# Memorial University of Newfoundland Schedule of Review and Signing Authority for Contractual Obligations

#### **Categories**

Academic
Acquisition of Products, Equipment, and Services
Advancement and Development
Financial/Legal
Human Resources
Property
Research
Student Services
IP, MOU's, Other

This Schedule is a companion document to the University's Contract Administration Policy. It indicates the positions(s) required to review and sign the respective contract. Where there are multiple positions indicated, the most senior position will advise others of the appropriate signing authority. In certain circumstances, delegation of signing authority may be by the person having signing authority. Any such delegation must be express, written delegation.

In the case of the Marine Institute, review and signing of most contracts is governed by its "Proposal Development and Contract Review Procedure" which forms part of its ISO 9000 registered Quality Management System.

For contracts pertaining to the Grenfell Campus which do not specifically require s.42 execution of documents by the Bursar (i.e., the Vice-President (Administration and Finance)), the Vice-President (Grenfell Campus) or appropriate delegate must review and sign. This Schedule will be reviewed once new governance structures and positions at the Grenfell Campus are finalized.

#### **ACADEMIC**

Document Description/Type	Review Required (Prior to Signature)	Signing Authority
Course and degree program offering agreements	Head, Dean or Director; Vice President (Academic) / Vice President (Research); General Counsel.	Vice President (Academic).
Non-degree course and program offering agreements	Head, Dean or Director; Vice-President (Academic); General Counsel.	Vice-President (Academic).
Contract training	Dean or Director or Division Head; General Counsel.	Dean or Director or Division Head; Vice President (as appropriate).
Academic testing agreements	Dean or Director or Division Head.	Dean or Director or Division Head appropriate to the area; Vice President (as appropriate).
Certification/accreditation agreements	Dean or Director or Division Head; Dean, School of Graduate Studies (as appropriate); Registrar; Vice President (Academic).	Dean or Director; Vice President (Academic).

Institutional affiliation	Dean or Director;	Vice President (Academic).
agreements	Dean, School of Graduate Studies;	
	Registrar;	
	Vice President (Academic);	
	General Counsel.	

# **ACQUISITION OF PRODUCTS, EQUIPMENT, AND SERVICES**

Document Description/Type	Review Required	Signing Authority
Concession agreements	Dean, Student Affairs and Services;	Director, Financial and
	General Counsel.	Administration Services;
		Dean, Student Affairs & Services;
		Chair of the Board.
Purchase of goods or services	As per Purchasing Policy.	As per Purchasing Policy.
Supply and Service contracts	As per Purchasing Policy.	As per Purchasing Policy.
(includes professional		
services and consulting)		
License/franchise	Dean or Director;	Dean or Director;
agreements	General Counsel.	Vice-President (as appropriate).
Consignment agreements	Dean or Director.	Dean or Director;
		Vice-President (as appropriate).
Loan/borrowing of products	Dean or Director or Division Head.	Dean or Director or Division Head;
or equipment		Vice-President (as appropriate).
Shared services agreements	Dean or Director or Division Head.	Dean or Director;
	General Counsel.	Vice-President (as appropriate);
		President
Information technology	Dean or Director (as appropriate);	Vice-President (Academic) and Vice-
projects	Information Management Committee.	President (Administration and Finance);
		Chair or Vice-Chair, Board of Regents (as
		appropriate).

# **ADVANCEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT**

Document Description/Type	Review Required	Signing Authority
Donor agreements	Dean, if appropriate;	Dean or Director;
	Director, Alumni Affairs and	President.
	Development.	
Scholarship agreements	Manager, Scholarships;	Director, Alumni Affairs and
	Dean or Director;	Development;
	Dean, School of Graduate Studies;	Dean, School of Graduate Studies;
	Director, Alumni Affairs and	President.
	Development;	
	President.	
Affinity agreements	Director, Alumni Affairs and	Director, Alumni Affairs and
	Development.	Development;
		Vice-President (as appropriate).
Sponsorship agreements	Dean or Director or Division Head	Dean or Director or Division Head
		appropriate to the area;
		Vice-President (as appropriate).

# **FINANCIAL / LEGAL**

<b>Document Description/Type</b>	Review Required	Signing Authority
Banking agreements	Director, Financial and Administrative Services.	Vice President (Administration and Finance);

		Director, Financial and Administrative Services.
Borrowing	Director, Financial and Administrative Services.	Director, Financial and Administrative Services; Vice President (Administration and Finance); Board Chair; MUN Act S40 (and by resolution of the Board).
Mortgages	Director, Financial and Administrative Services.	Director, Financial and Administrative Services; Vice President (Administration and Finance); Chair or Vice-Chair of Board; MUN Act S41 (and by resolution of the Board).
Short-term investments	Director, Financial and Administrative Services.	Director, Financial and Administrative Services; Vice President (Administration and Finance).
Investment trust funds	Director, Financial and Administrative Services; Investments Sub-Committee of the Board of Regents Finance Committee.	Director, Financial and Administrative Services; Vice President (Administration and Finance); Chair or Vice-Chair of Board.
Credit card agreements	Director, Financial and Administrative Services.	Director, Financial and Administrative Services; Vice President (Administration and Finance).
Settlement agreements arising from legal claims	Dean or Director as appropriate to the claim; General Counsel.	Appropriate Vice President; President.

#### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

Document Description/Type	Review Required	Signing Authority
Independent contractor	Director, Financial and Administrative	Dean; Director appropriate to the subject
agreements	Services;	area;
	Office of the Chief Risk Officer;	Vice-President (as appropriate).
	General Counsel.	
External secondment	Dean;	Dean, Director or Vice President, or
agreements (other than	Director, Human Resources;	President (as appropriate).
leaves of absence)	Director, Faculty Relations.	
Employee benefits	Manager, Pensions and Benefits;	Director, Human Resources;
	Director, Human Resources;	Vice President (Administration and
	Appropriate Board Committee or Sub-	Finance); or
	Committee, Board of Regents.	Board Chair (as appropriate).
Investment agreements (i.e.	Manager, Benefits and Pensions;	Director, Human Resources; Vice
pensions)	Director, Human Resources ;	President (Administration and Finance);
	Appropriate Board Committee or Sub-	or
	Committee, Board of Regents.	Board Chair.

#### **PROPERTY**

<b>Document Type/Description</b>	Review Required	Signing Authority
Acquisition of land	Associate Vice-President, Facilities;	President and/or Vice President
	Vice President(Administration and	(Administration and Finance);
	Finance);	Board Chair or Vice-Chair;
	General Counsel;	Subject to s 4 of the MUN Act (and by
	President.	resolution of the Board).
Acquisition or disposal of	Associate Vice-President, Facilities;	President and/or Vice President
buildings (purchase, lease,	Vice President (Administration and	(Administration and Finance);
donation, sale)	Finance);	Board Chair or Vice-Chair;
	General Counsel;	Subject to s 37 of the MUN Act (and by
	President.	resolution of the Board).
Lease of space (on campus)	Director, Operations and Maintenance;	Vice President (Administration and
(including bank machines)	Vice President (Administration and	Finance);
	Finance);	President;
	General Counsel.	Chair or Vice-Chair, Board of Regents.
Construction	Director, Engineering and	Associate Vice-President, Facilities
	Construction.	and/or Vice President (Administration
		and Finance);
		Chair, Board of Regents.
Renovation	Director, Engineering and	Associate Vice-President, Facilities;
	Construction.	Vice-President (Administration and
		Finance).
Land use agreements	Director, Operations and Maintenance;	President and/or Vice President
_	Vice President (Administration and	(Administration and Finance);
	Finance);	Board Chair or Vice-Chair.
	General Counsel.	
Energy performance	Director, Engineering and	Vice President (Administration and
contracts (not involving	Construction.	Finance); President.
financing)		

#### **RESEARCH**

	Review Required	Signing Authority
Clinical trials	Director, Research Grant & Contract	Vice President (Research) or Director,
	Services.	Research Grant & Contract Services).
Research & development	Director, Research Grant & Contract	Vice President (Research) or Director,
	Services.	Research Grant & Contract Services.
Applied research contracts	Director, Research Grant & Contract	Vice President (Research) or Director,
	Services.	Research Grant & Contract Services or
	Director, Strategic Institutional	Director, Strategic Institutional Research
	Research Initiatives.	Initiatives.
	Director, Technology Transfer and	Director, Technology Transfer and
	Commercialization Office.	Commercialization Office.
Collaboration/participation	Director, Research Grant & Contract	Vice President (Research) or Director,
agreements	Services;	Research Grant & Contract Services;
	Director, Technology Transfer and	Director, Technology Transfer and
	Commercialization Office;	Commercialization Office (as
	Director, Harris Centre (as appropriate).	appropriate).
Sub-contractor agreements	Director, Research Grant & Contract	Vice President (Research) or Director,
	Services.	Research Grant & Contract Services.

Funding agreements	Director, Research Grant & Contract	Vice President (Research) or Director,
	Services;	Research Grant & Contract Services;
	Director, Strategic Institutional	Vice-President (as appropriate) where
	Research Initiatives;	non-research.
	Dean or Director (as appropriate).	
Material transfer agreements	Director, Research Grant & Contract	Vice President (Research) or Director,
	Services;	Research Grant & Contract Services.
	Director, Technology Transfer and	
	Commercialization Office.	
Intellectual property	Vice President (Research); Director,	Vice President (Research);
agreements	Research Grant & Contract Services;	Director, Technology Transfer and
	Dean, School of Graduate Studies;	Commercialization Office (as
	Director, Technology Transfer and	appropriate).
	Commercialization Office.	

#### **STUDENT SERVICES**

Document Description/Type	Review Required	Signing Authority
Student exchange	Registrar;	Vice President (Academic).
agreements	Director, Financial and Administrative	
	Services;	
	Dean or Director;	
	Dean , School of Graduate Studies;	
	Vice President (Academic);	
	General Counsel.	
Student work, practicum,	Dean or Director or Division Head;	Dean or Director;
field or other placement	Director, Co-operative Education;	Director, Co-operative Education; Dean,
agreements	General Counsel.	Student
		Affairs & Services.
Agreements with student	General Counsel;	Dean, Student Affairs & Services;
associations	Dean, Student Affairs & Services;	President.
	Manager of Student Services (CB);	
	Vice-President as appropriate.	
Housing agreements	Director, Student Housing;	Director, Student Housing;
	Manager, Student Services (Grenfell	Dean, Student Affairs &
	Campus);	Services.
	Dean, Student Affairs & Services;	
	General Counsel.	
Student Recruitment agent	Director, Office of Student	Director, Student Recruitment;
contracts	Recruitment;	Assoc. Vice President (Academic).
	Dean appropriate to the area;	
	Manager, Student Services (CB);	
	General Counsel.	

# IP, MOUs, OTHER

Document Type/Description	Review Required	Signing Authority
Memorandum of	Dean or Director;	Dean or Director;
Understanding with other	General Counsel.	Vice President or President (as
organizations		appropriate).
International development	Vice President (Academic);	Vice President (Academic);
projects	Vice President (Research);	Vice President (Research) and in
	General Counsel.	appropriate cases, the President.

Knowledge/technology	Director, Research Grant & Contract	Director, Research Grant & Services or
transfer agreements	Services;	Vice President (Research).
	Director, Technology Transfer and	
	Commercialization Office.	
Knowledge mobilization	Dean or Director.	Dean or Director;
agreements		Vice-President (as appropriate).
Intellectual property	Director, Research Grant & Contract	Dean or Director (as appropriate); Vice
	Services;	President (Research).
	Director, Technology Transfer and	
	Commercialization Office;	
	Vice President (Research);	
	Dean, School of Graduate Studies;	
	Director, Faculty Relations;	
	Director, Human Resources;	
	General Counsel.	
Patents, trademark or	Director, Marketing and	Dean; Director; Vice President (as
copyright agreements	Communications;	appropriate).
	Director, Faculty Relations;	
	Director, Technology Transfer and	
	Commercialization Office;	
	General Counsel.	
Articulation agreements	Dean or Director;	Vice-President (Academic).
	Registrar;	
	General Counsel.	
Non-disclosure	Dean or Director.	Vice-President appropriate to the area
confidentiality agreements		

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