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AGENDA ITEM: 3(c)

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Tuition Fee Schedule for Publicly-Funded Programs for 2009-10.

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The Business Board recommends the schedule of tuition fees to Governing Council for approval.

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

The Report on Student Financial Support has been reported to the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs on March 3, 2009.

The Enrolment Report has been reported to the Planning and Budget Committee on February 25, 2009.

HIGHLIGHTS:

The Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities announced a new Framework for tuition fees for Ontario universities on March 8, 2006. According to this framework, university tuition may increase by up to 4.5% for the first year of first-entry programs, except for MTCU-designated professional programs, and by up to 4% for all in-program students. Tuition fees for professional programs, which often incur higher costs, may increase by up to 8%, provided that the overall average increase in tuition across the institution is no more than 5%.

The University of Toronto Tuition Fee Report for 2009-10, including a complete fee schedule, is attached. It has been designed in accordance with the University's policy on tuition, our clear objective of maintaining excellence in all programs and the Government's Tuition Framework. The *University's Tuition Fee Policy* defines five elements: advocacy, fee revenue, fee differentiation, fee level commitment and monitoring. It is also important to note the University's commitment to accessibility as reflected in the *Policy on Student Financial Support*, which states that "...no student offered admission to a program at the University of Toronto should be unable to enter or complete the program due to a lack of financial means."

Domestic Tuition Fees

The increase in tuition fees in 2009-10 for most domestic programs will be 4.5% for entering students and 4% for continuing students. Tuition for all doctoral stream graduate programs will increase by 4%. Tuition for Engineering (BASc & MEng), Law (JD), Dentistry (DDS), DMA (Composition and Performance), MBiotech, MEnvSci, MBA and MF, MMPA and DIFA, MPP, MHSC in Clinical Biomedical Engineering and MN programs will rise by 8%, because of the resource requirements of these programs. Full details on tuition in all programs are given in the report.

There are some programs, such as Commerce and Computer Science, in which students pay a higher fee in upper years of the program, starting in Second Year. For these programs, the Government's upper limit of 8% applies to Second Year tuition. Second Year tuition in these programs for 2009-10 was recommended in last year's tuition report. In 2010-11 the Second Year tuition is proposed to increase by 8% above the Second Year tuition level in 2009-10 for Commerce, BBA, and Management and by 4.5% for Computer Science, Bioinformatics, and CCIT. The tuition schedules for these programs for both 2009-10 and 2010-11 are described clearly in the report and are given in a separate table. To ensure that students are properly informed at the time they enter the University in September 2009, the Business Board is being asked to approve the tuition schedule for Second Year of these programs for a two-year period.

The average tuition fee increase for all domestic students in the University is 4.31%. This is within the maximum of 5% allowed by the Government's Tuition Framework. About 94% of domestic students will experience fee increases of 4.5% or less. About 74% percent of domestic students will experience fee increases of \$250 or less.

International Tuition Fees

Tuition for continuing students in most programs will increase by 5% relative to 2008-09. Tuition fees for entering students will increase by 10% for the following programs: undergraduate Arts & Science, Engineering, Music, OISE/UT, PE&H and Nursing, as well as MEng, MHSc Clinical Biomedical Engineering, MN and MEnvSci. Tuition fees for entering students in Commerce/BBA/Management will increase by 5%. Tuition fees for students entering the MusM (Composition) program will increase by 19%, which represents the final year of a phased equalization with the MusM (performance) program. Tuition fees for entering students in all other programs will increase by 5%. Across almost all programs, the University's 2008-09 international tuition fees remain below the average tuition fees of the AAU public universities

In order to provide potential applicants with information regarding tuition fee levels, the attached schedule also includes proposed tuition fees for international students in 2010-11. The international student aid fund established in 2005-06 will continue to be used to support students who encounter financial difficulty during their program of study.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

The proposed tuition schedule will increase tuition revenue in 2009-10 by \$39.9M. This is the total increase due to the combined effect of the increase in tuition levels (price) and changes in enrolment (volume). Price changes alone, that is the proposed increase in tuition, will provide \$25.1M of new revenue in 2009-10. An additional \$14.8M of revenue is projected due to increases in enrolment as well as to the flow through of previous tuition increases as students move to upper years of their programs. In contrast, the total projected increase in provincial grant revenue, primarily as a result of graduate expansion, is \$16M relative to 2008-09; there is essentially no per student increase in grant revenue.

Without the \$39.9M of new revenue from the proposed tuition fee schedule, some of the planned improvements to student experience would need to be delayed. This level of funding would support an estimated 215 faculty positions.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Business Board recommends to Governing Council

THAT the Tuition Fee Schedule for Publicly Funded Programs in 2009-10 as described in the attached report and the tuition fees in 2009-10 and 2010-11 for the special programs identified in Tables B2 and C2 of Appendices B & C of the report be approved.