



TO: Planning and Budget Committee

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AGENDA ITEM: 5

ITEM IDENTIFICATION

Template Agreement between the University of Toronto and non-hospital clinical sites.

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION

The Committee is responsible for reviewing and making recommendations concerning a broad range of planning issues and priorities. Matters within the Committee's scope have an impact on relationships amongst divisions and relationships between the University and the community at large. It has specific jurisdiction for approval, in principle, of the incorporation of associated organizations and research ancillaries. These areas of responsibility, as well as the more general functions of the Committee, include the intent and impact of affiliations with teaching hospitals.

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

4.5.2 The Committee recommends to the Academic Board for consideration templates for agreements with external bodies. Individual agreements that do not conform to the template are reviewed by the Committee for recommendation to the Academic Board and confirmation by the Executive Committee. [Agreements that conform to the template are approved by the Vice-President and Provost.]

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN

In 2006 and 2007, template affiliation agreements were approved for use with full affiliate and community affiliate clinical sites. The full affiliation agreement template was approved by Governing Council on February 1, 2007 and the community affiliation template on April 26, 2007. These templates have been used as the basis for the development of customized agreements for 10 full affiliates and 19 community affiliates.

HIGHLIGHTS

The University of Toronto currently has 29 full and community hospital affiliates. Through the Vice-Provost Relations with Health Care Institutions, the creation a more substantial relationship with a range of non-hospital clinical sites some of which currently have student placement agreements is proposed. These sites are all not-for-profit and include government, government regulated, and/or independent health facilities that offer health or related services, engage in teaching of health science students and conduct research.

The consultation process involved discussion with the Deans of the Health Science Faculties at the University of Toronto. This process has resulted in the development of the recommended non-hospital clinical site template agreement (Appendix A). This agreement will be customized for each of the non-hospital clinical sites.

The non-clinical template agreement was developed using the community affiliated hospital agreement as a starting point. The non-hospital clinical site template addresses similar clinical and academic issues however, as these sites are not under the Public Hospitals Act and are not part of the Toronto Academic Health Sciences Network, the provisions are accordingly tailored to the different context. With respect to academic issues; however, including teaching and research, the provisions uphold the same principles and university policies as in the community affiliated hospital agreement.

The Council of Health Sciences members approved the non-hospital clinical site template agreement on September 8, 2009.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no resource implications for the University's operating budget as a result of entering into non-hospital clinical site agreements.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Be It Recommended to Academic Board

- (a) THAT the template for non-hospital clinical site agreements with the University of Toronto be approved, effective immediately;
- (b) THAT the Vice-President and Provost, or designate, be authorized to sign such agreements on behalf of the Governing Council, provided that the agreements conform to the approved template; and
- (c) THAT the agreements signed under the provisions of this resolution be filed with the Secretary of Governing Council.