

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT & PROVOST

TO: Committee on Academic Policy and Programs

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AGENDA ITEM: 8

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

School of Graduate Studies: Annual Report on Approvals under Delegated Authority by the Graduate Education Council, 2007-2008

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The Committee on Academic Policy and Programs is responsible for monitoring academic matters as may be required by general policy.

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

As a result of amendments to the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs terms of reference in 2006, the School of Graduate Studies Graduate Education Council was delegated the authority to approve changes to admission requirements to graduate programs and to approve the establishment of direct admission options for existing PhD programs, consistent with School of Graduate Studies policy. The School of Graduate Studies is charged with the responsibility of reporting all changes approved under its authority as part of an annual report to the Committee for information. The first report was presented to the Committee in September 10, 2007.

HIGHLIGHTS

The 2007-08 summary report of SGS Graduate Education Council 2007-08 is attached. This is the second annual by the School of Graduate Studies. With two years of data now available, it is possible to compare data over this time period:

Proposal types and number of submissions to GEC in 2006-07 and 2007-08¹

Proposal Type	2006-07	2007-08
New Flex Time Option	1	
Admission Requirement Change		7
Admission & Program Requirement Change	2	4
Program Requirement Change	30	18
New Collaborative/Combined Program	1	6
Total	34	35

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS: n/a

RECOMMENDATION: For Information

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¹ New program proposals, program closures and program name changes have not been included in the table as such proposals are forwarded governance for its consideration during the course of each academic year.