

**TO: Members of the Planning and Budget Committee**

**SPONSOR: Professor David Naylor, President**

**DATE: September 17, 2008**

**AGENDA ITEM: 4**

**ITEM IDENTIFICATION:**

*“Towards 2030: A Long-term Planning Framework for the University of Toronto”*

**JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:**

Pursuant to section 4.1 of the Planning and Budget Committee *Terms of Reference*, the Committee is responsible for policy on planning. The Committee reviews and makes recommendations on the University’s general planning framework. Specific areas in which recommendations are made to the Academic Board include the following:

- policy on the organization of planning;
- statements of the University's mission or general objectives;
- statements of multi-year University principles and objectives for academic planning;
- statements of general divisional objectives;
- enrolment plans and policies;
- long-range planning and/or (operating and capital) budget guidelines;
- strategic planning framework for research.

**PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:**

The *Towards 2030* planning process has been unfolding for well over a year. The President’s planning document was released in June 2007, and over 40 presentations and consultation sessions have been held since its release.

In the fall of 2007, five Task Forces were established to consider issues and questions arising out of the University community's responses to the discussion paper. Current governors have constituted the majority of seats on the Task Forces. Their deliberations extended into the spring of 2008 and the resulting reports have informed and guided a Synthesis Report prepared by the President. The Framework document before governors entitled *“Towards 2030: A Long-term Planning Framework for the University of Toronto”* emerges out of the Synthesis Report and the reports of the Task Forces.

**FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:**

This matter has important financial and planning implications. However, as this is a long-term planning framework, these implications are neither immediate nor specific. Future decisions arising from or informed by the *Towards 2030* strategic initiative with major financial or planning implications will be brought through the usual processes, involving the Boards and Committees of the Governing Council as appropriate.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Be It Recommended to Academic Board

THAT “*Towards 2030: A Long-term Planning Framework for the University of Toronto*”, be approved in principle.