APPENDIX "C" TO REPORT NUMBER 136
OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC
POLICY AND PROGRAMS – May 13, 2008

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ITEM IDENTIFICATION: Policy on Access to Student Academic Records

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:
The Committee on Academic Policy and Programs oversees matters of academic policy, and is responsible for recommending to the Academic Board amendments to University-wide policy on academic matters.

BACKGROUND:
The current Policy on Access to Student Academic Records was approved in 1998. Under the provincial Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA), a freestanding policy on student records is no longer needed or desirable. The University will continue to support appropriate access to, and the privacy of, official student academic records through its commitment to the requirements of FIPPA. This action is consistent with the approach adopted more generally; in 2006, the Governing Council rescinded the University's general Policy on Access to Information and Protection of Privacy and approved a statement of commitment to the principles of FIPPA.

In order to ensure clarity and consistency, the University Registrar will issue guidelines which outline university-wide procedures and criteria for access, privacy, custody, and retention of the academic records of students of academic divisions of the University. The draft guidelines are appended for information.

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:
Both the action to rescind the Policy, and the guidelines which are appended, have been discussed with and have the support of the University's legal counsel and Director of the FIPP Office, the Provost's Advisory Group, and divisional registrars.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS: N/A

RECOMMENDATION:
That the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs recommend to the Academic Board that the Policy on Access to Student Academic Records (1998) be rescinded.