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AGENDA ITEM: 3

ITEM IDENTIFICATION: Annual Report on Government Relations Activities,
February 2004 - February 2005

PREVIOUS ACTION: On September 29, 2003, Vice-President Sheldon Levy provided a background briefing on Government-relations activities as well as briefing notes for members to use in their discussions with political and opinion leaders

HIGHLIGHTS:

This report covers the period from February 2004, when Professor Carolyn Tuohy assumed the position of Vice-President, Government and Institutional Relations, to February 2005. The principal priority of the portfolio in that period was engagement with the review of postsecondary education in Ontario conducted by the Honourable Bob Rae. A summary of the Rae recommendations with respect to the key priorities of the University, as well as key messages for members of the Board for discussion with political and opinion leaders in the lead-up to the 2005 provincial budget is also included with this report.

The report also reviews the activities of the Government and Institutional Relations portfolio in advancing the University's priorities at the federal and municipal level, as well as with regard to institutional partnerships, and reports on changes in the organization of the portfolio.

FINANCIAL OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

None

ACTION SOUGHT: Report for Information