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AGENDA ITEM: 6

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Reviews of Academic Programs and Units – Report to Governing Council

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

In 1994, the Governing Council approved in principle a recommendation of the Broadhurst Task Force on Ontario University Accountability that governing boards should receive a report on all program reviews.

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

In 1994/5, the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs instituted a process whereby each review report was referred to a panel of Committee members, who read the full text of the review, met with the academic leader of the relevant unit, and forwarded a summary of the review to the full Committee. This process was revised in 1999 to provide for an annual program review report to be considered by the full Committee, then forwarded to the Agenda Committee of Academic Board, the Executive Committee and the Governing Council. In 2005, the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs revised its process of consideration further to ensure that each review underwent a more detailed review by members of the Committee than previously, and the Agenda Committee of the Academic Board endorsed this approach.

HIGHLIGHTS:

N/A

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

For information only.