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RECOMMENDATION****PUBLIC****OPEN SESSION****TO:** Planning and Budget Committee**SPONSOR:** Professor Cheryl Regehr, Vice-President and Provost
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trevor.young@utoronto.ca**DATE:** September 15, 2022 for September 22, 2022**AGENDA ITEM:** 5**ITEM IDENTIFICATION:**

Renewal of the existing affiliation agreements between the University of Toronto and the Toronto Academic Health Science Network (TAHSN) full member hospitals, and revisions to the agreement template last updated in 2016.

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The Planning & Budget 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 among divisions and relationships between the University and the community at large. These areas of responsibility include the intent and impact of affiliation agreements 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.

GOVERNANCE PATH:

1. **Planning and Budget Committee [for recommendation] (September 22, 2022)**
2. Academic Board [for recommendation] (October 6, 2022)
3. Executive Committee [for endorsement and forwarding] (October 19, 2022)

4. Governing Council [for approval] (October 27, 2022)

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

The full affiliation agreement template was last approved by Governing Council on October 27, 2016. Previous versions of the template were approved in 2006 and 2011. The current affiliation agreements will expire on December 31, 2022. The fully affiliated Toronto Academic Health Sciences Network (TAHSN) hospitals are:

- Baycrest
- Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital
- Centre for Addiction and Mental Health
- Hospital for Sick Children
- Sinai Health System
- Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
- Unity Health Toronto (St. Michael's Hospital)
- University Health Network (Toronto General Hospital, Toronto Western Hospital, Princess Margaret Hospital, Toronto Rehabilitation Institute)
- Women's College Hospital

HIGHLIGHTS:

From March 2021 to October 2021, the Office of the Vice-Provost, Relations with Health Care Institutions collected internal input on the 2016 template from a wide spectrum of academic and administrative divisions that included: Vice-Provost and Vice-President portfolios; the seven health sciences Faculties; leadership within the Faculty of Medicine; legal counsel from relevant shared service offices; the Office of Risk Management; the School of Graduate Studies; and the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Office. In November 2021, after extensive internal consultation, proposed changes to the template were sent to designated representatives of the TAHSN member hospitals. Negotiations continued through spring 2022 resulting in the revised template.

Attached, members will find a copy of the 2016 approved template, a copy of the revised agreement template, and a marked-up version of the agreement template that tracks the agreed upon revisions. The revisions to the template can be placed into four categories: (1) revisions that reflect changes in legislation or policy; (2) revisions that reflect current practice in more detail; (3) revisions that reflect the changing relationship with the TAHSN hospitals; and (4) revisions that provide clarity.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The costs of implementation will be managed within the envelope of existing budgets and resources. While there may be a short-term impact on our fundraising results related to gifts for research, our experience and the experience of our peers suggests that within a very short time these types of funding mechanisms become broadly accepted and well-established. Ultimately, we expect there will be no lasting impact on total funds raised for research. Further, being more strongly aligned with our hospital partners on mechanisms that support the indirect costs of research will help strengthen our relationship with the hospitals and may actually lead to raising more funds in collaborative initiatives.

RECOMMENDATION:

Be It Recommended:

THAT the revised template for full affiliation agreements between the University of Toronto and the full member hospitals of the Toronto Academic Health Science Network be approved, effective immediately;

THAT the President, or designate, be authorized to sign such agreements on behalf of the Governing Council, provided that the agreements conform to the approved template; and

THAT the agreements signed under the provisions of this resolution be filed with the Secretary of Governing Council.

DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED:

2016 Template – Fully Affiliated Teaching Hospitals (current)

2016 Template – Fully Affiliated Teaching Hospitals (with proposed revisions in track changes)

2022 Template – Fully Affiliated Teaching Hospitals (proposed revised clean copy)