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## Terms of Reference

Climate Change and Health Task Force					
<b>Approved By:</b>	Board Executive on behalf of the Board of Directors				
<b>Approval Date:</b>	2019 06 03	<b>Effective Date:</b>	2019 06 14	<b>Review Date:</b>	2020 01 01
<b>Responsible Portfolio/Unit/Committee:</b>	Board of Directors/Governance Committee Committee				
<b>Responsible Officer(s):</b>	Task Force Chair				

### 1.0 Purpose

The Climate Change and Health Task Force is established to provide advice to the Dean-CEO and Board of Directors about climate change and its impact on the health in Northern Ontario. NOSM is in a unique position to facilitate discussion on issues of environment including climate change and health, both internally and externally.

### 2.0 Scope

Work with the Executive Group and the Board, in collaboration with other portfolios within the School, to identify, evaluate, recommend opportunities and implementation strategies (where feasible) regarding the development of a comprehensive response to climate change, including but not limited to:

- Measure and reduce NOSM related greenhouse gas emissions.
- Measure and reduce the environmental footprint across all NOSM related operations.
- Advocate for adaptation and mitigation actions as they relate to climate change and health.
- Introduce planetary health concepts in NOSM related education and research.

### **3.0 Task Force Process**

When forming these recommendations:

- (i) They will make every effort to operate on a consensus model.
- (ii) When consensus is not attainable, the group will follow a democratic process.
- (iii) It is understood that recommendations of the task force remain subject to Northern Ontario School of Medicine policies and approvals processes.
- (iv) The Task Force may create subgroups in order to achieve the mandate.

### **4.0 Membership & Quorum**

The membership shall consist of individuals with expertise or an interest in the mandate of the task force. The terms shall be two year terms (renewable).

Composition shall be as follows:

- MAG Aerospace Industrial Research Chair in Environment and Health Surveillance, who shall act as Chair
- Associate Dean UME or designate
- Associate Dean PGE or designate
- Assistant Dean Research or designate
- Director Planning and Risk or designate
- Director of Indigenous Affairs or designate
- Up to 5 faculty members from varying faculties or disciplines
- Up to 5 Learners from varying programs (undergraduate medical students, postgraduate medical trainees graduate students and other health professional trainees)
- Secretary of the Board and Academic Council or designate (non-voting)

The Task Force may also invite non-voting participants who bring expertise in relevant areas to the meetings and should consult with staff or units that will be affected by their recommendations.

Membership will be requested through a general 'Request for Interest' to the appropriate bodies.

Quorum is a simple majority of the current members.

## 5.0 Reporting

The Task Force will submit to the Board of Directors an interim report (six months) and an annual report that describes key recommendations and implementation strategies.

Any recommendations should be accompanied by a cost benefit analysis or business case, if possible.

Regular updates will also be provided to the Dean-CEO.

## 6.0 Meetings

The Task Force shall normally meet once per term, but may meet more often at the call of the Chair.

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1.0	2019 06 14	5/28 approved by consensus of the Task Force Group. Approval by the Board Executive (early meeting called) on June 3, 2019. Additional minor edits and approved by the Governance Committee on June 14, 2019