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AGENDA ITEM: 6

## **ITEM IDENTIFICATION:**

### **Pension Fund Master Trust Investment Policy**

## **JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:**

Business Board approves all policies with respect to financial programs and transactions.

## **PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:**

The Pension Fund Master Trust Investment Policy was last approved by the Business Board on April 7, 2003 (Attachment 4).

The Amended and Restated Service and UTAM Personnel Agreement between the Governing Council of the University of Toronto and The University of Toronto Asset Management Corporation was last approved by the Business Board on April 7, 2003, and its Schedule C was last approved on January 19, 2004. (Attachment 2 – excerpts).

## **HIGHLIGHTS:**

When this policy was last approved by the Business Board, on April 7, 2003, the Board was notified that it would be thoroughly reviewed from the liability side during 2003-04 and a revised policy submitted to Business Board once that review was complete.

During 2002-03, there had been a review and clarification of the responsibilities and accountabilities of UTAM and of endowment liabilities. On April 7, 2003, the Business Board approved:

- a revised service agreement whereby UofT specified the return expectation and risk tolerance and delegated to UTAM the responsibility for investment of both university and pension funds, and
- a revised investment policy for university funds reflecting these changes.

However, the corresponding changes to the pension fund investment policy were not made at that time, pending completion of the pension liability study.

That review has now been completed. It concluded that pension liabilities are very similar to endowment liabilities, leading to selection of the same return expectation and risk tolerance as that selected for the endowment. The pension fund master trust investment policy has now been modified to reflect a 4.0% real inflation-adjusted investment return expectation and a standard deviation of 10% or less in real terms over 10 year periods and to delegate investment responsibility to UTAM.

Therefore, pension and endowment funds could be managed together, with the only difference being the 30% foreign content limit for pension funds, which is specified by the Income Tax Act. In accordance with the Federal Income Tax Act, foreign content shall not exceed to limitation for pension funds, currently 30% of the book value of the pension master trust assets since January 1, 2001. In order to benefit from global opportunities the actual foreign content exposure may exceed 30% by use of structures by UTAM that comply with all relevant legal and tax requirements. It is expect that actual foreign content exposure may range up to about 50%.

The previous pension fund master trust investment policy constituted the Statement of Investment Policies and Procedures, as required by the Pension Benefits Act and the Financial Services Commission of Ontario.

To continue to meet this legal requirement while reflecting the University's desired delegation of investment responsibility to UTAM, the Statement of Investment Policies and Procedures has now been re-defined to include three documents:

- the University of Toronto Pension Fund Master Trust Investment Policy, as – approved by Business Board (Attachment 1 – for approval).

- the Amended and Restated Service Agreement between the Governing Council of the University of Toronto and the University of Toronto Asset Management Corporation, as approved by Business Board on April 7, 2003 and January 19, 2004 (Attachment 2 – excerpts, for information. Full agreement is available for viewing on the Governing Council website, [www.utoronto.ca/govcncl](http://www.utoronto.ca/govcncl) under the agendas for these meetings).

- the UTAM pension fund master trust investment policy, as approved by the UTAM Board on February 16, 2004 (Attachment 3 – for information).

It is the view of the University's actuary, Hewitt Associates, that this approach should fulfill the legal requirements with respect to the Statement of Investment Policies and Procedures for the pension funds. The UofT Policy continues to include all elements that legally require approval by the University. The relationship between the three documents is illustrated in attachment 5.

#### **FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That the proposed University of Toronto Pension Fund Master Trust Investment Policy, a copy of which is attached to Ms. Riggall's memorandum of February 23, 2004 as attachment 1, be approved; and
  
- (b) That, taken together, (i) the proposed University of Toronto Pension Fund Master Trust Investment Policy, (ii) the University of Toronto Asset Management Corporation Pension Fund Master Trust Investment Policy, a copy of which is attached to Ms. Riggall's memorandum of February 23, 2004 as attachment 3, and (iii) the Amended and Restated Service and UTAM Personnel Agreement made as of the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of May, 2003, including the amended Schedule C approved by the Business Board on January 19, 2004, be approved as the University of Toronto's Pension Fund Master Trust Statement of Investment Policies and Procedures, replacing the University of Toronto Pension Fund Master Trust Investment Policy (Statement of Investment Policies and Goals) approved by the Business Board on April 7, 2003.



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# UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

## **PENSION FUND MASTER TRUST INVESTMENT POLICY (STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES)**

To be read in conjunction with the Service and UTAM Personnel Agreement between the Governing Council of the University of Toronto and the University of Toronto Asset Management Corporation and the University of Toronto Asset Management Corporation Pension Fund Master Trust Investment Policy. Together, these two policies and the service agreement constitute the Statement of Investment Policies and Procedures for the University of Toronto Pension Plan and the University of Toronto (OISE) Pension Plan.

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**PENSION FUND MASTER TRUST INVESTMENT POLICY**  
**(STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICIES & PROCEDURES)**

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## UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

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#### Preamble

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#### 1. PLAN DESCRIPTION AND GOVERNANCE

##### 1.1 Type of Pension Plan

The pension plans are contributory defined benefit plans registered under and subject to the Ontario Pension Benefits Act. The Governing Council of the University of Toronto is the registered plan administrator. The current plans provide pension benefits for eligible employees, currently members of the academic, librarian, administrative and unionized staff of the University, the OISE division of the University, and its related affiliated organizations.

As of August 1, 2000, the University of Toronto pension fund for its OISE division was pooled into a master trust for investment purposes with the University's main pension fund. While they are two separate and distinct plans (University of Toronto Pension Plan registration number 0312827 and OISE Pension Plan registration number 0353854), the pooling for investment purposes enables both funds to enjoy economies of scale and eliminates discrepancies in investment performance. The plan provisions for the OISE plan are identical to the University of Toronto Pension Plan. Required member contributions under the plan each year are 4.5% of salary up to the year's maximum pensionable earnings (YMPE), plus 6% of salary in excess of the YMPE.

The Governing Council has delegated determination of asset mix and management of the plan's assets to achieve the return and risk tolerance objectives set out in this policy to the University of Toronto Asset Management Corporation in accordance with the Service Agreement dated May 1, 2000 between the Governing Council and the University of Toronto Asset Management Corporation (UTAM), as amended April 7, 2003. The investment decisions of UTAM and its Board of Directors are subject to the overall policy direction of the Business Board as reflected in this policy together with amendments to it that the Board may make from time to time and as reflected in the Service Agreement.

## **1.2 Nature of Plan Liabilities**

The purpose of the plans is to provide retirement income for members of the plans. The plans provide an annual pension benefit to members based on a prescribed formula applied to years of participation.

Pension benefits are adjusted each year by an amount equal to the greater of:

- (a) 75% increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the previous year; or
- (b) the increase in the CPI for the previous year minus four percentage points.

As of July 1, 2003, there were 7,141 active members in the University of Toronto Pension Plan, 3,942 retired participants, 489 terminated vested members and 1,447 exempt or pending status. The average age of active members was 46.8 years, average service 12.8 years, and average pay was \$69,949. As of July 1, 2003 the market value of assets of the plan was \$1,863.2 million versus going concern accrued liabilities of \$2066.7 million.

As of July 1, 2003 the OISE Pension Plan had 176 active members, 131 retired members, and 16 terminated vested members. The average age of active members was 53.9 years, average service was 19.9 years and average pay was \$75,633. As of July 1, 2003 the market value of assets of the plan was \$90.5 million versus going concern accrued liabilities of \$83.4 million.

The going-concern liabilities are influenced by real interest rates, salary increases, CPI increases, turnover, mortality, and retirement age patterns. Appropriate allowance is made for these factors in the assumptions used for actuarial valuation purposes and it is not expected that actual experience will vary significantly from the valuation amounts over the long term.

The duration (a weighted-average sensitivity measure) of plan liabilities is 13.3 years and 13.2 years respectively for the University of Toronto and OISE pension plans. Duration is lengthened due to the plans' automatic inflation protection, which increases benefit payments over time. The long duration of liabilities is indicative of a long-term investment horizon for the assets.

Going-concern liabilities are determined using long-term assumptions and are not affected by short-term changes in interest rates. Solvency liabilities do fluctuate from year to year with market interest rates, but because the plans provide guaranteed indexing of 75% of the increase in the CPI, the market interest rate used to determine solvency liabilities depends more on the yield of real return bonds than on nominal bond yields. Real yields on real return bonds have been less volatile than nominal interest rates. Fluctuations in solvency liabilities caused by real interest rate changes can have an impact on cash contributions or pension expenses.

## **2. INVESTMENT POLICIES AND GOALS**

### **2.1 Introduction**

The University of Toronto has engaged the University of Toronto Asset Management Corporation (UTAM) to manage the pension master trust assets. As a client of UTAM, it is important that the University delivers to its fund manager a concise statement of return objectives as well as risk tolerance, and that these two components are congruous. The purpose of this policy is to establish both of these objectives with regard to the pension master trust.

### **2.2 Return Expectations and Risk Tolerance**

In order to meet the planned payments of pensions to pensions, the return objective is a 4.0% real, inflation-adjusted return over a 10 year period. This return objective is net of all fees.

To keep risk at a reasonable level, UTAM shall manage the asset portfolio to achieve a target annual standard deviation of 10.0% or less in nominal terms over 10 year periods.

### **2.3 Asset Mix**

UTAM shall establish the asset mix investment mandates and then select investment managers to be responsible for the management of the portfolios in accordance with those mandates. Funds will normally be allocated to external managers, or, when determined to be advantageous, may be allocated to internal management. Portfolio diversification, categories and subcategories of investments, use of derivatives, and investment restrictions will be accountabilities of UTAM.

Each investment manager shall adhere to this policy and shall follow the investment policies and goals with the care, diligence, and skill that a person skilled as a professional investment manager would use in dealing with pension plan assets and shall use all relevant knowledge and skill that the investment manager possesses or ought to possess. Investment managers are expected to be in compliance with the standards of professional conduct and code of ethics administered by the Association for Investment Management and Research (AIMR).

Performance benchmarks against market indices and peer universes will be established for the pension master trust. The details of the benchmarks will be described in the service agreement between the University and UTAM.

### **2.4 Restrictions**

In addition to the restrictions developed by the University and UTAM, the policy will adhere to the restrictions specified within the Pensions Benefits Act, Regulation 909 of the Revised Regulations of Ontario 1990, and the Federal Income Tax Act, all as amended from time to time.

In accordance with the Federal Income Tax Act, foreign content shall not exceed the limitation for pension funds, currently 30% of the book value of the pension master trust assets since January 1, 2001

### **3. General**

#### **3.1 Conflict of Interest Guidelines**

Anyone involved directly or indirectly with the University's fund investments shall immediately disclose to the Business Board, at the time of its discussion of the policy or of matters related to the investment of University funds, any actual or perceived conflict of interest that could be reasonably expected to impair, or could be reasonably interpreted as impairing, his/her ability to render unbiased and objective advice to fulfill his/her fiduciary responsibility to act in the best interests of the funds.

This standard applies to the University and to its employees, to the members of the Governing Council, its boards and committees and to employees and members of the board of UTAM, as well as to all agents employed by them in the execution of their responsibilities under the Pension Benefits Act (Ontario) (the "Affected Persons").

An "agent" is defined to mean a company, organization, association or individual, as well as its employees who are retained by the University to provide specific services with respect to the investment, administration and management of the assets of the Plan.

Disclosure:

In the execution of their duties, the Affected Persons shall disclose any conflict of interest relating to them, or any material ownership of securities, which could impair their ability to render unbiased advice, or to make unbiased decisions, affecting the administration of the Plan assets.

Further, it is expected that no Affected Person shall make any personal financial gain (direct or indirect) because of his or her fiduciary position. However, normal and reasonable fees and expenses incurred in the discharge of their responsibilities are permitted upon notification to the University.

No Affected Person shall accept a gift or gratuity or other personal favour, other than one of nominal value, from a person with whom the employees deals in the course of performance of his or her duties and responsibilities for the Plan.

It is incumbent on any Affected Person who believes that he or she may have a conflict of interest, or who is aware of any conflict of interest, to disclose full details of the situation to the attention of the Business Board immediately, The Business Board in turn, will decide what action is appropriate under the circumstances but, at a minimum, will table the matter at the next regular meeting of the Business Board.

No Affected Person who has or is required to make a disclosure as contemplated in this Policy shall participate in any discussion, decision or vote relating to any proposed investment or transaction in respect of which he or she has made or is required to make disclosure, unless otherwise determined permissible by unanimous decision of the Business Board.

#### **3.2 Custody**

Custody requirements will be an accountability of UTAM and a requirement that UTAM develop, approve and review these requirements will be incorporated into the service agreement between the University and UTAM.

### 3.3 Related Party Transactions:

The University, on behalf of the plan, may not enter into a transaction with a related party unless

- a) the transaction is both required for operation and or administration of the Plan and the terms and conditions of the transaction are no less favourable than market terms and conditions;
- b) securities of the related party are acquired at a public exchange; or
- c) the combined value of all transactions with the same related party is nominal or the transaction(s) is immaterial to the fund.

For the purposes of this section, only the market value of the combined assets of the Plan shall be used as the criteria to determine whether a transaction is nominal or immaterial to the Plan.

A “related party” is defined to mean the administrator of the Plan, including any officer, director or employee of the administrator, or any person who is a member of the University. It also includes UTAM and their employees, investment managers and their employees, a union representing employees of the employer, a member of the plan, a spouse or child of the persons named previously, or a corporation that is directly or indirectly controlled by the persons named previously, among others. Related party does not include government or a government agency, or a bank, trust company or other financial institution that holds the assets of the Plan, where that person is not the administrator of the Plan.

### 3.4 Responsibilities of Fund Managers and Professionals:

The University has overall responsibility for the Plans. The University has delegated certain responsibilities to UTAM and to third party agents.

- a) Investment managers:  
The University has delegated responsibility for Investment Managers to UTAM. The Investment managers will:
  - (i) invest the assets of the Plans in accordance with this Policy;
  - (ii) notify UTAM in writing of any significant changes in the Investment manager’s philosophies and policies, personnel or organization and procedures
  - (iii) reconcile their own records with those of the custodian, at least monthly.
  - (iv) meet with UTAM as required and provide written reports regarding their past performance, their future strategies and other issues requested by UTAM, and
  - (v) file compliance reports as frequently as required by UTAM.
- b) Custodian/trustee:  
The University has delegated responsibility to UTAM for the custodian/trustee. The custodian/trustee will:
  - (i) maintain safe custody over the assets of the Plans.
  - (ii) Execute the instructions of the University, of UTAM and of the investment managers.
  - (iii) record income and provide monthly financial statements to the University and to UTAM as required.
  - (iv) Meet with UTAM as required.
- c) Actuary:  
The University appoints the actuary. The actuary will:
  - (i) perform actuarial valuations of the Plans as required.
  - (ii) advise the University on any matters relating to the Plans design, membership and contributions, and
  - (iii) assist the University in any other way required.

(iv) Meet with the University as required.

d) Accountant:

The University appoints the accountant. The accountant will provide annual audited financial statements of the Plans and meet with the University as required.

The University has the authority to retain other consultants/suppliers, as it deems necessary from time to time.

### **3.5 Policy Review**

This statement shall be reviewed at least once a year and either confirmed or amended as necessary.

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Catherine Riggall  
Interim Vice-President, Business Affairs  
March 1, 2004

**Amended and Restated Service and UTAM Personnel Agreement  
between the Governing Council of the University of Toronto and  
the University of Toronto Asset Management Corporation\***

**Excerpts regarding Delegation of Authority  
to UTAM by the University of Toronto**

2. The University hereby appoints UTAM as its agent to act on its behalf as the sole and exclusive manager (subject to any permitted subdelegation hereunder) of such of the money, investments, investment funds and pension funds that come into the hands or are under the administration of the University as it determines to place under the management of UTAM (the "Managed Assets"), upon and subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and for an indefinite term, terminable by the University (i) forthwith upon any material breach of this Agreement by UTAM; or (ii) upon three month's prior written notice to UTAM.

3. In acting as agent for the University in providing investment management services (the "Services") hereunder, subject to the terms and conditions hereof (including UTAM's obligations in section 6 hereof to act in accordance with the Investment Policies (as hereinafter defined)), UTAM shall have the power and authority to take all such actions and execute all such documents as may be necessary or desirable in order for it to properly manage the Managed Assets, including without limitation, the power and authority to:

- (a) invest and re-invest the Managed Assets and the proceeds thereof in accordance with the Investment Policies (as hereinafter defined);
- (b) acquire, hold, manage, lease, repair, improve, alter, demolish, dispose of and otherwise deal with lands, buildings and other interests in real estate on behalf of and for the benefit of the University;
- (c) employ and retain the services of investment managers, counselors, advisers and other investment professionals and experts and delegate investment powers to such persons;
- (d) provide directions to, oversee any administration by and otherwise correspond with duly appointed trustees, custodians and subcustodians of the Managed Assets;
- (e) Investment Strategy: UTAM shall establish an investment strategy designed to meet the University's return and risk objectives. The strategy should take into account all the factors which UTAM believes are relevant, including asset mix, choice of asset classes, active versus passive management, and investment philosophy and approval. UTAM shall develop and put in place relevant and appropriate policies to deal with all relevant risks, reflecting a prudent approach. This will include, but not necessarily be restricted to, portfolio diversification, asset class limits, concentration limits, use of derivatives, compliance with relevant legislation and conflicts of interest;
- (f) performance benchmarks against market indices and peer universes will be established for both the fund and individual asset classes. The agreed to benchmarks will form an integral part of this agreement;

- (g) buy, sell, assign, transfer, exchange, convert or convey shares, stocks, bonds, debentures, rights, warrants, options or other securities;
  - (h) borrow money to purchase securities, purchase securities on margin or short-sell securities;
  - (i) exercise any proxy or voting rights and give any consents or waivers associated with any securities in which the Managed Assets are invested in the best interests of the fund, unless otherwise advised by the University;
  - (j) open accounts with banks, trust companies and other financial institutions and give instructions with respect to such accounts as may be necessary in order to invest the Managed Assets;
  - (k) enter into agreements relating to synthetic investment products including debt, equity, commodity, interest rate and currency futures, options, swaps and forward contracts, agreements relating to securities lending, investment and indemnity agreements and other agreements of every nature whatsoever related to the investment of the Managed Assets; and
  - (l) take any action contemplated by or incidental to implementing the Investment Policies.
6. UTAM will be subject to and act in accordance with relevant investment policies of, or approved by, the University or its Business Board (the "Business Board"), as amended from time to time, (the "Investment Policies") including without limitation, the following:
- University Funds Investment Policy and regulations thereunder
  - Expendable Fund Investment Pool Background Paper
  - Pension Fund Master Trust Investment Policy
  - Long-Term Capital Appreciation Pool Policy and regulations thereunder
  - Policy for the Preservation of Capital of Endowment Funds and regulations thereunder
  - Social and Political issues with respect to University Investment
- and other such policies as are declared by the University or its Business Board to be applicable to UTAM. In addition, UTAM will be subject to and act in accordance with other policies and instructions that may be approved from time to time by the University or the Business Board. Those instructions may relate, without limitation, to pooling or not pooling certain University funds for investment purposes, steps aimed at the preservation of the capital of University funds, and social and political criteria governing investments.
7. It shall be the duty of UTAM and its President and Chief Executive Officer to achieve the maximum possible rate of return on each Managed Asset, consistent with (i) applicable law, (ii) the Investment Policies referred to in the preceding clause hereof, (iii) a prudent standard of care for the safety of the capital and due attention to the special purposes and needs of each fund, and (iv) general good and prudent investment practices.

\* approved by the Business Board at its meeting of April 7, 2003, with Schedule C to the service agreement approved by the Business Board at its meeting of January 19, 2004. The full text of the service agreement is available on the Governing Council website at [www.utoronto.ca/govcncl](http://www.utoronto.ca/govcncl), as part of the agendas for the April 7, 2003 and January 19, 2004 meetings.

### SCHEDULE “C”

The investment returns achieved by UTAM are compared to performance benchmarks against market indices and peer universes. Effective October 1, 2003, these benchmarks<sup>1</sup> are:

#### LTCAP & Pension Master Trust

Composite Market Index Benchmark	
Canadian Equities	S&P/TSX Capped Composite <sup>2</sup>
U.S. Equities	Russell 3000
NNA Equities	MSCI EAFE
Fixed Income	Scotia Capital Bond Universe (60% LTCAP / 50% Pension) Scotia Capital Long Bond Index (40% LTCAP / 50% Pension)
Real Asset	Real Estate (50%) — NCREIF <sup>3</sup> Commodities (50%) — GSCI
Private Equities	Russell 3000 + 500 bps
Absolute Return	3 month LIBOR + 450 bps

Peer Universe Comparison	
Total Fund:	RBC GS <sup>4</sup> Balanced Funds Universe
Canadian Equity:	RBC GS Canadian Equity Funds Universe
U.S. Equity:	RBC GS U.S. Equity Funds Universe
International Equity:	RBC GS Non-North American Equity Funds Universe
Fixed Income:	RBC GS Canadian Fixed Income Funds Universe

#### EFIP

Target return for the University of Toronto fiscal years:

2003/2004	4.5%
2004/2005	5.5%

#### Foreign Exchange Currency Overlay Hedge Policy

	Hedge Ratio
U.S. Equities	50%
International Equities	50%
Non-Canadian Fixed Income	100%
Absolute Return	75%
Private Equity	50%
Real Assets	50%

<sup>1</sup> Based on total return indexes.

<sup>2</sup> The S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index and the S&P/TSX Composite Index share the same constituents, but each stock in the capped index is limited to a maximum weight of 10% of the index, measured on a quarterly basis.

<sup>3</sup> NCREIF – National Council of Real Estate Investment Fiduciaries Index.

<sup>4</sup> RBC GS – RBC Global Services, formerly SEI Funds Universe



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**UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO ASSET MANAGEMENT CORPORATION**

**Pension Fund Master Trust Investment Policy**  
(Statement of Investment Policies & Procedures)

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University of Toronto Asset Management Corporation

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## 1. INVESTMENT POLICIES AND GOALS

### 1.1. Asset Mix

The long-term asset mix will be determined by these factors:

- a) Demographics of plan membership and the expected future growth of faculty and staff;
- b) Projected long-term cash flows;
- c) The correlation between the plans' assets, liabilities and cash flows;
- d) The objective for real rate of return;
- e) The desire to maintain a stable level of contribution for the members;
- f) The historic pattern of equity investments producing higher rates of return than debt instruments over the longer term, which pattern is expected to persist;
- g) Role of foreign markets and special asset classes in optimizing the trade off between risk (defined as volatility) and return, recognizing the restriction on foreign content for pension funds in the Federal Income Tax Act as amended from time to time.

The policy mix will be as follows: Asset Mix

<b>Asset Class</b>	<b>(%)</b>
<b>Equities</b>	
Canadian	10.0
U.S.	15.0
Non-North American	15.0
Total Equities	40.0
<b>Bonds</b>	
Universe	10.0
Long	10.0
Real Return	10.0
Total Bonds	30.0
<b>Alternatives</b>	
Real Assets	10.0
Private Equity	10.0
Absolute Return	10.0
Total Alternatives	30.0
<b>Total Fund</b>	<b>100.0</b>

The asset mix will be rebalanced weekly subject to the approved guideline.

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to external managers, or, when determined to be advantageous, may be allocated to internal management.

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In conforming with the foregoing the:

(a) Investment managers will be required to:

- (i) invest the assets of the Plans in accordance with the investment policy;
- (ii) notify UTAM in writing of any significant changes in the investment manager's philosophies and policies, personnel or organization and procedures,
- (iii) reconcile their own records with those of the custodian, at least monthly,
- (iv) meet with UTAM as required and provide written reports regarding their past performance, their future strategies and other issues requested by UTAM, and
- (v) file compliance reports as frequently as required by UTAM.

(b) Custodian/Trustee will be required to:

- (i) maintain safe custody over the assets of the Plans,
- (ii) execute the instructions of the University, of UTAM and of the investment managers,
- (iii) record income and provide monthly financial statements to the University and to UTAM as required,
- (iv) meet with UTAM as required.

## **1.2. Portfolio Diversification**

The objectives of diversification are to:

- a) Reduce the fund's total return variability;
- b) Reduce the exposure to any single component of the capital market;
- c) Reduce the risk of returns not tracking or exceeding inflation;
- d) Increase the longer-term risk-adjusted return potential of the fund.

To achieve diversification the fund will invest in the asset classes as outlined in the asset mix section.

### **1.3. Categories and Subcategories of Investments**

Investments that are permitted shall be classified within the general categories of:

#### **1.3.1. Equity Investments**

Public and private equity securities, including common shares of domestic, foreign and emerging markets equity, ADR's, warrants, convertible bonds, initial public offerings, and equivalent exposures using derivatives.

#### **1.3.2. Fixed Income Investments**

Money market securities, including cash on hand both domestic and foreign, call loans, demand deposit notes, treasury bills, promissory notes (secured and unsecured), term loans (secured and unsecured), banker's acceptances, commercial paper, swap deposits, repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements, foreign pay bills, other money market securities, and equivalent exposures using derivatives.

Bonds, debentures, term loans, mortgages, real return bonds, including short and long dated publicly-traded debt securities, foreign-pay bonds, preferred shares, private placement debt and equivalent exposures using derivatives.

#### **1.3.3. Private Equity, Real Estate and Other Investments**

Real estate equity and debt, managed futures, venture capital and private equity, distressed securities, resource properties, leveraged buyouts, mezzanine financing, oil and gas, hedge funds, market neutral and long/short strategies.

Investment Managers may use pooled fund unit trust, mutual fund, or limited partnership vehicles that include any of the above categories.

### **1.4. Use of Derivatives**

Derivatives may be used for hedging and risk management including the hedging of foreign currency exposure.

They may also be used as a substitute for more traditional investments if they are based on and consistent with achieving the fund's long-term asset mix goal and rate of return objectives. Such products include debt, equity, commodity and currency futures, options, swaps and forward contracts whether directly or through pooled, mutual or segregated funds that employ derivatives and synthetic products for purposes consistent with the investment objectives of the fund.

Derivatives used as a substitute for more traditional investments will not be used to gain leveraged exposure to various asset classes and will be collateralized by cash equal to the risk-adjusted market value of the synthetic exposure.

## **1.5. Restrictions**

Investment restrictions apply within the context of the overall fund objectives and the asset mix policy described above.

In addition to the restrictions developed by the University and UTAM, the policy will adhere to the restrictions specified within the Pensions Benefits Act, Regulation 909 of the Revised Regulations of Ontario 1990, and the Federal Income Tax Act, all as amended from time to time.

### **1.5.1. Minimum Quality Standards for Debt Securities in the Fixed Income Asset Allocation**

Credit ratings of individual holdings in passively-managed mandates will be in accordance with the construction of the major Canadian fixed income indexes. Corporate bonds, debentures and other debt securities purchased for the fund in actively-managed mandates shall have a rating of “A” or better or the equivalent thereof according to a recognized bond rating service. Should a debt security be downgraded to BBB subsequent to purchase, the investment manager will have complete discretion as to whether any remedial action should be taken.

In the case of private placements not rated by a recognized bond rating service, active managers shall apply standards consistent with a minimum “A” rating.

Short-term notes and other evidences of indebtedness of corporations, banks and trust companies shall have a rating of R-1 or the equivalent thereof according to a recognized bond rating service.

For the purposes of this policy, the approved credit rating and the approved credit line for counterparties, with respect to over-the-counter options and forward contracts or its equivalent debt shall be equal to or higher than the “A” rating level as above.

### **1.5.2. Limitations on Securities of any Single Issuer**

Maximum 10% of the book value of plan assets to be loaned to any person, partnership or association, or company and its affiliates; excludes government bonds.

Maximum 5% of the book value of plan assets invested in any single holding categorized as real property and Canadian resource property.

Maximum 15% of the book value of plan assets in aggregate holdings of Canadian resource properties.

Maximum 25% of the book value of plan assets in aggregate of all properties. (Properties include both real property and Canadian resource properties)

Maximum 10% of the book value of total plan assets invested in any one equity holding.

### 1.5.3. Investment Manager Constraints

Investment Managers may not:

- i) make loans or invest with persons that have fiduciary, employer or employee status with respect to the fund;
- ii) except with the written consent of UTAM:
  - (a) use derivatives for financial leverage purposes;
  - (b) purchase or sell pre-specified derivative financial instruments;
  - (c) borrow money to purchase securities, purchase securities on margin or short-sell securities.

### 1.5.4. Foreign Content Limitation

In accordance with the Federal Income Tax Act, the pension master trust will conform to the foreign content limitation for pension funds, currently 30% of the book value of the pension master trust assets since January 1, 2001. In order to benefit from global opportunities the actual foreign content exposure may exceed 30% by utilizing structures that comply with all relevant legal and tax requirements. It is expected that actual foreign content exposure may range up to about 50%.

### 1.6. Liquidity of Investments

UTAM has an established liquidity policy which it adheres to when the pension fund requires liquidity in excess of its daily cash balance.

Due to the illiquid nature of alternative investments which consists of real assets, private equity and absolute return investments, these asset classes are assumed not to be a source of liquidity. Alternative investments account for 30% of the stated asset mix.

### 1.7. Currency Hedging

The UTAM policy is to have different hedge ratios for different asset classes as follows:

	Hedge Ratio
U.S. Equities	50%
International Equities	50%
Non-Canadian Fixed Income	100%
Absolute Return	75%
Private Equity	50%
Real Assets	50%

## **2. GENERAL**

### **2.1. Securities Lending**

The securities of the Pension Master Trust may be loaned to investment dealers and banks as part of the trustee/custodian's lending program when it is deemed that such lending may add to the return of the fund at minimal risk and provided that the loan is collateralized in accordance with industry standards and marked-to-market and adjusted on a daily basis.

### **2.2. Exercise of Proxies and Voting Rights**

Unless the University advises UTAM otherwise, proxy or other voting rights, associated with any of the Pension Master Trust investments must be exercised by the investment manager in the best interest of the fund.

Annual reports of all proxies voted must be maintained. In the case where voting is done externally, the annual proxy report must be sent to UTAM.

The University has the authority to request a report from UTAM at anytime.

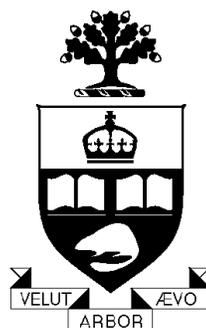
### **2.3. Pledging and Borrowing of Assets**

UTAM has the authority to borrow money to purchase securities, purchase securities on margin or short-sell securities.

### **2.4. Fund Structure**

UTAM has the authority to employ a mix of active and passive management styles. Active management has been adopted for a portion of the assets as it provides the opportunity to outperform specific investment benchmarks and it can provide lower absolute volatility of returns. Passive, or index, management has been adopted for a portion of the assets as it minimizes the risk of underperformance relative to a benchmark index and is generally less expensive than active management. This approach also diversifies the manager risk, making the Pension Fund less reliant on the skills of a single investment manager.

UTAM  
*February 2004*



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# **UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO**

## **PENSION FUND MASTER TRUST INVESTMENT POLICY (STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICIES & GOALS)**

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**PENSION FUND MASTER TRUST INVESTMENT POLICY**  
**(STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICIES & GOALS)**

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## UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

### PENSION FUND MASTER TRUST INVESTMENT POLICY

#### (STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICIES & GOALS)

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## 1. PLAN DESCRIPTION AND GOVERNANCE

### 1.1. Type of Pension Plan

The pension plan is a contributory defined benefit plan registered under and subject to the Ontario Pension Benefits Act. The Governing Council of the University of Toronto is the registered plan administrator. The current plan provides pension benefits for eligible employees, currently members of the academic, librarian, administrative and unionized staff of the University, the OISE division of the University, and its related affiliated organizations.

As of August 1, 2000, the University of Toronto pension fund for its OISE division was pooled into a master trust for investment purposes with the University's main pension fund. While they are two separate and distinct plans (University of Toronto Pension Plan registration number 0312827 and OISE Pension Plan registration number 0353854), the pooling for investment purposes enables both funds to enjoy economies of scale and eliminates discrepancies in investment performance. The plan provisions for the OISE plan are identical to the University of Toronto Pension Plan. Required member contributions under the plan each year are 4.5% of salary up to the year's maximum pensionable earnings (YMPE), plus 6% of salary in excess of the YMPE.

The Governing Council has delegated management of the plan's assets to the University of Toronto Asset Management Corporation in accordance with the Service Agreement dated May 1, 2000 between the Governing Council and the University of Toronto Asset Management Corporation (UTAM). The investment decisions of UTAM and its Board of Directors are subject to the overall policy direction of the Business Board as reflected in this policy and in amendments the Board may make from time to time.

### 1.2. Nature of Plan Liabilities

The plan provides an annual pension benefit to members based on a prescribed formula applied to years of participation.

Pension benefits are adjusted each year by an amount equal to the greater of:

- (a) 75% increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the previous year; or
- (b) the increase in the CPI for the previous year minus four percentage points.

As of July 1, 2002, there were 6,759 active members in the University of Toronto pension plan, 3,813 retired participants, 724 terminated vested members and 1,033 exempt or pending status. The average age of active members was 46.9 years, average service 13.2 years, and average pay was \$68,070.

As of July 1, 2002 the market value of assets of the plan was \$1,940.0 million versus going concern accrued liabilities of \$1,903.9 million.

As of July 1, 2002 the OISE plan had 194 active members, 129 retired members, and 16 terminated vested members. The average age of active members was 53.2 years, average service was 19.3 years and average pay was \$72,127. As of July 1, 2002 the market value of assets of the plan was \$94.7 million versus going concern accrued liabilities of \$77.9 million.

The going-concern liabilities are influenced by real interest rates, salary increases, CPI increases, turnover, mortality, and retirement age patterns. Appropriate allowance is made for these factors in the assumptions used for actuarial valuation purposes and it is not expected that actual experience will vary significantly from the valuation amounts over the long term.

The duration (a weighted-average sensitivity measure) of plan liabilities is 13.7 years and 13.5 years respectively for the University of Toronto and OISE pension plans. Duration is lengthened due to the plans' automatic inflation protection, which increases benefit payments over time. The long duration of liabilities is indicative of a long-term investment horizon for the assets.

Going-concern liabilities are determined using long-term assumptions and are not affected by short-term changes in interest rates. Solvency liabilities do fluctuate from year to year with market interest rates, but because the plans provide guaranteed indexing of 75% of the increase in the CPI, the market interest rate used to determine solvency liabilities depends more on the yield of real return bonds than on nominal bond yields. Real yields on real return bonds have been less volatile than nominal interest rates. Since both plans are well funded on a statutory solvency basis, fluctuations in solvency liabilities caused by real interest rate changes are unlikely to have an impact on cash contributions or pension expenses.

## **2. PHILOSOPHY OF THE FUND**

Historical results show that the investment objectives would have been met by the appropriate asset mix and the utilization of passive management. In order to achieve superior returns and increase diversification, the philosophy of the fund is to invest a portion in active management through the use of specialist managers when there exists the potential to exceed the returns of standard market indexes on a fee-adjusted basis.

## **3. INVESTMENT POLICIES AND GOALS**

### **3.1. Investment Policy, Objectives and Risk Tolerance**

The purpose of the plans is to provide retirement income for members of the plans. UTAM shall seek to broadly diversify the assets within the fund in order to mitigate risk and diminish the impact of a decline in any one sector of the world market. Given the nature of fund liabilities as well as the long duration of the liabilities, an asset mix favoring a higher weighting in equities relative to bonds is prudent. However, relative to the endowment fund, the pension plans have a liability stream that is less within the University's control. Consequently, a somewhat higher allocation to fixed income would be expected for this fund in comparison to the endowment fund.

Investments will be made according to the “prudent person portfolio approach”, in accordance with the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions. This approach recognizes that risks that would be unsuitable for an individual investment may be prudent in the context of a diversified portfolio of assets congruent with the purpose and circumstances of the plans. The University recognizes that highly volatile investment strategies will be combined with less volatile investment strategies in order to achieve the optimal balance between capital preservation and capital growth. Through proper quantitative analysis, it is possible to combine a broad range of investment strategies in such a way to meet these competing objectives. In essence, volatility can be reduced by combining strategies that have a low correlation to each other. Historical data indicates that fixed income assets do not provide a long-term real rate of return that is high enough to protect the purchasing power of the fund. The heavy weighting in equity securities overcomes this shortfall, and it is acknowledged that the probability of short-term volatility and the potential for negative returns in the short run is greater with a portfolio that is more heavily weighted in equities relative to a portfolio that is more heavily weighted in bonds.

### 3.2. Asset Mix

The long-term asset mix will be determined by these factors:

- a) Demographics of plan membership and the expected future growth of faculty and staff;
- b) Projected long-term cash flows;
- c) The correlation between the plans’ assets, liabilities and cash flows;
- d) The objective for real rate of return;
- e) The desire to maintain a stable level of contribution for the members;
- f) The historic pattern of equity investments producing higher rates of return than debt instruments over the longer term, which pattern is expected to persist;
- g) Role of foreign markets and special asset classes in optimizing the trade off between risk (defined as volatility) and return, recognizing the restriction on foreign content for pension funds in the Federal Income Tax Act as amended from time to time.

The normal policy mix will be as follows:

<b>Long-Term Asset Mix</b>			
	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Normal</b>	<b>Maximum</b>
Equities	50%	<b>60%</b>	70%
Fixed Income	30%	<b>40%</b>	50%

UTAM shall establish mandates and then select investment managers to be responsible for the management of the portfolios in accordance with those mandates. Funds will normally be allocated to external managers, or, when determined to be advantageous, may be allocated to internal management.

Each investment manager shall adhere to this policy and shall follow the investment policies and goals with the care, diligence, and skill that a person of ordinary prudence would use in dealing with the property of another and shall use all relevant knowledge and skill that the investment manager

possesses or ought to possess. Investment managers are expected to be in compliance with the standards of professional conduct and code of ethics administered by the Association for Investment Management and Research (AIMR).

### 3.3. Portfolio Diversification

The objectives of diversification are to:

- a) Reduce the fund's total return variability;
- b) Reduce the exposure to any single component of the capital market;
- c) Reduce the risk of returns not tracking or exceeding inflation;
- d) Increase the longer-term risk-adjusted return potential of the fund.

To achieve diversification the fund will invest in the following asset classes subject to indicated limits based on total market value.

<b>I.</b>	<b>Equities</b>	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Normal</b>	<b>Maximum*</b>
a)	Canadian stocks and equivalent	5%	<b>10%</b>	40%
b)	U.S. stocks and equivalent	10%	<b>25%</b>	40%
c)	Non-North American stocks and equivalent	10%	<b>25%</b>	40%
d)	Private equity and real estate **	0%	<b><u>Not specified</u></b>	25%
c)	Overall	50%	<b>60%</b>	70%

\* Subject to compliance with foreign content limitations

\*\* Includes investments in venture capital, buyouts, subordinated or mezzanine debt, distressed securities, energy, mining, timber and real estate properties. Investments in these categories are included in other equity categories for performance measurement purposes.

<b>II.</b>	<b>Fixed Income</b>	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Normal</b>	<b>Maximum</b>
a)	Money market securities	0%	<b>0%</b>	20%
b)	Bonds, debentures, term loans, mortgages and real return bonds	30%	<b><u>40%</u></b>	50%
c)	Overall	30%	<b>40%</b>	50%

To achieve the above mix, derivatives and other synthetic products may be employed.

### **3.4. Categories and Subcategories of Investments**

Investments that are permitted shall be classified within the general categories of :

#### **3.4.1. Equity Investments**

Public and private equity securities, including common shares of domestic, foreign and emerging markets equity, ADR's, warrants, convertible bonds, initial public offerings, and equivalent exposures using derivatives.

#### **3.4.2. Fixed Income Investments**

Money market securities, including cash on hand both domestic and foreign, call loans, demand deposit notes, treasury bills, promissory notes (secured and unsecured), term loans (secured and unsecured), banker's acceptances, commercial paper, swap deposits, repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements, foreign pay bills, other money market securities, and equivalent exposures using derivatives.

Bonds, debentures, term loans, mortgages, real return bonds, including short and long dated publicly-traded debt securities, foreign-pay bonds, preferred shares, private placement debt and equivalent exposures using derivatives.

#### **3.4.3. Private Equity, Real Estate and Other Investments**

Real estate equity and debt, managed futures, venture capital and private equity, distressed securities, resource properties, leveraged buyouts, mezzanine financing, oil and gas, hedge funds, market neutral and long/short strategies.

Investment Managers may use pooled fund unit trust, mutual fund, or limited partnership vehicles that include any of the above categories.

### **3.5. Use of Derivatives**

Derivatives may be used for hedging and risk management including the hedging of foreign currency exposure.

They may also be used as a substitute for more traditional investments if they are based on and consistent with achieving the fund's long-term asset mix goal and rate of return objectives. Such products include debt, equity, commodity and currency futures, options, swaps and forward contracts and pooled, mutual or segregated funds that employ derivatives and synthetic products for purposes consistent with the investment objectives of the fund.

Synthetic products used as a substitute for more traditional investments will not be used to gain leveraged exposure to various asset classes and will be collateralized by cash equal to the risk-adjusted market value of the synthetic exposure.

### **3.6. Restrictions**

Investment restrictions apply within the context of the overall fund objectives and the asset mix policy described above.

Restrictions listed in this policy are in compliance with those that must be adhered to as specified within the Pensions Benefits Act, Regulation 909 of the Revised Regulations of Ontario 1990, and the Federal Income Tax Act, all as amended from time to time.

#### **3.6.1. Minimum Quality Standards for Debt Securities in the Fixed Income Asset Allocation**

Credit ratings of individual holdings in passively-managed mandates will be in accordance with the construction of the major Canadian fixed income indexes. Corporate bonds, debentures and other debt securities purchased for the fund in actively-managed mandates shall have a rating of "A" or better or the equivalent thereof according to a recognized bond rating service.

In the case of private placements not rated by a recognized bond rating service, active managers shall apply standards consistent with a minimum "A" rating.

Short-term notes and other evidences of indebtedness of corporations, banks and trust companies shall have a rating of R-1 or the equivalent thereof according to a recognized bond rating service.

For the purposes of this policy, the approved credit rating and the approved credit line for counterparties, with respect to over-the-counter options and forward contracts or its equivalent debt shall be equal to or higher than the "A" rating level as above.

#### **3.6.2. Limitations on Securities of any Single Issuer**

Maximum 10% of the book value of plan assets to be loaned to any person, partnership or association.

Maximum 5% of the book value of plan assets invested in any single holding categorized as real property and Canadian resource property.

Maximum 15% of the book value of plan assets in aggregate holdings of Canadian resource properties.

Maximum 25% of the book value of plan assets in aggregate of all properties.

Maximum 10% of the book value of total plan assets invested in any one equity holding.

### 3.6.3. Investment Manager Constraints

Investment Managers may not:

- i) make loans or invest with persons that have fiduciary, employer or employee status with respect to the fund;
- ii) use derivatives for financial leverage purposes;
- iii) except with the written consent of UTAM, purchase or sell pre-specified derivative financial instruments;
- iv) except with the written consent of UTAM, borrow money to purchase securities, purchase securities on margin or short-sell securities.

### 3.6.4 Foreign Content Limitation

In accordance with the Federal Income Tax Act, foreign content shall not exceed the limitation for pension funds, currently 30% of the book value of the plans' assets since January 1, 2001.

### 3.7. Rate of Return Objective

It is expected that the fund will over any four-year period:

- a) achieve an annualized total rate of return of at least four percentage points over the Consumer Price Index increase for the same period;
- b) exceed the following composite benchmark of standard market indices as measured over the same period:

TSE 300	10%
Russell 3000	25%
MSCI EAFE	25%
SC Bond Universe	24%
SC Long Bond	16%

- c) achieve above-median return in comparison to an appropriate investment fund universe comprised of funds with similar asset mix and return objectives.

## **4. GENERAL**

### **4.1. Securities Lending**

The securities of the Pension Master Trust may be loaned to investment dealers and banks as part of the trustee/custodian's lending program when it is deemed that such lending may add to the return of the fund at minimal risk and provided that the loan is collateralized in accordance with industry standards and marked-to-market and adjusted on a daily basis.

### **4.2. Exercise of Proxies and Voting Rights**

Unless the University advises UTAM otherwise, proxy or other voting rights, associated with any of the Pension Master Trust investments must be exercised by the investment manager in the best interest of the fund.

### **4.3. Valuation of Private Placements & Other Non-traded Investments**

The valuation of private placements and other infrequently traded securities shall be determined by the trustee/custodian of the fund. In the case of direct investments in real estate and resource properties, the valuation shall be based on independent opinions of qualified appraisers at a minimum of every three years.

### **4.4. Conflict of Interest Guidelines**

Anyone involved directly or indirectly with the University's fund investments shall immediately disclose to the Business Board, at the time of its discussion of the policy or of matters related to the investment of University funds, any actual or perceived conflict of interest that could be reasonably expected to impair, or could be reasonably interpreted as impairing, his/her ability to render unbiased and objective advice to fulfill his/her fiduciary responsibility to act in the best interests of the funds.

### **4.5. Custody**

To maintain a proper segregation of duties and adequate controls, all securities held shall remain with a third-party custodian.

### **4.6. Policy Review**

This statement shall be reviewed at least once a year and either confirmed or amended as necessary.

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Felix Chee  
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April 2003

**University of Toronto Pension Plan and University of Toronto (OISE) Pension Plan  
Statement of Investment Policy and Procedures**  
(Described in three documents, below)

Document	Contents/Purpose
1. Amended and Restated Service and UTAM Personnel Agreement between Governing Council of U of T and U of T Asset Management Corporation (UTAM)	U of T delegates to UTAM responsibility to manage investments including pension, in accordance with Investment Policy (as set out in Document 2).  Approved by Business Board - April 7, 2003.
2. <b>U of T Pension Fund Master Trust Investment Policy</b>	<b>Sets out University's desired return and risk tolerance.</b>  <b>Delegates to UTAM asset mix, manager selection and portfolio strategies.</b>  <b>Defines restrictions and procedures (primarily compliance with law, regulation and policy)</b>  <b>To be approved by Business Board – March 1, 2004.</b>
3. UTAM Pension Fund Master Trust Investment Policy	<u>UTAM Board approval</u>  Describes policies UTAM will follow to achieve the returns/risk tolerance specified by the University – asset mix, portfolio diversification, quality standards, and liquidity.  Confirms compliance with restrictions set by U of T.