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OFFICE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT, RESEARCH AND ASSOCIATE PROVOST

TO: AP&P

SPONSOR: John R. G. Challis, Vice-President, Research and Associate Provost

DATE: March 7th, 2007

AGENDA ITEM: 4(b)

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:
Connaught Fund Terms of Reference

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The Committee on Academic Policy and Programs reviews research policies on behalf of the Academic Board. The Academic Board is required by its terms of reference to consider research policies and forward recommendations to the Governing Council.

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN: N/A

HIGHLIGHTS:

In Jan. 2006, the Vice-President, Research and Associate Provost appointed a committee to review the University's policies relating to research matters, including the *Connaught Fund Terms of Reference*.

Terms of Reference for the Connaught Fund were originally developed in 1973. These terms were modified in 1974, 1976, 1979, 1984, 1988, 1991 and 1992 to permit the Fund and its granting programs to evolve with the changing structure and needs of the University. In the 1992 revision, a strong statement of purpose was maintained, but detailed program descriptions were removed, obviating the need to solicit Governing Council approval for procedural changes in the delivery of research support, and to allow flexibility in responding to institutional research priorities.

The proposed version of the Terms, which is attached, includes revisions to reflect the correct title for the Vice-President, to reduce specificity regarding membership of the Connaught Committee and to properly reference the correct name of the policy on preservation of capital, and to update information on investment of the Fund.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS: N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

That the revised Connaught Fund Terms of Reference be approved.