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AGENDA ITEM: #4 (d)

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Tuition Fee Schedule for publicly funded programs for 2003/04.

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The Business Board approves the schedule of tuition fees.

HIGHLIGHTS:

The University proposes to increase revenue from tuition fees for domestic students in regulated programs to the maximum permitted level. This results in an increase of 1.9% over the 2002-03 fee rates.

In the deregulated programs, the presumptive increase will be 5% for new and continuing domestic students. Increases greater than 5% are proposed for new students in programs in computer science, engineering, dentistry, law and management. The increases are based on the plans of the academic divisions, the cost of the program delivery, fee levels at peer institutions, the income prospects of the program graduates, and providing a balance between the public and private sources of revenue generated by students in the program. A significant portion of the revenue from these fee increases will be available for the divisions to introduce program enhancements and quality improvements.

Tuition fees for international students in first-entry and professional programs will, in general, be increased by the same dollar amount as corresponding domestic students thereby continuing to generate the same revenue as that generated by a domestic student from tuition fees and government operating grant.

The University continues to make a commitment that no domestic student continuing in a program will be subjected to a fee increase of more than 5% per year. The commitment will last for the normal length of the full-time program of study. For a Ph.D. student the commitment will last for four years. A similar commitment is made for international students.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

Tuition fees provide approximately 30% of the total operating budget revenue.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the proposed Tuition Fee Schedule for publicly funded programs for 2002/03 be recommended to Governing Council for approval.