



TO: Executive Committee

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AGENDA ITEM: 10

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Statement Regarding Access to Information and Protection of Privacy at the University of Toronto

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

Section 5.2 of the Executive Committee Terms of Reference states that the Executive Committee plays a co-ordinating role in relation to all the committees of the Governing Council. It also screens new issues and assigns them to standing or *ad hoc* committees or to the administration for consideration. The *Policy on Access to Information and Protection of Privacy (1995)* arose from the Executive Committee (in consultation with the Academic Board), since it was determined that it did not fall within the terms of reference of any of the Governing Council's boards or committees.

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

The *Policy on Access to Information and Protection of Privacy* was approved by the Governing Council on March 19, 1995. The *Policy* was based on guidelines developed by the Council of Ontario Universities and adopted voluntarily in the absence of coverage by the legislation.

HIGHLIGHTS:

With the application of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FIPP) Act*, the University's *Policy on Access to Information and Protection of Privacy* is no longer required.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

n/a

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the following recommendation be endorsed and forwarded to the Governing Council:

That the proposed *Statement Regarding Access to Information and Protection of Privacy at the University of Toronto*, dated October 3, 2006, be approved effective November 2, 2006, replacing the *Policy on Access to Information and Protection of Privacy*, dated March 9, 1995.