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ITEM IDENTIFICATION

Enrolment Report for 2009-10

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION

The Committee is responsible for policy on planning. Specific areas in which recommendations are Made to the Academic Board include enrolment plans and policies. The Committee is responsible for monitoring planning activities.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Enrolment Report describes in-year enrolment and compares achieved enrolment levels to approved plans and it includes the enrolment projections underlying the Long Range Budget Guidelines and annual Budget Report. This year's report provides projections for the five-year period 2010-11 through to 2014-15.

In 2009-10, a total of 77,343 students are enrolled at the University of Toronto, 68,585 full-time and 8,758 part-time. In terms of full-time equivalents (FTEs), the 2009-10 enrolment level of 65,402 FTEs represents a 104% increase in enrolment since 1973 and a 3.9% increase over 2008-09.

The University continues to see an increase in international student enrolment. In 2009-10, international enrolment increased by 616 students to 8,482, consisting of 6,832 undergraduate students and 1,650 graduate students. International students now represent 11.1% of undergraduate and 11.4% of graduate students.

International intake is highly influenced by international events and changes in government funding. As a result, it fluctuates significantly from year to year. In 2009-10, total international intake increased by 1.1% relative to the previous year, with a decrease of 13.4% in graduate and an increase of 5.4% in undergraduate students. The decline in graduate international intake compared to 2006-07 levels is largely attributable to the current emphasis on graduate domestic enrolment expansion for which full government funding is available.

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Graduate enrolment plans in 2009-10 called for an increase of 2,469 eligible FTEs over 2004-05 levels. Actual enrolment on November 1, 2009, showed an increase of 2,440 eligible FTEs, which is 29 FTEs below planned levels. After a mid-program review of the graduate expansion initiative, the Ministry announced in December 2009 that it would provide a one-time opportunity for institutions to convert up to 50% of their remaining spaces that had yet to be realized as of 2007-08 between the two pools on a grant-neutral basis. The University of Toronto received permission to convert 261 PhD spaces to 500 additional Masters spaces. End-state targets are now 7,031 Masters and 3,854 PhDs, which represents growth relative to 2004-05 of 2,209 Masters and 751 PhDs.

RECOMMENDATION

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