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CLOSED SESSION

TO: Executive Committee

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DATE: February 5, 2020 for February 12, 2020

AGENDA ITEM: 4

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Update on the Tri-Campus Review

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

Under Section 4 of its Terms of Reference, the Planning & Budget Committee is responsible for “policy on planning”, as well as “guidelines for long-range planning and budgeting that are the basis for the development of the University's annual Operating Budget.”

GOVERNANCE PATH:

1. Planning & Budget Committee [for information] (January 9, 2020)
2. Committee on Academic Programs & Policy [for information] (January 14, 2020)
3. University Affairs Board [for information] (January 27, 2020)
4. UTSC Campus Council [for information] (January 28, 2020)
5. UTM Campus Council [for information] (January 29, 2020)
6. Academic Board [for information] (January 30, 2020)
7. Business Board [for information] (February 3, 2020)
- 8. Executive Committee [for information] (February 12, 2020)**
9. Governing Council [information] (February 27, 2020)

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

The University's [Tri-Campus Framework](#) was approved by governance in June 2002. The University's [Towards 2030 long-term planning framework](#) was approved by governance in October 2008. And the [Towards 2030: View from 2012](#) review report was approved by governance in May 2012.

HIGHLIGHTS:

The University of Toronto has a unique tri-campus structure, bound together by a shared identity and a set of genuinely tri- or bi- campus graduate programs and departments. It is the product of a 40-year evolution, with the Mississauga and Scarborough campuses transforming themselves from small undergraduate colleges, to mid-size educational entities hosting a wide range of graduate and undergraduate offerings, and strong programs of research.

Towards 2030 stated the University’s long-term intent to create a regional “University of Toronto system,” characterized by three campuses with increasingly strong individual campus identities. In light of ongoing evolution at the three campuses, as well as new opportunities and challenges in the tri-campus context, the President and Provost announced a review of tri-campus relationships in April 2018, under the theme identified in *Towards 2030*, “One University, Three Campuses.”

The Tri-Campus Review was guided by a steering committee and included five working groups, each with its own mandate:

1. [Academic Planning and Academic Change](#), which considered questions related to changing or creating new academic programs and units, as well as academic reviews and academic planning;
2. [Graduate Units](#), which considered questions related to graduate faculty memberships, faculty searches, the appointment of graduate chairs, and the structure of graduate units;
3. [Student Services](#), which considered questions related to tri-campus responsibilities in providing student services, modes of delivery for student services, and resourcing of student services;
4. [Administrative Structure](#), which considered questions related to tri-campus reporting lines and leadership; and
5. [Budget Relationships](#), which considered questions related to accounting for University-wide and campus-wide costs, the funding of tri-campus graduate units, and the annual budget review processes.

Each working group has been proceeding along different timelines, with all of them now close to completion. As of December-end, each working group has submitted final recommendations to the Tri-Campus Review Steering Committee, which will synthesize the recommendations into a final report that will be presented for information to governance at a later date.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no direct implications for the University’s operating budget at this time.

RECOMMENDATION:

N/A. Item is presented for information.

DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED: N/A



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Tri-Campus Review

January 2020



Tri-Campus Review (3CR)

“One University, Three Campuses”



3CR: Structure

Steering Committee

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3CR: Administrative Structure

Admin. Structure

Chair: Cheryl Regehr

Key Themes

- ▶ Promote more **integration and collaboration** across campuses at the senior levels
- ▶ Clarify **senior leadership roles and responsibilities** at UTSC and UTM
- ▶ **Articulate the relationships** of the campuses to institutional portfolios

3CR: Administrative Structure

Admin. Structure

Recommendation Highlights

- ▶ Continue with existing policy
Principals as academic and admin heads of UTM and UTSC with delegated authority to others
- ▶ Increase clarity in terminology
Institutional (not *Downtown* or *Central*) and *Campus* or *Division* or *Faculty* (more specificity)
- ▶ Collaboration between senior execs at UTM/UTSC and all institutional portfolios
Dual/dotted reporting
- ▶ Improved technology for meetings

3CR: Academic Planning and Change

Academic Planning and Academic Change (APAC)

Chair: Susan McCahan

Key Themes

- ▶ **Academic excellence** and **student experience** as key elements of quality
- ▶ **Balancing** local and tri-campus needs: Assessing “justifiable duplication”; Unitary, tri-campus PhD; Supporting connection and collaboration; Tri-campus participation in UTQAP reviews
- ▶ **Improve awareness** of existing principles and structures: What is consultation and how to resolve disagreements

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Recommendation Highlights

- ▶ Reinforce existing principles
Clearly articulated considerations for new/changed programs and units; Tri-campus participation in reviews;
Maintain the principle of unitary PhD
- ▶ Enhance coordination through Tri-Campus Deans groups

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Draft Recommendations (2019)

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Graduate Units

Chair: Joshua Barker

Key Themes

- ▶ Types of Graduate Units **differ widely**
- ▶ Graduate Chair searches **need clarity and streamlining**
- ▶ A need for **better communication and collaboration** across departments and campuses

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Recommendation Highlights

- ▶ Establish a process for formally identifying and recognizing tri-campus graduate units
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SGS template MOU to clarify: resource contributions; privileges and responsibilities of graduate faculty members

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Chair: Sandy Welsh

- ▶ **Mandate** related to University-wide and **campus-specific responsibilities** for student services and international student experience
- ▶ **Mapped student services** on all three campuses

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Principles for Institutional Oversight

- ▶ Alignment with institutional priorities
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Recommendation Highlights

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- ▶ **Review and assess** changing mode of delivery needs (in-person vs online)

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Chair: Scott Mabury

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- ▶ Institutional versus shared **service costs**
- ▶ **Graduate unit costs**
- ▶ Admin and governance budget **pathway**

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- ▶ Augmenting shared services budgeting process re: campus costs
- ▶ New capital project management fee structure
- ▶ Transparency of graduate program revenues and expenses
- ▶ Revised governance pathway for budget

Next Steps

- ▶ Steering Committee to review and harmonize recommendations
- ▶ Final report to be posted online
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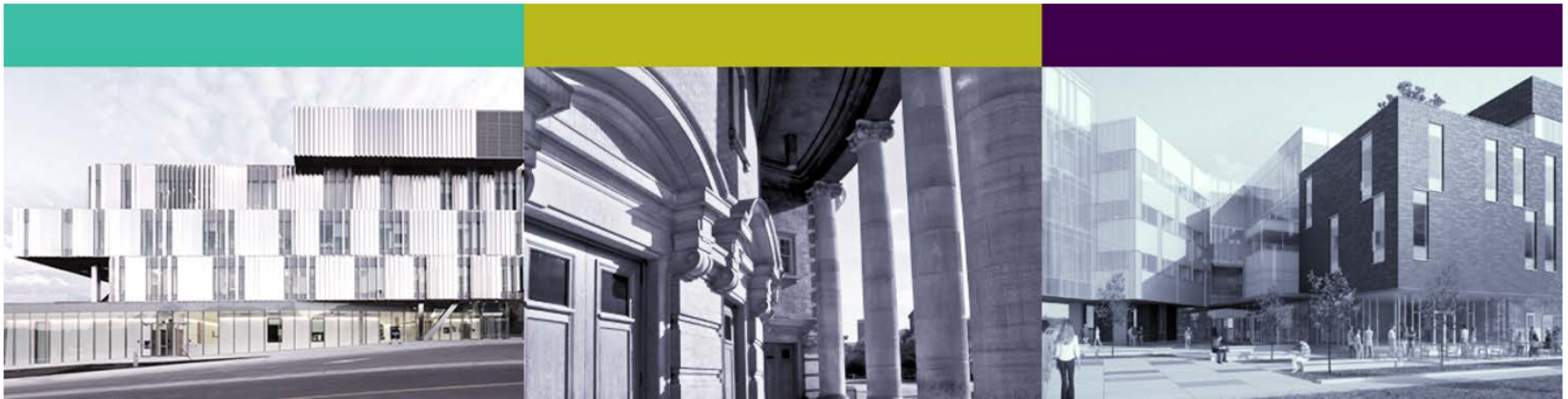
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