ACADEMIC AFFAIRS SUB-COMMITTEE
TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. PURPOSE
   1.1 The Academic Affairs Sub-Committee ("Sub-Committee") is a sub-committee of the Council of Deans created as a result of the University of Manitoba’s Academic Structure Initiative ("ASI") regarding the establishment of a new Faculty of Health Sciences ("FHS"), which is to include the Faculties of Dentistry, Nursing, Medicine and Pharmacy and the Schools of Dental Hygiene and Medical Rehabilitation.
   1.2 The Sub-Committee’s purpose is to assist the COUNCIL OF DEANS with project and change management support related to Academic Affairs.

2. REPORTING STRUCTURE
   2.1 The Sub-Committee is a collaboration, consultation, planning and advisory sub-committee only, and is intended to further the goals and objectives of the FHS.
   2.2 The Sub-Committee makes reports and recommendations to the COUNCIL OF DEANS, through the Dean assigned as the ISC Liaison, and the Project Team. The ISC Liaison may participate in meetings, and he/she shall act in a steering capacity.
   2.3 Members of the Sub-Committee report to their respective Colleges.

3. LEAD AND MEMBERSHIP
   3.1 The Sub-Committee Lead shall be Christine Ateah, Faculty of Nursing.
   3.2 The membership of the Sub-Committee shall consist of:
      a) Elliott Scott, Faculty of Dentistry
      b) Jacquie Ripat, School of Medical Rehabilitation;
      c) Sara Israels, Faculty of Medicine;
      d) Christine Ateah, Faculty of Nursing;
      e) Frank Burczynski, Faculty of Pharmacy;
      f) Emily Etcheverry (ISC Liaison and Non-Voting).
   3.3 A Project Manager will be provided to support the work of the Sub-Committee.
4. **ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE LEAD**

4.1 The Lead is responsible for facilitating the work required to meet the Sub-Committee timelines and deliverables and its overall goals and objectives.

5. **RESPONSIBILITIES AND CONDUCT OF SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

5.1 Sub-Committee members are to act in the best interests of the FHS to assist in achieving the overall goals and objectives of the FHS.

6. **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE**

6.1 The Sub-Committees goals and objectives are to consider and advise the COUNCIL OF DEANS on issues relating to Academic Affairs for the FHS and to develop and facilitate the implementation of strategies relating to:

- Academic hiring and appointments policies and processes in the new FHS (in collaboration with the Human Resource/Finance committee).
- Tenure and promotion criteria, weightings and processes to be used in the new FHS, including:
  - How discipline specific review and participation (peer review as well as external peer review) will be included in the process;
  - The definition of roles and responsibilities for review of applications for tenure and promotion within the new FHS governance structure;
  - The committee structure for tenure and promotion under the FHS;
  - Communication process respecting promotion and tenure, such as informing applicants, tenure and promotion committee members and administrators about the roles, policies and procedures.
- Policies and processes related to administrative and research / study leaves.
- Resources required to support implementation of any Academic Affairs transitional changes at FHS and College levels.
- Determine which processes/programs are grandfathered and which processes/programs follow the rules of the new FHS, i.e. operationalizing the changes.
- Enhancing collaboration, resource management and process improvement.
- Respect of administrative expertise, professional identity/autonomy, research, scholarly work and other creative activities, teaching and service of the Faculty.
- Consideration of opportunities to identify administrative efficiency.

6.2 The Sub-Committee shall firstly provide a prioritization and sequencing of its work, to be completed within the first month of its meeting (please reference the Action Plan template), and to be provided to the Council of Deans for approval.
6.3 The Sub-Committee shall advise on issues, develop and facilitate an implementation plan for the COUNCIL OF DEANS that addresses the Sub-Committee goals and objectives. The Sub-Committee shall present its implementation plan (in writing) to the COUNCIL OF DEANS for approval by December 1st, 2014. Recommendations will be subject to Faculty Council (or Faculty Executive Council) approvals, as required.

6.4 Administrative governance decisions fall outside the scope of this Sub-Committee’s goals and objectives. Any additions or changes to the goals and objectives of the Sub-Committee require the approval of the Council of Deans.

6.5 The Sub-Committee Lead shall facilitate responses to any questions or directions from the COUNCIL OF DEANS based on its implementation plan.

6.6 In order to meet its timelines, deliverables, goals and objectives, the Sub-Committee may contact its members between meetings for advice should the need arise. Uncontentious issues may be resolved through unanimous agreement communicated via e-mail or other written format.

6.7 From time to time, the Sub-Committee may request the advice or participation of individuals or organizations with a particular area of expertise relating to a matter under consideration, including, without limitation, consultation with:

- Janice Ristock, Vice-Provost (Academic Affairs)
- Lisa Halkett, Director Staff Relations, Human Resources

6.8 From time to time, working groups may be formed to work on specific issues as appropriate and shall report back to the Sub-Committee.

7. DOCUMENTARY RESOURCES

7.1 The Sub-Committee shall be informed by, without limitation, the following documents:

a) The University of Manitoba Act.
b) The current Faculty Council bylaws for Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing and Pharmacy.
c) The current School Council by-laws for Dental Hygiene and the School of Medical Rehabilitation.
d) The proposal to establish the FHS.
e) Any relevant University Policies and/or Collective Agreements.
f) Other foundational strategic documents of the University that the Sub-Committee deems relevant to its goals and objectives.
g) The advice of facilitators and / or consultants retained by the University to facilitate the work of the Sub-Committee.
h) The Implementation Framework documentation created by the Project Team.
8. **TERM OF OFFICE**

8.1 The term of office as a member sitting on the Sub-Committee shall continue until otherwise determined by his/her appointing College. All terms end when the Sub-Committee ceases to exist.

9. **MEETINGS**

9.1 The Sub-Committee shall meet bi-weekly commencing in February, 2014. Meetings may be called more frequently subject to the call of the Lead.

9.2 While minutes will be taken of business occurring at meetings, the Sub-Committee may move “in camera” to deal with items if the subject matter being considered relates to personal matters about identifiable individuals, litigation or potential litigation, advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, labour relations or employee negotiations, or matters described as exempt from disclosure under *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (Manitoba).

9.3 All Sub-Committee meetings will be closed to members of the Sub-Committee and members of the Project Team only unless the Lead otherwise grants his or her prior approval for certain individuals to attend all or a portion of a meeting. Such individual's attendance should then be noted on the agenda distributed to members prior to the meeting.

10. **PROJECT SUPPORT**

10.1 Project Management will be provided to support the Sub-Committees by developing the project plan, monitor schedule, attend meetings of Sub-Committees; ensure the Sub-Committees are working to meet objectives within their Terms of Reference, meet with Sub-Committee Leads, as required, to review progress and elevate any critical or significant issues to the Project Director for resolution by Council of Deans.

10.2 Administrative support person(s) will be appointed by the ISC to coordinate meetings, prepare agendas, take minutes, distribute minutes for approval, distribute other materials that may be preapproved by the Lead for distribution, and retain Sub-Committee records (including all approved minutes and other materials).

11. **NOTICE OF MEETINGS AND MINUTES**

11.1 Agenda items must be sent to the Sub-Committee administrative support person at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

11.2 The agenda shall be prepared and distributed (once approved by the Lead) to the members of the Sub-Committee prior to the meeting.
11.3 Minutes of the Sub-Committee meetings (and any other approved materials) shall be sent to Sub-Committee members, for approval.

12. **QUORUM and VOTING**

12.1 A simple majority of the members of the Sub-Committee shall constitute a quorum for any meeting.

12.2 It is expected that recommendations and resolutions will be made by consensus, however, they may be passed by agreement of a simple majority of the members of the Sub-Committee present at quorum.

13. **CONFIDENTIALITY and COMMUNICATIONS**

13.1 All Sub-Committee members are required to protect and keep confidential the discussion, documents and information received through participation in the Sub-Committee and the Sub-Committee meetings, unless such information is otherwise approved as public information by the Chair.

13.2 The minutes, once approved by the Chair, shall be shared with the Sub-Committee members, and the Sub-Committee members shall be free to share the minutes, as the official communication coming out of the meetings, within their respective Colleges.

14. **REFINEMENT OF TERMS OF REFERENCE**

14.1 Amendments to these Terms of Reference, including membership, are at the direction of the COUNCIL OF DEANS.

14.2 Amendments to the Terms of Reference (other than membership) may be proposed by the Sub-Committee, to the COUNCIL OF DEANS for approval.

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Approved by the COUNCIL OF DEANS:  February 25, 2014

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