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TO: Committee on Academic Policy and Programs

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ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy: Parchment Recognition of Graduation with Honours

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The Committee on Academic Policy and Programs is responsible for matters having to do with "earned degrees, diplomas and certificates." While previous decisions have been recommended to the Academic Board for approval, the policy has been clearly established that graduation with honours may be recognized on the parchments on the request of the divisional council. Therefore, the Chair will propose to the Agenda Committee of the Academic Board that the Committee's approval be deemed sufficient.

HIGHLIGHTS:

The Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy proposes that students who graduate with honours be recognized at convocation by having the 'with honours' designation included on the parchment of the Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy (B.Sc.PhM.) and the Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.). A student graduates 'with honours' with a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or more the BScPhm program. In the PharmD program, student courses are graded as honours, pass or fail. For a student to graduate with honours he/she must receive honours in 9 of the 11 courses in their first year and 10 out of 12 in the second year. The honours designation currently appears on the student's academic transcript.

The recording of honours has been approved for several academic divisions: the Faculty of Physical Education and Health parchments (1989), the Faculty of Music (1995); and the Faculty of Law (2001).

The recommended change to the parchment was reviewed and approved unanimously by the Faculty's Council meeting on December 5, 2007.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

There are no new/additional financial resources required to implement the parchment design changes.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee on Academic Policy and Programs approves:

THAT the proposal to recognize on the parchment graduation with honours by students in all degree programs in the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy be approved, effective June 2008.