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TO: UTM Campus Affairs Committee

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DATE: April 21, 2020 for April 28, 2020

AGENDA ITEM: 5

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Proposal to Close the Fraser Mustard Institute for Human Development (FMIHD) as an Extra-Departmental Unit C (EDU:C)

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

Section 5.8.1 of the Campus Affairs Committee (CAC) terms of reference outlines the responsibility of the CAC in the establishment, disestablishment or restructuring of Academic Units. Proposals for Extra-Departmental Units are considered and recommended for approval, pursuant to the *Guidelines for Administrative Functions and Protocols for Extra-Departmental Units (EDU)*.

GOVERNANCE PATH:

1. UTM Campus Affairs Committee [For Recommendation] (April 28, 2020)
2. UTM Campus Council [For Approval] (May 25, 2020)
3. Executive Committee [For Confirmation] (June 16, 2020)

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

No previous action has been taken.

HIGHLIGHTS:

The FMIHD is an EDU: C with OISE, the Faculty of Medicine, the University of Toronto Mississauga listed as active collaborating divisions. The FMIHD establishment was approved by all three divisional councils in the 2011-2012 academic year. The Dean's Offices of all three active collaborating units have collaborated in the process of the development of the FMIHD closure proposal and are in favour of the closure. The Dean's Offices of the associate

collaborating units (the Faculty of Arts and Science, and the University of Toronto Scarborough) have been informed regarding the closure. The Division of University Advancement has advised the main donor of the closure. The effective date of the FMIHD closure is January 1, 2021, when it is anticipated all three active collaborating units will have finalized governance processes for closure.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no net implications for the campus' operating budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Be it Recommended,

THAT the proposal to disestablish the Fraser Mustard Institute for Human Development as an EDU: C, as described in the *Proposal to Close the Fraser Mustard Institute for Human Development (FMIHD)*, dated March 27, 2020, be approved, effective January 1, 2021.

DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED:

Item Proposal for to close the EDU:C: Fraser Mustard Institute for Human Development (FMIHD)

Proposal to Close the Fraser Mustard Institute for Human Development (FMIHD)

Lead Faculty/Division: Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE)

Academic Unit Type: EDU:C

Active Collaborating Units: Faculty of Medicine, STG; University of Toronto Mississauga

Associate Collaborating Units: Faculty of Arts and Science, STG; University of Toronto Scarborough

1. Brief History of the EDU:C

The Fraser Mustard Institute for Human Development (FMIHD) was established in the Fall of 2011 with three leading collaborating divisions: OISE, the University of Toronto Mississauga and the Faculty of Medicine. The establishment of the Centre was approved by all three divisional Councils: (1) at the Faculty of Medicine on September 26, 2011; (2) at the University of Toronto Mississauga on October 6, 2011; and (3) at OISE on October 19, 2011. The Committee on Naming of the University of Toronto Governing Council reported the naming of the Fraser Mustard Institute for Human Development in its report of June 29, 2012.

FMIHD received five (5) years of funding from the University of Toronto President, with the expectation that the EDU:C would pursue and secure external mechanisms for continued support to become self-sustaining. The Institute's purpose was to bring together researchers from across disciplines – including education, medicine, psychology, biology and social work – to connect in new ways and make the most of the early years with the vision of maximizing potential and providing every child with the best possible start in life. The Centre was also a lead supporting unit for the Collaborative Specialization in Human Development, which ceased admissions effective January 2018. The Collaborative Specialization is being formally closed through governance at the Faculty of Medicine, which is the lead Faculty, with an effective date of January 2021. The closure proposal will go the OISE Council at the same time for information. OISE provided a dedicated office space and resources for FMIHD directors and staff, as well as support for the Institute's website and technology needs.

FMIHD had a number of successes, including building a network of 180 members, conducting several successful research projects, developing and supporting a graduate collaborative specialization, and securing some external funding, albeit insufficient for continued operation. Following an external review conducted in 2016 by OISE with the participation of the Faculty of Medicine, it was agreed FMIHD activities and operation would cease as of January 1, 2017. Centre Directors returned to their home departments, the staff member associated with the Centre moved to a University of Toronto affiliated hospital, and the OISE space was vacated by mid-January 2017.

2. Reasons for Recommending Closure of the EDU:C

FMIHD funding and activities ceased by the end of 2016 and the OISE space was vacated in 2017, with only the associated collaborative specialization continuing. The specialization suspended admissions in January 2018 due to low enrolment, and will close effective January 2021. With the specialization closing and no other activity, it is recommended that FMIHD be formally closed.

3. Consultation

The Dean's Offices of all three active collaborating units (the Faculty of Medicine; the University of Toronto Mississauga; and OISE) have collaborated in the process of the development of the FMIHD

closure proposal and are in favor of the closure. The Dean's Offices of the associate collaborating units have been informed regarding the closure. The Division of University Advancement has advised the main donor of the closure.

4. Effective Date of Closure

It is recommended that FMHID as an EDU:C be closed effective January 1, 2021, when it is anticipated all three active collaborating units will have finalized governance processes for closure.