



TO: Committee on Academic Programs & Policies

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ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Vice-Provost, Students: Annual Report on Student Financial Support, 2009-10

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The Policy on Student Financial Support calls for an annual report to be submitted for information to the Committee.

HIGHLIGHTS:

The Policy on Student Financial Support, approved by the Governing Council in April 1998, calls for an annual report to provide information on need-based aid by academic division, OSAP debt-load for students graduating from undergraduate direct-entry programs, and funding for graduate students in doctoral stream programs. This report addresses the requirements of the policy, but goes further to provide a more comprehensive picture of the financial support we provide to our students. While the report addresses some of the questions raised at Business Board and Governing Council last year, it will, with the benefit of time, introduce further analysis of surveys of student part-time employment and non-OSAP debt-loads.

In 2009-10 the University provided a total of \$137.6M in student assistance of various kinds. Need-based financial support to students has increased from about \$1.5 million in 1992-3 to about \$58 million in 2009-10. This year the report includes the review of the Noah Meltz program for part-time student support.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information