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ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

School of Graduate Studies: Annual Report of Items Approved Via Graduate Governance Procedures 2006-2007

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:

The report of the Task Force on Graduate Education at the University of Toronto (April 2005) recommended changes to graduate governance procedures. Following the recommendations, the Governance Working Group and Graduate Education Coordinating Committee produced a report entitled "Proposal for Changes to Governance Routing with Respect to Graduate Programs" (February 2006) outlining recommendations for changes to graduate governance. The recommendations included delegation for approval of items from the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs to the School of Graduate Studies Graduate Education Council. The summary document from the Working Group's report is attached for reference (Appendix 2). The Committee on Academic Policy and Programs received the report on March 1, 2006.

The terms of reference of the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs were amended by the Governing Council on May 1, 2006. Specifically, Governing Council approved the delegate to the Graduate Education Council authority to approve, consistent with School of Graduate Studies policy, changes to admission requirements to graduate programs and to approve the establishment of direct admission options for existing PhD programs. It was noted at the time that the School of Graduate Studies would report all changes approved under its new authority as part of an annual report, for information, to the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs.

HIGHLIGHTS:

The Annual Report of Items Approved Via Graduate Governance Procedures 2006-2007 (Appendix 1) constitutes the first annual summary of graduate governance items reported to the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs for information as a result of graduate governance changes approved in 2006.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS: N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

For Information