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AGENDA ITEM:

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ITEM IDENTIFICATION

Multi-Year Agreement 2006-07 to 2008-09 with the Government of Ontario.

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION

The Planning and Budget Committee is, according to item 4.5 of its Terms of Reference, responsible for reviewing "policy submissions to and agreements with external bodies." Submissions "that summarize existing policies and practices are the responsibility of the President and should be submitted for information to the appropriate body of Governing Council. This agreement was received for information by the Planning and Budget Committee at its meeting on October 17, 2006.

OTHER ACTION TAKEN

Consultations with the university community and academic planning consultations for *Stepping Up*.

HIGHLIGHTS

The attached document is a draft of a Multi-Year Agreement (MYA) to be submitted to the Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities. The MYA has been introduced by the Ministry as a mechanism that would inform the government about the plans and the initiatives undertaken in post-secondary institutions to improve quality and enhance student experience. It also has institutions identify a number of indicators relating to various aspects of university activities and student life.

The activities described in the attached draft MYA for the University of Toronto are based on the *Stepping Up* plans and initiatives identified through that process. They include divisional initiatives that have been prepared in response to *Stepping Up*, some of which have been funded through the Academic Initiatives Fund or the Student Experience Fund.

The University of Toronto has been a pioneer among Canadian universities in preparing and publishing a Performance Indicators report as part of our accountability to Governing Council and to the public at large. The submissions are consistent with existing policies and practices.

It should be noted that the projections included in the attached document for measures that have significant financial implications, in particular those dealing with faculty and staff hiring, are contingent on the University receiving resources that allow our current budget assumptions being met.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No new financial commitments are made either explicitly or implicitly in the MYA document.

RECOMMENDATIONS

For Information.