



TO: Business Board

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AGENDA ITEM: #4 (a)

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

The Enrolment Report, 2002/03

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The Business Board reviews the Enrolment Report for two reasons:

- (1) Operating grants and tuition fee revenue now both depend directly on the University's enrolment.
- (2) The Business Board reviews enrolment as background to its consideration of tuition fees. In particular, it makes a judgment whether the level of tuition fees are having any negative effect on enrolment.

HIGHLIGHTS:

The University's total enrolment for 2002-03 in BIU eligible programs is 906 FTEs or 1.9% above target and is 3,539 FTEs above last year's actual enrolment. Enrolment in undergraduate programs was 668 FTEs above target and 2,883 FTEs above last year's actual enrolment. Targets were essentially met or exceeded in all the major first entry and second entry undergraduate programs. Doctoral stream enrolment met its target and was 175 FTEs above last year's actual enrolment. The University continues to see a substantial increase in total international student enrolment both at the graduate (20.0%) and undergraduate level (26.6%). The demand for admission to the University's programs continues to be high with preliminary 2002-03 data from the Guelph Application Center showing an increase in first choice applications from secondary school students of 36%.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information only.