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AGENDA ITEM:

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

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

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN

Approved by Academic Program and Policy Committee on January 18, 2006.

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION

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

4.4.2. The Committee advises the Academic Board on the planning and resource implications of plans and proposals to establish, disestablish or significantly restructure academic programs. Those implications might include significant planning and budgetary changes within the division or significant effects on other divisions, the University as a whole and the public.

HIGHLIGHTS

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

The University of Toronto Medical School is proposing to increase intake by 26 students per year over a three-year period, leading to an increase in total enrolment of 104 by 2010-11. 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, which is part of an urban health program affiliated with the Scarborough Hospital. The proposal to create an Academy at 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 providing Operating Grant support for the additional 104 MD positions at the University of Toronto.

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 help in achieving the objective of enhancing the Faculty's information technology and communications capability.

To stimulate discussion of the expansion project within the Faculty of Medicine and the University of Toronto at Mississauga, special meetings of the internal governing bodies were held 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 expected Operating Grant funding by the government will address the required operating costs of the expansion, including faculty hiring. A separate capital fund will address capital needs associated with the expansion. The Faculty of Medicine and UTM have reached agreement on cost sharing for the Academy. A project planning committee will be struck to review capital expenditures, which will be subject to the approval of University governance.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee on Planning and Budget recommends to the 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.