



# University of Toronto

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AGENDA ITEM:

## ITEM IDENTIFICATION

Tuition Fee Schedule for Publicly Funded Programs for 2006-07.

## JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION

The Business Board recommends the schedule of tuition fees to Governing Council for approval.

## OTHER ACTION TAKEN

The tuition schedule has been reviewed by Principals and Deans and by the Senior Administration.

## HIGHLIGHTS

The Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities announced a new framework for tuition fees for Ontario universities on March 8, 2006. According to this framework, university tuition may increase by up to 4.5% for the first year of first-entry programs, except for MTCU-designated professional programs, and by up to 4% for all in-program students. Tuition fees for professional programs may increase by up to 8%, provided that the overall average increase in tuition across the institution is no more than 5%.

The tuition fee report for 2006-07, including a complete fee schedule, is attached. It has been designed in accordance with the University's policy on ensuring accessibility, our clear objective of maintaining excellence in all programs and the Government's constraints. For most programs, tuition fees will increase by 4.5% for entering students and 4% for continuing students. Tuition for engineering programs will increase by 6% and for all graduate programs by 4%. For students in the MD program, tuition will increase by 2%. This lower increase is possible as a result of the additional government funding for medical education provided in the Ontario Budget. Tuition in the MBA, Law and Dentistry programs will rise by 8%, because of the very high costs of these programs. Full details on tuition in all programs are given in the report.

There are some programs, such as Commerce and Computer Science, in which students pay a higher fee in upper years of the program, starting in Second Year. For these programs, the Government's upper limit of 8% applies to Second Year tuition. Second Year tuition in 2006-07 will increase by 4% relative to Second Year tuition in 2005-06. In 2007-08, Second Year tuition will increase by 8% above Second Year tuition level in 2006-07. The tuition schedules for these programs for both 2006-07 and 2007-08 are described clearly in the report and are given in a separate table. To ensure that students are properly informed at the

time they enter the University in September 2006, the Business Board is being asked to approve the tuition schedule for Second Year of these programs for a two-year period.

Last Year's tuition report included for information a proposed tuition schedule for international students in 2006-07. That schedule has been posted on the University's web page since April 2005, to inform potential applicants. The same schedule has been included in the attached report, this time for approval. Tuition for international students in all programs will increase by 5% relative to 2005-06, to cover increases in costs. The international student aid fund established last year will continue to be used to support students who encounter difficulty during their program of study.

## **FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS**

The increase in tuition will generate \$17.2M in new revenue. This additional revenue has been included in the University's budget assumptions and has made it possible to limit next year's expense reduction to 5%.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Business Board recommends to Governing Council

THAT the Tuition Fee Schedule for Publicly Funded Programs in 2006-07 as described in the attached report and the tuition fees in 2006-07 and 2007-08 for the special programs identified in Table 2 of Appendix B of the report be approved.