



TO: Governing Council

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AGENDA ITEM:

ITEM IDENTIFICATION: Faculty of Arts & Science Program Fee Report

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The Governing Council in its May 20, 2009 resolution asked that a Report on the implementation of the Faculty of Arts & Science Program Fee be made.

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

On May 20, 2009 the Governing Council approved the proposal to charge tuition fees for full-time Arts & Science students on the St. George Campus on the basis of a program fee instead of a per-course fee. This was "...subject to the understanding that prior to 2011-12 an evaluation of the impact of the model by the Arts & Science Council, in consultation with the Vice-President and Provost, and reported to the Governing Council to enable consideration of revision of the implementation plan, if such is required."

On June 24, 2010 the Professor Mark McGowan, Principal, St. Michael's College and Chair, of the Program Fee Monitoring Committee gave a report to the Governing Council. He informed members that the Committee had a two-year mandate and aimed to work on three broad areas: longitudinal numbers from 2009-10, and 2010-11 cohorts directly affected by the program fees, compared with 2007-08 and 2008-09 cohorts; six specific streams within Arts & Science in order to assess the effect of program fees on the variety of programs in which students were registered within the Faculty; and domestic fees and international fees, to identify any issues that may have arisen as a result of the implementation of the program fee.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Please see attached memo from Professor Meric Gertler, Dean, Faculty of Arts & Science.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

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RECOMMENDATION:

For information.