



TO: Planning and Budget Committee
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ITEM IDENTIFICATION

Faculty of Medicine and The Michener Institute for Applied Health Science: Memorandum of Understanding.

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION

The Committee is responsible for reviewing and making recommendations concerning a broad range of planning issues and priorities. Matters within the Committee's scope have an impact on relationships amongst divisions and relationships between the University and the community at large. It has specific jurisdiction for approval, in principle, of the incorporation of associated organizations and research ancillaries. These areas of responsibility, as well as the more general functions of the Committee, include the intent and impact of affiliations with teaching hospitals.

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

4.5.2 The Committee recommends to the Academic Board for consideration templates for agreements with external bodies. Individual agreements that do not conform to the template are reviewed by the Committee for recommendation to the Academic Board and confirmation by the Executive Committee. [Agreements that conform to the template are approved by the Vice-President and Provost.]

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN

The Faculty of Medicine offers the BSc. (Medical Radiation Sciences) jointly with the Michener Institute for Applied Health Science. A Letter of Understanding was signed by both parties in 1998 for the joint program. The program was approved by Governing Council in 1998 as the B.Sc. (Radiation Sciences) and first offered in 1999. In 2001, Governing Council approved renaming of the degree to BSc. (Medical Radiation Sciences). Upon successful completion of the program, students receive the BSc from the University of Toronto and a Diploma in Radiation Sciences from the Michener Institute.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Faculty of Medicine and The Michener Institute of Applied Health Sciences propose to enter into a formal agreement to further develop joint undergraduate programs as per the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The MOU outlines the University's and the Michener Institute's proposed academic relationship and principles for the offering of joint programs. A joint program template has been developed and is included as an appendix to the MOU.

As noted above, the Faculty and the Michener Institute have jointly offered the BSc (Medical Radiation Sciences) for the past decade. The Faculty's Department of Radiation Oncology and the joint program underwent an external review in 2006. The reviewers noted that partnering with the Michener Institute allowed for the Department to have oversight of the radiation therapy, nuclear medicine technology and imaging technology degree programs and has strengthened linkages with the radiation therapy community. The review was very positive, highlighting that the Department had developed into a highly

successful clinical unit in part as a result of its willingness to undertake the academic oversight of the large, second-entry undergraduate program in partnership with the Michener Institute. The program has a provincial mandate with 75 students in its stream and a total of close to 400.

Building upon the current program strength, this past year the Faculty of Medicine and the Michener Institute began to explore the development of new programs in Physician Assistance and in Simulation Teaching and Learning. During this process, a need was recognized for a formal agreement between the two institutions that outlines the principals of the academic relationship, and specifies the process to be followed in developing new programs and the renewal of existing programs. The MOU was developed along with a template agreement for new joint programs.

The MOU was approved by the Faculty of Medicine Faculty Council on June 23, 2008. In accordance with the Michener Institute model of governance, the MOU and Joint Program Agreement template have been approved by the Michener Institute President, office of the Chief Executive Officer and the Executive Leadership Team.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Any proposed new joint programs will be brought forward to Governing Council for approval as per the policies and guidelines of the University for Assessment and Review of Academic Programs and Units. As specified in the MOU, approval of each joint program agreement will be signified by the signature of the President and Chief Executive Officer of The Michener Institute and by the approval of the Governing Council of the University.

There are no resource implications for the University's operating budget as a result of entering into the Memorandum of Understanding with The Michener Institute. Proposed new program proposals would specify budgetary implications.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Be It Recommended to Academic Board

THAT the Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Toronto and The Michener Institute of Applied Health Sciences, hereto attached, be approved, effective November 1, 2008.