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AGENDA ITEM: #4 (e)

## ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Tuition Fee Schedule for Self-Funded Programs for 2003-04.

## JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

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

## HIGHLIGHTS:

The University has a number of programs that are not funded under the Ministry's operating grants program and, in consequence whose tuition fees are not regulated. The programs are self-funded, at least in regard to 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 Tables 1 and 2.

The Schedule follows the format of the Tuition Fee Schedule for Publicly Funded Programs by defining the level of fee for students entering programs in 2003-04 and by offering a commitment on the level of fee that a student will experience for the remainder of the normal length of a full-time program. Fee increases for 2003-04 are 5% or less in all programs except the Master of Management and Professional Accounting (MMPA), OISE/UT Lab School programs, UTS and the Diploma in Forensic Accounting (DIFA).

Fees for students in the entering cohort of the MMPA program will increase 11.1% for domestic and 7.7% for international students over the previous year to help off-set increased costs associated with additional assistance provided to students in obtaining co-op placements, and in the case of foreign students, additional English language training.

Fees for the OISE/UT Lab School at the Institute for Child Study will increase by 7% to cover the in year salary increase as well as to provide some salary anomaly adjustments and the partial funding of a new development position to head-up the capital campaign. The 6.1% increase for UTS (which includes the capital levy) is part of the long-range plan that was approved last year to focus on academic quality enhancements at UTS.

The original fee for the DIFA program was set using an estimate of the cost of operating a distance education program. Two years of experience with the program has now given a more accurate picture of

the true program costs. The 18.2% fee increase will bring the fee to a level which reflects these costs. Finally, students in the DIFA program will not experience a fee increase while they are in the program.

Two self-funded programs will not be offered in 2003-04: Social Work Research Diploma and the Post-Masters Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Program. Also, the ConGESE Program in Software Engineering and the Certificate program in Case Management will not be accepting new intake in 2003-03 and will be phased-out. Radiation Sciences will continue to be phased-out as the new revised Medical Radiation Science programs are phased-in as publicly-funded programs.

Finally, two programs, the MFE and the PharmD have been moved to the publicly-funded schedule.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the proposed Tuition Fee Schedule for Self-Funded Programs for 2003/04 be recommended to Governing Council for approval.