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TO: Academic Board

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ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design of the University of Toronto:
Revised Constitution

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

Section 5.2.2 of the Academic Board's Terms of Reference calls for new or revised divisional constitutions to be considered by the Board, and confirmed by the Executive Committee. Amendments to By-laws are approved by divisional councils.

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

This revised Constitution of the Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design replaces the Constitution originally approved on February 9, 1999. The revisions to the Constitution and the By-laws were approved by the Faculty Council on March 28, 2007.

HIGHLIGHTS:

The revisions to the Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design Constitution were made to accommodate the new responsibilities and authority transferred to the Faculty Council with the reorganization of the School of Graduate Studies. Most immediately they address the devolution of authority for graduate studies decisions to the Faculty Councils. Other provisions of the new Constitution include:

1. The role of the Executive Committee is described but the composition and the Terms of Reference of the Executive Committee have been migrated into the By-laws.
2. Since appeals by graduate students are governed under the rules and regulations of the School of Graduate Studies, the revised Constitution makes no reference to appeals.

HIGHLIGHTS: (cont'd)

3. The quorum requirements have been slightly modified to be consistent with other divisions. Whereas the previous Constitution required 20 members to be in attendance for a quorum, the number has changed to one-third of the membership (approximately 24 members).
4. The number of regular Faculty Council meetings has been reduced from three to two each academic year.
5. To be consistent with the advanced notice required for amendments to the Constitution, amendments to the By-laws and Rules of Order must now be circulated to each Faculty Council member at least 14 days in advance of meeting.
6. Names of the degree programs offered by the Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design have been updated: Master of Architecture, Master of Landscape Architecture, and Master of Urban Design.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS: N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Constitution of the Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design of the University of Toronto, which was approved by the Faculty Council on March 28, 2007, be approved by the Academic Board and confirmed by the Executive Committee.