



TO: Planning and Budget Committee

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**ITEM IDENTIFICATION:**

OISE/UT: Name change of the Diploma in Technical Education to the “Diploma in Technological Education”

**JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:**

Excerpt from the terms of reference for the Planning and Budget Committee:

*4.4.2. The Committee advises the Academic Board on the planning and resource implications of plans and proposals to establish, disestablish or significantly restructure academic programs. Those implications might include significant planning and budgetary changes within the division or significant effects on other divisions, the University as a whole and the public.*

Section 5.3.2 of the terms of reference for the Academic Board requires confirmation by the Executive Committee for renamed diploma programs.

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

The name Diploma in Technical Education will change to “Diploma in Technological Education” in order to align with terminology used in Ontario Ministry of Education curriculum guidelines to refer to Technological Education programs in secondary schools in place since 1984. Technical Education was the name used by the Ontario Department of Education under the Robarts Plan in the early 1960s, when there was a five-year Science, Technology and Trades Program in secondary schools. The new name for the diploma will update the significance of the diploma for current educators of Technological Education in Ontario.

**FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no new/additional financial resources required to implement the name change.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Academic Board recommend

THAT the name of the Diploma in Technical Education be changed to the Diploma in Technological Education, effective immediately.