



**FOR ENDORSEMENT
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CLOSED SESSION

TO: Executive Committee

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DATE: February 2, 2016 for February 9, 2016

AGENDA ITEM: 4 (e.)

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Establishment of the position of Vice-President, International

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

Under the *Policy on Appointments and Remuneration*, the Governing Council reserves to itself the creation and appointment of certain University Officials on the recommendation of the President.

GOVERNANCE PATH:

1. Executive Committee [For Endorsement and Forwarding] (February 9, 2016)
2. Governing Council [For approval] (February 25, 2016)

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

The Governing Council approved the creation of the position of Vice-President, University Relations at its meeting on May 11, 2006, and the subsequent creation of the position of Vice-President, International, Government and Institutional Relations on December 11, 2014.

HIGHLIGHTS:

On June 30, 2016, Ms Judith Wolfson will end her term as Vice-President, International, Government and Institutional Relations. She has served in this role since January 1, 2015. Prior to this, Ms Wolfson served as the Vice-President, University Relations since the inception of that portfolio in 2006.

In February 2015, the appointment of Professor Janice Stein as Senior Presidential Advisor on International Initiatives was announced with a mandate to provide leadership in addressing a key presidential priority to enhance our international activities, partnerships, and engagement for our students and faculty. In this role Professor Stein has been engaged in widespread consultations on the University's international strategy and the different models for implementing this strategy. *What has emerged from these conversations is a strong consensus for the creation of a Vice-President, International to provide continuing strong leadership for these initiatives.*

With regard to the Government, Institutional and Community Relations component of the current International, Government and Institutional Relations portfolio, a new government in Ottawa, the continuing importance of Queen's Park in defining policy with respect to post-secondary education, and the growing significance of our relationship with city halls in Toronto, Mississauga and other nearby communities underscore that this function will continue to be critically important to the future success of the University. Given its strategic importance, and following consultation with a selection of senior divisional leaders, this function will be led by a Chief of Government Relations who will report directly to the President. Governance approval is not required for the creation of this position or for the appointment of an individual to the position.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

n/a

RECOMMENDATION:

Be It Resolved

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

THAT the position of the Vice-President, International be established effective immediately.