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TO: Committee on Academic Policy and Programs

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AGENDA ITEM: 3

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Faculty of Medicine: Proposal to create a Medical Academy based at the University of Toronto at Mississauga (UTM).

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The Committee recommends to the Academic Board on changes which are anticipated to have significant impact on relationships among divisions or with the public.

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

HIGHLIGHTS:

The Faculty of Medicine and the UTM propose to create a new Academy based at The University of Toronto at Mississauga (UTM) to facilitate Undergraduate Medicine (MD) Enrolment Expansion as outlined in the attached documentation.

The University of Toronto Medical School is proposing to expand by a total of 26 students creating an intake of 224 per year by September 2007. As detailed in the Faculty's 2004-2010 academic plan, six of these additional students entered the program in September 2005 and have been integrated into the Peters-Boyd Academy at Sunnybrook and Women's College Health Sciences Centre, networked to an urban health program affiliated with the Scarborough Hospital. The proposal to create an Academy at the UTM, supported by an innovative partnership with our existing and newly affiliated community hospitals in the GTA and Mississauga, will accommodate the larger expansion. The Government of Ontario, responding to the shortage of primary care and generalist physicians in Ontario, is committed to expand MD student enrolment by 104 positions per annum.

Academies were introduced at the Faculty of Medicine in 1994 to provide clinical "homes" for undergraduate students. They have had a very positive effect on the undergraduate medical education program and are highly regarded by all stakeholders. Academies are not intended to be identical, each has its own character and identity. The Academy at the UTM will provide an excellent inter-professional educational milieu that will facilitate the experience for medical students interested in generalist postgraduate training programs.

This proposal will achieve one of the key priorities of the Faculty's 2004-2010 academic plan and also help them to meet the objective to enhance the information technology and communications capability of the Faculty.

To facilitate presentation, dissemination and internal acceptance within the Faculty of Medicine and the University of Toronto at Mississauga, special meetings of internal governing bodies were held and at which the proposal was approved: Faculty Council Education Committee - December 6; Faculty Council - December 12; Joint Special Meeting of Academic Affairs Committee and Resources and Planning - December 13; Erindale College Council - December 15, 2005.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

The establishment of the Academy at UTM is contingent on Provincial government decision and support. The proposed funding will address required operating and capital funds. The Faculty of Medicine and UTM have reached agreement on cost sharing for the Academy. A Project Planning Committee has been struck to review capital expenditures and any capital plans will be subject to the approval of University governance.

The proposal will be brought forth to the Planning and Budget Committee on February 7, 2005.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee on Academic Policy and Programs recommends to Academic Board for approval that a new Academy, based at the University of Toronto at Mississauga, in partnership with the Mississauga community-affiliated hospitals be approved as submitted, contingent on a government decision and announcement.