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OFFICE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT, RESEARCH AND ASSOCIATE PROVOST

TO: Committee on Academic Policy and Programs

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AGENDA ITEM 4(b): University of Toronto Copyright Policy

BACKGROUND:

In 2001, the Vice-President, Research & International Relations and the Provost created the Task Force on Intellectual Property Relating to Instructional Media. Chaired by Dean Ron Daniels of the Faculty of Law, the Task Force engaged in broad consultation, analyzed the relevant intellectual property policies of peer institutions and made recommendations on a revised copyright policy for the University of Toronto.

The present [Copyright Policy](#) was introduced to implement the recommendations of the Task Force and received Governing Council approval on June 3, 2002. Section 5.3 of the policy mandated the later appointment of a committee to review the policy and its implementation, and if appropriate, to recommend revisions to the policy.

In January 2006, the Vice-President, Research & Associate Provost appointed a committee to review the University's policies relating to research matters, including the Copyright Policy. The committee reviewed the Copyright Policy and its implementation and recommended that no revisions be made to the policy.

Minor administrative amendments have been made to recognize the Vice-President's new title of "Research and Associate Provost" and to revise section 4 for consistency with the proposed Inventions Policy.