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TO: Planning and Budget Committee
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ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

School of Graduate Studies: Discontinuation of Nursing MSc Program

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

Excerpt from the terms of reference for the Planning and Budget Committee:

4.4.2. The Committee advises the Academic Board on the planning and resource implications and proposals to establish, disestablish or significantly restructure academic programs. Implications might include significant planning and budgetary changes within the significant effects on other divisions, the University as a whole and the public.

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

HIGHLIGHTS:

The Faculty of Nursing has offered a graduate program leading to a Master's degree since 1970. Initially, the only program offered was a thesis program leading to the degree of Master of Science in Nursing (MScN). In 1991 the degree designation was changed to Master of Science (MSc). Since 1993, the Faculty has been offering a non-thesis Master's program leading to the degree of Master of Nursing (MN). Graduates of this program have been accepted into the Faculty's PhD program and other PhD programs in the province without difficulty.

No students have been admitted to the MSc program since 1996. Any lapsed students requesting reinstatement in the future, could be accommodated into the M.N. program, which functions as both a research and professional program.

On April 25, 2006, the School of Graduate Studies Council approved a recommendation to close the MSc program effective immediately.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS: N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

The Planning and Budget Committee recommends to the Academic Board:

THAT the Nursing MSc Program at the Faculty of Nursing be closed, effective September 2006.