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**Attachment 1 to
Report #139
of the Business Board**

TO: Business Board

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DATE: February 14, 2005 for meeting on February 28, 2005

AGENDA ITEM: 3(c)

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Tuition Fee Schedule for Publicly Funded Programs for 2005-06.

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.

The Statement of Commitment Regarding International Students was approved by the Committee on Academic Policies and Programs on Feb 2, 2005.

Business Board approved the 2004-05 schedule on April 14, 2004.

HIGHLIGHTS:

In the 2004 Ontario Budget, the Provincial Government announced a two-year tuition freeze on domestic student tuition fees while the government implements a plan to ensure quality and accessibility of higher education. The 2005-06 academic year is the second year in which this freeze on tuition fees applies.

The tuition fee report, including a complete fee schedule for 2005-06, is attached. The tuition fees for domestic students have been frozen for all programs and for all years of study at the levels that were applicable in 2003-04 and 2004-05. It should be noted that there are programs in which students pay higher fees in the upper years of the program. The tuition fee level in each of these programs will be the same as that paid by students in the corresponding upper year in 2004-05. For example, the tuition fee for Year 1 of computer science is currently \$4,185. A student who moves to Year 2 in 2005-06 will pay \$6,563, which is the same tuition fee for this program year in 2004-05.

Tuition fees for international students by program are proposed for 2005-06 that are intended to better reflect a fair share of program costs and reflect our aspirations to be a leading internationally recognized, public university competitive with our peers. A targeted scholarship program and a new financial-aid program will be used to ensure accessibility for international students. The details of the proposed changes are included in the attached report. These changes were signaled in the 2004-05 tuition fee schedule reviewed by Business Board on April 14, 2004.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

The forgone revenue resulting from the tuition freeze on domestic students has been estimated to be about \$18M in 2005-06. The Government has indicated its intention to compensate universities for a portion of this loss in revenue. The increase in tuition fees for international students will yield about \$7.7M of new revenue in 2005-06, rising to a steady state of about \$25.6M by 2009-10. These estimates have been incorporated into the revenue projections contained in the budget report and long-range forecast for the 2004-10 planning period.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Business Board recommends to Governing Council

THAT the “Tuition Fee Schedule for Publicly Funded Programs for 2005-06”, be approved.