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TO: Planning and Budget Committee

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DATE: June 10th 2003 for June 17th meeting.

AGENDA ITEM: #3

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Disestablishment of the Graduate Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology and the discontinuation of its Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy programs.

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The Planning and Budget Committee is responsible for advising the Academic Board on the establishment and disestablishment of academic units.

HIGHLIGHTS:

The Faculty of Medicine requests the official closure of the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology. This Department has been responsible for a doctoral graduate program (MSc and PhD degrees) as well as teaching in the Arts & Science undergraduate program. The faculty in this former Department have now been re-located in other Departments in the Faculty of Medicine including Biochemistry, Medical and Molecular Genetics, Medical Biophysics and Surgery. The members of this former Department have aligned their research programs and education commitments within other biomedical and clinical science departments in our Faculty without major difficulties. Students in the former Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology have relocated to other graduate departments in the Faculty of Medicine where their supervisors have primary or cross-appointments. At this time, one PhD student remains registered in the Graduate Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology and it is expected that this student will defend her thesis in the near future. If the thesis defense does not take place before June 30th the student's registration will be transferred to the graduate department in which the supervisor now holds an appointment. There will then be no further academic responsibilities for this Graduate Department.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

There are no resource implications for the University's budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Planning and Budget Committee recommends for approval:

That;

- (1) The Graduate Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology be disestablished effective July 1, 2003 and,
- (2) The Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy programs in Anatomy and Cell Biology be discontinued effective July 1, 2003.