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TO: Committee on Academic Policy and Programs

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AGENDA ITEM: 6(e)

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

School of Graduate Studies: Admission requirements in the Faculty of Social Work Master of Social Work

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The Committee has the authority to approve admission policies relating to minor changes to individual programs or to divisional practices and policies.

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

HIGHLIGHTS:

The Faculty of Social is proposing that candidates for admission to the **Two-Year M.S.W. Full-Time Program**, in addition to normally having an appropriate four-year University of Toronto bachelor's degree, or its equivalent from a recognized university, will also normally shall have achieved a mid-B average in the final year of full-time study (or equivalent). Candidates for admission to the **M.S.W. Program with Advanced Standing** that have graduated with a Bachelor of Social Work degree from a recognized university, are proposed to also normally have achieved a mid-B average in the final year of full-time study (or equivalent).

This change was originally proposed by the Faculty's Admissions Committee. It is a minor change to the way the grade average is calculated from an average over the final two years to an average of the final year only. In reviewing applications, the Admissions Committee places greater emphasis on the GPA in the final year. Experience shows it is not necessary to include the extra year in selecting candidates. Given workload of staff in calculating the GPA for two years, it is strongly recommended that we change the requirement. This requirement is similar to other graduate programs in social work and other U of T Programs.

The Admissions Committee, Faculty of Social Work approved the changes in June 2005. The proposal was approved by the Council of the School of Graduate Studies on November 22, 2005.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

There are no new/additional financial resources required.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs approve:

THAT the Faculty of Social Work change the admission requirements for the Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) program, regular and advanced standing options, effective September 2006.