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TO: Members of the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs
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DATE: October 6, 2003 for meeting of October 15, 2003
AGENDA ITEM: 4

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Proposal for a combined Bachelor of Dental Hygiene (BDH)/ Diploma in Dental Hygiene program, offered by the Faculty of Dentistry in collaboration with George Brown College, as described in the submission from the Faculty of Dentistry, dated September 19, 2003.

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The Committee has authority for approval of major program and curriculum changes.

HIGHLIGHTS:

The proposed program is a direct-entry, integrated four-year program offered in collaboration with George Brown College. The first and fourth year will be taken primarily at the University of Toronto, and the second and third year will be taken primarily at George Brown College. Students will be University of Toronto students over the course of the program and will graduate with a Bachelor of Dental Hygiene degree from the University of Toronto and a Diploma in Dental Hygiene from George Brown College.

The program is intended to produce graduates who are prepared to be self-directed learners with the ability to practice in diverse settings and to work with a range of patients including those who present more complex oral health problems or whose health status is compromised in various ways.

A copy of the draft agreement between the University of Toronto and George Brown College, which is modeled on our agreements with Centennial and Sheridan Colleges for particular programs, is attached for information.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs recommend to the Academic Board for approval:

The proposal for a combined Bachelor of Dental Hygiene (BDH)/ Diploma in Dental Hygiene program, offered by the Faculty of Dentistry in collaboration with George Brown College, as described in the submission from the Faculty of Dentistry, dated September 19, 2003, effective September 1, 2004.



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September 19, 2003

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Dear Professor Tuohy:

I am pleased to submit the enclosed outline for the Baccalaureate Program in Dental Hygiene (BDH) that we have been planning in collaboration with George Brown College. In order for implementation during the 2004-2005 academic year, I request that this be brought forward to the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs at its October 15th meeting. It should also be on the agenda for the October 21st meeting of the Planning and Budget Committee, noting that the program has no resource implications for the University.

Thank you for your assistance. Should you require any further information, please let me know.

Yours sincerely

David Mock
Dean

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Encl.

xc: Professor Safwat Zaky, Vice-Provost Planning & Budget

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

At meetings of the Executive Committee held on February 5 and March 19, 2003, the Committee:

On February 5, 2003:

1. approved the membership of the subcommittee for the Dentistry Enrichment Endowment Fund 2003-20034 comprised of Drs. D. Haas (Chair), B.J. Sessle and P. Watson.
2. discussed the Proposal for the Bachelor of Dental Hygiene Degree Program in collaboration with George Brown and Georgian Colleges of Arts and Technology:

RECOMMENDATION: The Executive Committee recommends to Faculty Council that the Proposal for the Bachelor of Dental Hygiene Degree Program be accepted as presented.*

On March 19, 2003:

3. accepted the report from Dr. Haas, chair of the Dentistry Enrichment Endowment Fund selection committee, who recommended awards as follows: 1) Mr. J. Fiege, computers with monitors for the 3 large lecture rooms, video tripod and video distribution upgrade in the amount of \$17,128.55; 2) Dr. J. Heersche and Ms. S. Carter, isoflurane vaporizer and delivery system in the amount of \$3,744.40; 3) funding of \$30,000 for equipment for applications from Dr. M. Glogauer et al (ChemiGenius² dedicated image documentation system), Dr. M. Manolson et al (Lunar PIXImus dual-energy x-ray absorptiometry DEXA) and Dr. C. McCulloch et al (flow cytometer) contingent upon successful receipt of funding from their granting agencies to purchase equipment. The \$30,000 will be divided equally among the successful applicants and the amount awarded will be no more than that requested in their application to the Enrichment Endowment Fund. In the event that none of these applicants receives funding from an external granting agency, then the remaining non-funded applications will be reconsidered.
4. agreed that requests from external students seeking permission to come to the Faculty as exchange students should be directed to Dr. Matear, Assistant Dean (Clinics) rather than to Dr. Haas, Associate Dean (Clinical Sciences); also agreed that our students going on exchanges should maximize their academic exposure while away even if this means the visit takes place during the beginning of 4th Year.

For Presentation to Faculty Council
March 31, 2003

FACULTY OF DENTISTRY
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

BACHELOR OF DENTAL HYGIENE
PROGRAM PROPOSAL

SEPTEMBER 2003

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BACHELOR OF DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM PROPOSAL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The University of Toronto, Faculty of Dentistry is submitting a proposal for a Bachelor of Dental Hygiene (BDH) degree, which is a direct-entry, integrated, four-year program offered in collaboration with George Brown College, Centre for Health Sciences. Admission requirements will be similar or higher than those expected for entry into first year Faculty of Arts and Science at University of Toronto, and the anticipated start date is September 2004 with an enrollment of 85 students.

There are currently 31 dental hygiene programs across Canada, which include five university programs, 20 community college programs, four CEGEP programs and two privately run programs. Fourteen of the programs are based in Ontario.

Stakeholder groups have been consulted, and there is overall support for the development of a direct-entry baccalaureate program for dental hygiene. The rationale for a move to baccalaureate education is that it will ensure cost effective use of education dollars with existing resources; enable high school graduates direct access to a baccalaureate-level dental hygiene education leading to a career in dental hygiene; expand learner-centered delivery of dental hygiene education in Ontario; ensure equitable education compared to other health disciplines such as nursing, physiotherapy, occupational therapy and speech language pathology; build a critical mass of academic and research practitioners; and provide the foundation for graduate and post-graduate studies. Various factors have resulted in the opportunity for change in dental hygiene education in Ontario, and the University of Toronto together with George Brown College are being proactive and innovative in creating a partnership that raises the standard of dental hygiene education in Ontario to degree status.

Student interest in the BDH program is anticipated to be high since it offers degree education in combination with a professional training and designation. Data to support that include a survey of final year dental hygiene students at three community colleges, where 83% found the idea of a dental hygiene degree program as appealing or very appealing. Presently, George Brown College has approximately 2000 applications for the 72 spots in its diploma program, which indicates a high desire for this health profession career path.

In addressing societal demand, a study presented at the 2003 Canadian Dental Hygienists conference on patterns and trends in dental hygiene documented increased demand for preventive and dental hygiene services over the past 12 years. Concurrent with that are epidemiological studies that identify increased oral health needs and limited access to care in segments of the population, such as the elderly and homebound.

The proposed baccalaureate dental hygiene program will provide the workplace with oral health care practitioners who will be self-directed learners with knowledge and experience in diverse health care settings so as to meet the clinical, educational and health promotion needs of the community.

BACHELOR OF DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM PROPOSAL

This proposal outlines a direct-entry, four-year degree program offered in collaboration with George Brown College of Applied Arts and Technology. The anticipated start date of this program is September 2004.

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