



TO: Business Board

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AGENDA ITEM: 2

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Appointment of External Auditors for 2013-14

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The Audit Committee's terms of reference state that the Committee recommends the annual appointment of the external auditors to the Business Board, which in turn makes a recommendation to Governing Council.

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

The Audit Committee had numerous governance discussions and debates over the past year including whether the audit should be tendered, and concluded that the current auditors are completely independent, perform excellent work, have extensive expertise in both accounting for not-for-profit generally, and for the university sector, are proactive in bringing issues and new developments forward, meets the University very tight deadlines and heavy workload requirements for the various audits, and therefore should be retained for the upcoming fiscal year (2014). Notwithstanding this, in view of the service longevity of the current external audit firm, the Chair of the Audit Committee reported at the January 28 meeting of the Business Board that it would make sense to tender the external audit services for the 2015 financial statements.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

None. Audit fees for 2013-14 to be negotiated by the CFO.

RECOMMENDATION:

A recommendation to the Business Board of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as auditors of the University and for the pension plans.

It is recommended that:

- 1) Ernst & Young LLP be re-appointed as external auditors of the University of Toronto for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2014;
- 2) Ernst & Young LLP be re-appointed as external auditors of the University of Toronto pension plans for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014.