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To: Business Board
From: Professor John R.G. Challis
Re: Meeting of February 26, 2007

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Sponsor: John R.G. Challis

Action Sought: Report for Information

Highlights:

- The University of Toronto continues to rank #1 in federal granting council payments, major research prizes and honours, and support from the federal and provincial research and infrastructure programs.
- Total research funds awarded to the University of Toronto and affiliated hospitals in fiscal 2004-05 were \$699 million. Approximately 50% of total research funding is awarded to colleagues at affiliated teaching hospitals. Funding from the tri-councils (CIHR, SSHRC, NSERC) comprised 31% of the total research awards.
- Colleagues at the University of Toronto continue to receive a disproportionate share of national and international scholarly awards, prizes and honours. Among many honours, 16 colleagues elected to the Royal Society of Canada, one colleague was elected to the National Academy of Engineering, 2 faculty were made fellows of the AAAS and one colleague was awarded a Guggenheim Memorial Fellowship.
- The University of Toronto ranks very highly in numbers of publications and numbers of citations indexed by the Institute for Scientific Information. In public

institutions, in Social Sciences we rank 3rd in publications and in Health Sciences we rank #1 in both categories. We rank second to Harvard in number of publications when private institutions are included, and third behind Harvard and Johns Hopkins in numbers of citations in Health Sciences. There is currently a pioneering project underway to develop bibliometrics for the Humanities at the University of Toronto.

- This year, for the first time, we have quantified at over 2,000, the number of undergraduate students who have benefited from research experiences at the University of Toronto and affiliates.