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FOR INFORMATION:

TO: Planning and Budget Committee

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ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Graduate Enrolment Planning: 2005-2010 – Discussion Paper

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The Committee is responsible for policy on planning. The Committee reviews and makes recommendations on the University's general planning framework including enrolment plans and policies.

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

The Governing Council has endorsed a number of documents that have articulated a commitment to graduate education. These include: *Planning for 2000* (1994); *Discussion Paper on Enrolment Expansion at the University of Toronto*, (December 1999); *Raising our Sights* (1999); *Framework for Enrolment Expansion at the University of Toronto* (March 2000); *Stepping UP: A Framework for Academic Planning, 2004-2010*; and *The Choice for a Generation* (November 19, 2004) [the University of Toronto's Rae Submission].

HIGHLIGHTS:

The Government of Ontario, as part of the spring provincial budget, issued the *Reaching Higher* plan which calls for an increase in graduate enrolment of 14,000 students by the year 2009 for the Ontario system. This represents a 50% increase over current levels. Since, the University of Toronto currently enrolls one-third of the province's graduate students this represents a significant opportunity for our consideration.

The Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities is currently engaged in discussions regarding how this expansion will be distributed across the province. It is expected that we will need to finalize our institutional plans within a matter of weeks. Many units are already engaged in discussions about graduate expansion. Given the nature of graduate education, it is essential that our plans for this expansion be developed at the local level. At the same time, we must also consider the impact of such an expansion at the institutional level.

The attached Discussion Paper provides an analysis for the context for the graduation expansion and raises issues that need to be considered as we plan for this historic opportunity. The paper also includes an Appendix which assesses the enrollment expansion to date, relative to the issues presented in the *Framework for Enrolment Expansion at the University of Toronto (March 2000)* (<http://www.provost.utoronto.ca/English/A-Framework-for-Enrolment-Expansion-at-the-University-of-Toronto.html>) and the *Discussion Paper on Enrolment Expansion at the University of Toronto, (December 1999)* (<http://www.provost.utoronto.ca/English/Discussion-Paper-on-Enrolment-Expansion-at-the-University-of-Toronto.html>).

The purpose of this Discussion Paper is to stimulate discussion among members of our community regarding the enrolment expansion. The dialogue resulting from the Discussion Paper will inform the expansion commitment made by University. Based on the results of the current consultations, a framework of principles for any graduate enrolment expansion will be developed and brought forward to governance for approval.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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