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**TO:** Business Board

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**DATE:** March 3, 2021 for March 17, 2021

**AGENDA ITEM:** 9

**ITEM IDENTIFICATION:**

Status Report on Debt to February 28, 2021

**JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:**

Pursuant to Section 5 (1.) (b.) of the Business Board Terms of Reference, the Business Board has responsibility for reviewing regular reports on matters affecting the finances of the University and on financial programs and transactions.

**GOVERNANCE PATH:**

Business Board (March 17, 2021)

**PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:**

The borrowing strategy was initially approved by Governing Council in June 2004. A revision of this debt strategy was approved in November 2012.

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

This regular status report provides the Business Board with an update of the debt policy limit, debt allocated by Business Board and actual external and internal debt. It also provides the actual debt burden and viability ratios as compared to the ratios of the debt policy limit.

The total debt policy limit for 2020-21 is \$1.85 billion, reflecting the maximum debt that can be taken on based on a debt burden ratio of 5% at April 30, 2020, as defined by the Debt Strategy. The debt burden ratio equals interest plus principal divided by total expenditures.

Allocations include borrowing approved by Business Board along with a contingency for donations targets and pledges. To February 28, 2021, net allocations were \$1.63 billion, leaving \$217 million available for future allocation.

Actual debt outstanding is the sum of internal loans issued from internal funds plus actual external debt issuance. At February 28, 2021, actual debt outstanding was \$944.3 million. The debt burden ratio reflecting actual outstanding debt was 2.8%, of which 0.9% related to internal loans and 1.9% related to external debt issuance.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

None

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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**DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED:**

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## University of Toronto Status Report on Debt to February 28, 2021

Financial Ratios in accordance with Policy	Total	External Component	Internal Component	
			Other Debt	Pension Debt
Debt burden ratios:				
Debt policy limit at April 30, 2020	5.0%			
Actual debt outstanding at February 28, 2021*	2.8%	1.9%	0.5%	0.4%
Viability ratios:				
Debt policy limit at April 30, 2020	1.4			
Actual debt outstanding at February 28, 2021*	2.8	3.7	18.8	27.6
<b>Monitoring debt burden + pension special payments</b>				
Actual debt outstanding at February 28, 2021 plus minimum required special pension payments as % of total expenditures*	5.3%			

\*Calculated using the Total expenditures or Total expendable resources at April 30, 2020 and minimum required special pension payments for the year ended April 30, 2020

Debt Policy Limit April 30, 2020	Total in Millions	External Component	Internal Component	
			Other Debt	Pension Debt
Debt Policy Limit	1,845.9	1,147.5	548.4	150.0

Allocations	Total in Millions	External Component	Internal Component	
			Other Debt	Pension Debt
Opening balance at January 31, 2021	1,566.0	867.6	548.4	150.0
Approved by Business Board on February 3, 2021	63.2	62.9	0.3	-
Change of allocation on previously approved projects	(0.3)	-	(0.3)	-
Closing balance at February 28, 2021	1,628.9	930.5	548.4	150.0
<b>Unallocated</b>	<b>217.0</b>	<b>217.0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

Actual Debt Outstanding	Total in Millions	External Component	Internal Component	
			Other Debt	Pension Debt
Opening balance at January 31, 2021				
Debentures due 2031 to 2051	710.0	710.0		
Internal debt	235.6	-	140.2	95.4
	945.6	710.0	140.2	95.4
Changes	(1.3)	-	(0.7)	(0.6)
Closing balance at February 28, 2021	944.3	710.0	139.5	94.8

### Definitions:

**Debt** includes all long-term external and internal borrowed funds obtained by any means (e.g. debentures, bank loans) and excludes letters and lines of credit and all short-term and medium term internal financing for purposes such as construction financing and fund deficits.

**Debt burden ratio**, key determinant of debt policy limit, equals interest plus principal divided by total expenditures.

**Debt policy limit** is the maximum debt that can be taken on based on a debt burden ratio of 5%.

**Viability ratio**, to be taken into consideration in setting debt policy limit, equals expendable resources divided by debt. The debt strategy has set a preference of a viability ratio of 0.8 or greater.

**Allocations** include borrowing approved by Business Board, plus contingency for donations targets and pledges.

**Actual debt outstanding** is the sum of internal loans issued from internal debt plus actual external debt issuance.