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OFFICE OF PLANNING AND BUDGET

TO: Planning and Budget Committee

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DATE: October 8, 2003 for meeting on October 21, 2003

AGENDA ITEM: #7.2

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

• Proposal to introduce a Ph.D. Program in Rehabilitation Science in the Department of Rehabilitation Science, Faculty of Medicine.

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

Excerpt from the terms of reference for the Planning and Budget Committee:

4.4.2. The committee advises the Academic Board on the Planning and resource implications of plans and proposals to establish, disestablish or significantly restructure academic programs[Changes within a degree program that do not meet the above definition and do not require the allocation of additional resources from sources outside the division are considered by the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs and do not require the attention of the Committee ...]

OTHER ACTION TAKEN:

This program will be considered by the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs at their October 15, 2003, meeting.

HIGHLIGHTS:

The Graduate Department of Rehabilitation Science is proposing a Ph.D. in Rehabilitation Science as an extension of the existing master's program. The program is intended to feed the extensive demand for rehabilitation academics and scientists in Canada and internationally.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

The program will be offered starting January, 2004, initially with 4 students growing to 33 by the year 2010. It will be supported from existing resources. There are no budgetary implications.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information only.