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AGENDA ITEM:

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

- Tuition Fee Schedule for Self-funded Programs for 2007-08.

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 and received the support of Principals and Deans and by the Senior Administration.

HIGHLIGHTS:

The University has a number of programs that are not funded under the Ministry's operating grants program, and, as a consequence, their fees are not regulated. The programs are self-funded, at least in regard to their direct costs. Tuition fees for these programs are set at levels necessary to eliminate or avoid budget deficits. Annual changes in tuition fees reflect not only price inflation but may also reflect variations in real costs as programs and services change. The proposed fee levels and year-over-year increases for self-funded programs are described in Table 1.

Fee increases for 2007-08 are 5% or less in all programs except the Summer Program in Medieval Latin, the International Dentist Advanced Placement Program, the Executive Master of Business Administration programs (EMBA and OMNIUM GEMBA), the Post-Master's Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Program, and the OISE/UT Lab School programs.

The tuition fee level for the Summer Program in Medieval Latin has remained relatively flat for the past ten years. Last year, increases in tuition fees were planned over a two-year period in stepped increments. This year's proposed fee levels of \$1,000 (Can) for domestic students and \$850 (US) for international students continues the plan to reflect increases in costs due to inflation and salaries over the past ten years in the tuition level. The proposed level also more closely aligns the tuition fee to other comparable programs in the US.

The 20% increase in the International Dentist Advanced Placement Program tuition fees will help support changes to the length of the program. This year the program will be four weeks longer than the program offered last year (a 25% increase in length).

The 6.3% increase in the EMBA program tuition fee is needed to support the introduction of a new soft skill component on career development, which will include access to a career services coach, networking workshops, personal branding seminars, career training tool and career planning advice. The 8.3% increase for the GEMBA tuition fee is needed to cover the cost of one additional international trip to Hungary in the European module, and a destination change from Rio de Janeiro to Buenos Aires in the South American module. Additional program content development and travel costs are incurred as a result of these changes.

The 36% increase in the Post-Masters Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Diploma program tuition fee reflects a 40% increase in program length from 12 to 20 months.

It should be noted that the Faculty of Nursing has closed admission in the Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner certificate program, and is in the process of phasing-out the program. The faculty will support all currently registered students until completion of the certificate requirements.

The 8.6% increase in the tuition fee for the OISE/UT Lab School at the Institute for Child Study will cover increases in salary and benefit costs, increased costs for site maintenance and the payment of debt-service fees for previous real estate acquisitions. It is noted that these fees remain lower than that of comparable private schools.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the proposed Tuition Fee Schedule for Self-Funded Programs for 2007-08 be recommended to Governing Council for approval.