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TO: Committee on Academic Policy and Programs

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AGENDA ITEM: **8**

ITEM IDENTIFICATION: School of Graduate Studies / Faculty of Medicine: Proposal for a Master Health Science in Medical Radiation Sciences (M.H.Sc.)

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The Committee has authority to recommend to Academic Board for approval changes which establish a new degree program.

HIGHLIGHTS:

The proposed two-year Master of Health Science in Medical Radiation Science (Appendix 1) is a professional, non-thesis graduate degree program to be offered through the Institute of Medical Science, in collaboration with the Department of Radiation Oncology in the Faculty of Medicine.

The program is designed to provide radiation therapists with the advanced knowledge, skills and judgment to excel as academic clinicians in the field of radiation medicine. It is a professional master's degree program without a thesis requirement. Applicants with a previous four-year undergraduate bachelor's degree in Medical Radiation Science or its equivalent and a license to practice in Ontario (or proof of eligibility for license) will further develop their analytical, critical, scholarly, professional and knowledge translation skills to promote continuous improvement in the delivery of radiation therapy and in the care of their patients.

The program was approved by the Institute of Medical Sciences Executive Committee. The Faculty of Medicine Faculty Council (November 5, 2007) and the Graduate Education Council (November 20, 2007) approved the proposal.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

Under the Institute of Medical Sciences, the Department of Radiation Oncology and the Faculty of Medicine have committed to provide all the resources needed for this program. This proposal will be presented to the Planning and Budget Committee on January 9, 2008.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee on Academic Policy and Programs recommends to the Academic Board:

THAT the proposal to establish the Master Health Science in Medical Radiation Sciences (M.H.Sc.) within the Faculty of Medicine be approved, effective September 2008.