education, research and development and utilized fully, the funding from MEDT and CFI/OIT. The Director of CMACN plans to continue the research activities that are the legacy of CMACN at the newly opened Innovation Park at Queen's where a spin-off company will also be established. It is now timely and appropriate that the centre dissolve its operations as a Faculty centre and continue its research activities within the structure and services available to researchers at the new Innovation Park.

I wish to serve notice that at the June 18, 2008 meeting of Faculty Board, I will move:

That Faculty Board recommend to Senate, that the Centre for Manufacturing of Advance Ceramics and Nanomaterials, be closed officially on September 30, 2008.

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