

University of Toronto Joint Centre for Bioethics

A Collaboratory in Bioethics
Research, Education, Practice and
Public Engagement



JCB History

- ❑ 1989: UofT creates Centre for Bioethics (Fred Lowy)
- ❑ 1995: UofT partners with 4 hospitals to create *Joint Centre for Bioethics* (Peter Singer)
- ❑ 1996-2006: JCB expands to 15 healthcare partners & 9 academic units
- ❑ 2002: JCB becomes 1st WHO Collaborating Centre in Bioethics
- ❑ 2008: Launch of the Collaboratory



JCB Today

Academic Partners

- ❑ Medicine
- ❑ Nursing
- ❑ Social Work
- ❑ Law
- ❑ Inst. of Med Sciences
- ❑ HPME
- ❑ Philosophy
- ❑ Public Health Sciences
- ❑ Rehabilitation Sciences
- ❑ Religious Studies
- ❑ Centre for Ethics



JCB Mission

To improve healthcare through leadership in bioethics research, education, practice, and public engagement.

Healthcare Partners





VISION 2012: MISSION, VISION, VALUES, & GOALS

Our Mission

To improve healthcare through leadership in bioethics research, education, practice, and public engagement.

Our Vision

To be the world's leading
Collaboratory in applied bioethics.

Our Values

Interdisciplinary and
interprofessional collaboration
Innovation and excellence
Inclusiveness and mutual respect
Internationalism
Leadership through partnership

Our Goals

We are dedicated to the following goals:

1. To excel in interdisciplinary bioethics research and scholarship, to advance the field of bioethics through innovation in bioethics theory and practice, and to apply leading-edge knowledge transfer and exchange approaches to influence health policy and practice locally, nationally, and internationally.
2. To achieve academic excellence in undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate educational programs in bioethics and interprofessional education in the health sector.
3. To lead ethics practice development with our partner organizations and academic units, and disseminate these practices across the local, national, and international health sectors.
4. To advance public discourse on bioethics issues by engaging public perspectives and serving as a resource for the media, policymakers, and community groups.

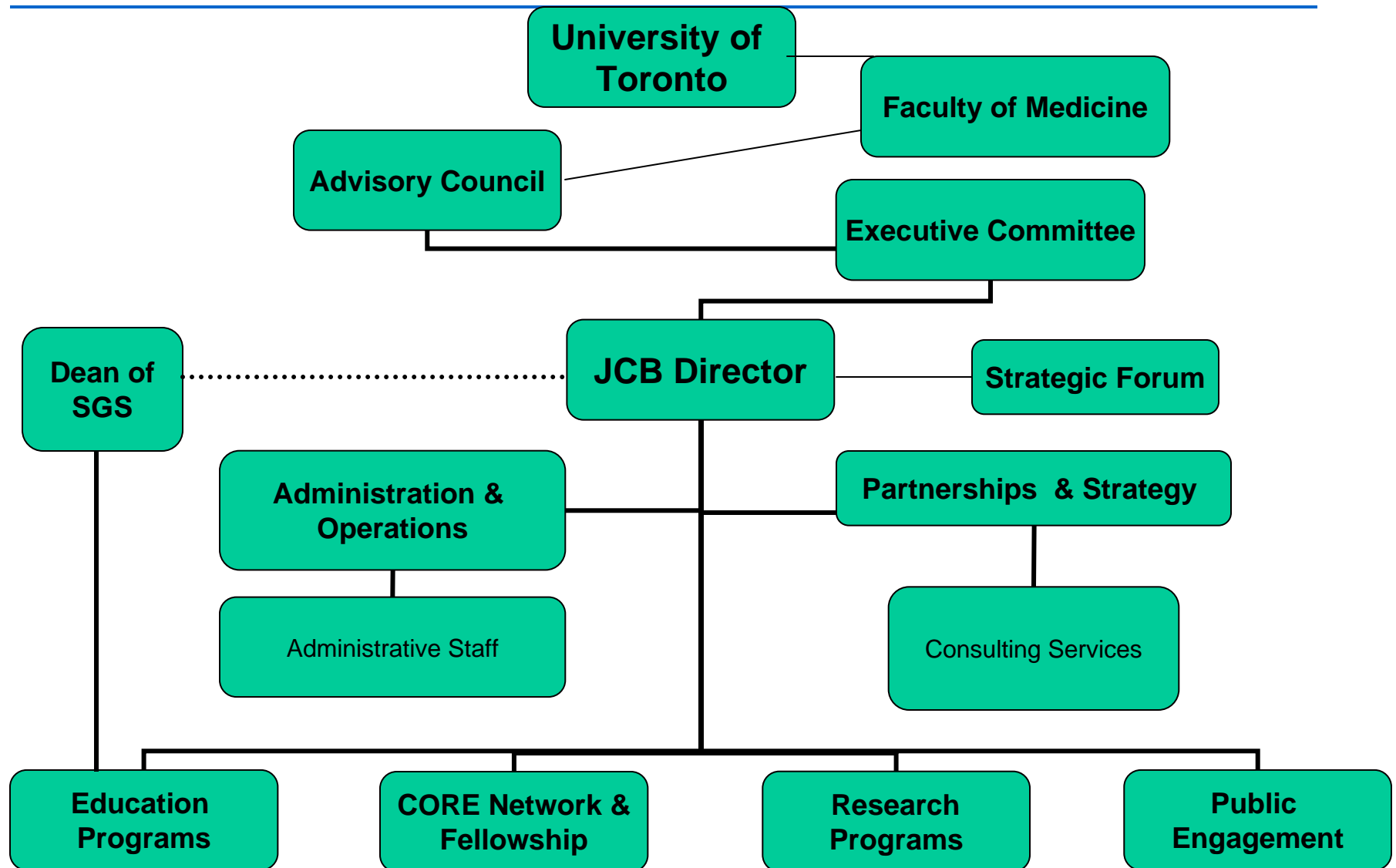
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Innovative. Interdisciplinary. International.
Improving health care through bioethics.

JCB Accountability Structure: New



JCB Mission: Education

- Collaborative Program in Bioethics (thesis)
 - 72 graduates; 30 current students

- MHS in Bioethics (professional)
 - > 100 MHS graduates (32 international); 23 current students

- Clinical & Organizational Ethics Fellowship
 - 27 fellows (2001 -); 85% placed post-grad

- Undergrad/post-grad medical education



JCB Mission: Research

- Interdisciplinary research in applied ethics (empirical + normative)

- Current research:
 - Clinical ethics, priority setting, organizational ethics, rehabilitation ethics, public engagement, research ethics, public health, pandemic preparedness

- Growing emphasis on knowledge translation
 - Executive training, white papers, media contacts, action research methods, research partnerships, consulting services



JCB Mission: Practice

□ “CORE” Network

- 24 ethicists + 9 fellows from 15 JCB partners

Leading Practices – tools & resources

- Working groups: Ethics Effectiveness, Mental Health Ethics, Cancer Drug Funding
 - CCHSA (accreditation) recognition
 - Pandemic Planning: from local to global
 - Research and Education in Research Ethics (RE²)
- ## □ Ethics Program Development - consulting
- Ethics needs assessment, strategic & operational planning, training/education



JCB Mission: Public Engagement

- “Collaboratory” infrastructure
 - Web-portals
 - Tele/video-networking capacity
 - E-presence
 - Research Tools Sharing

- 21st Century Town Hall technology
 - Research applications: Pandemic flu; End of life decision-making
 - Policy applications: Citizen’s Council

- Outreach, e.g, Bioethics Seminar, Endowed Lectures, Media contacts, Project Engage, Narrative Group



International MHSc in Bioethics

