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TO: Academic Board

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AGENDA ITEM: 8 (b)

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Faculty of Medicine: Proposal to change the name of the Department of Otolaryngology to the Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery.

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

Terms of Reference of the Academic Board: Section 5.2.7 Name changes of academic units

Name changes in academic divisions (excluding namings¹) are considered by the Academic Board and confirmed by the Executive Committee. [Changes in name that are part of a proposal for establishing, restructuring and/or merging units would be recommended to the Academic Board by the Planning and Budget Committee.]

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

The Council of the Faculty of Medicine considered and unanimously approved this proposal at its Council meeting on May 31, 2004.

HIGHLIGHTS:

The proposed new name would more accurately describe the department as approximately 65% of the Departments of Otolaryngology in the United States are recognized under the name Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery. The Chair of the Department, Professor Patrick Gullane, is also Chief of Otolaryngology at the University Health Network. Professor Gullane consulted in his own hospital-based Department, and raised the matter with all the other hospital-based Chiefs, who undertook their own consultations and returned in support of the name change. Further, Professor Gullane's Executive Committee is widely representative and also endorsed the revision to the Department's name.

The issue was discussed initially at the Executive Committee of the Department of Otolaryngology, University of Toronto. Following that, we did a wide circulation to all members of the department. A 100% of the members were in agreement. I then contacted the Chair of the Department of Surgery, Professor Richard Reznick, he then consulted the members of his department and his letter shows the Department of Surgery were in total agreement

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Academic Board approve:

¹ Academic units named under the Policy on Naming will be reported to the Academic Board for information.
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THAT the Faculty of Medicine change the name of the Department of Otolaryngology to the Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery.