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ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Enrolment Report for 2021-22

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

Enrolment plans and policies are among the specific areas in which recommendations of the Planning and Budget Committee are made to the Academic Board. [*Planning and Budget Terms of Reference, Section 4.1*]

The Enrolment Report is considered by Academic Board pursuant to section 5.1 of its Terms of Reference.

GOVERNANCE PATH:

1. Planning and Budget Committee [for information] (February 28, 2022)
2. **Academic Board [for information] (March 10, 2022)**
3. Business Board [for information] (March 15, 2022)

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

The *Enrolment Report, 2020-21* was reviewed by the Planning & Budget Committee at its February 22, 2021 meeting and by the Academic Board at its March 11, 2021 meeting. It was received for information by the Business Board at its March 17, 2021 meeting.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Enrolment drives the largest portion of University operating revenue; in 2022-23, 88% of the budgeted \$3.23 billion in revenue is linked directly to students through tuition in for-credit, life-long learning

programs, provincial operating grants, and other student fees. The Enrolment Report, therefore, is a key source of information that accompanies the annual Long-Range Budget Guidelines. The Enrolment Report provides information on 2021-22 enrolment plans and actual results, and lays out the enrolment projections for the period 2022-23 through to 2026-27.

Enrolment planning at the University of Toronto is driven by institutional and divisional academic plans. Over the last several years, enrolment plans have been guided by the University's strategic plan as outlined in *Towards 2030: A Third Century of Excellence at the University of Toronto* and the President's Three Priorities. Looking ahead, enrolment plans will continue to be guided by these strategic plans as well as our Strategic Mandate Agreements with the Province.

The University's third Strategic Mandate Agreement with the Province (SMA3) came into effect on April 1, 2020 and covers the period 2020-2025. With the implementation of SMA3, a significant portion of existing operating grant revenue will be re-directed to a differentiation envelope tied to performance metrics. Performance-based funding will gradually increase from 25 per cent of total Provincial operating grants in 2020-21 to 60 per cent of operating grants by 2024-25.

The introduction of performance-based funding is not expected to increase the amount of funding available; rather, it introduces a new accountability mechanism for existing funds. The University's enrolment-based operating grant will be reduced as the performance-based funding envelope increases. Enrolment plans are currently guided by the SMA3 agreement which does not include any funding for enrolment growth. Domestic undergraduate enrolment will be maintained within the $\pm 3\%$ flexibility of the fixed Provincial funding envelope while divisional plans include some international undergraduate growth over the planning period, primarily due to the flow-through of the larger incoming cohorts as of 2021-22.

The University of Toronto has grown significantly over the last two decades to just over 97,000 students in 2021-22. Undergraduate and graduate growth has occurred across all three campuses. Outer year plans call for FTE enrolment growth of 13.6% at the University of Toronto Scarborough (UTSC); 7.6% growth at the St. George Campus and a slight 0.3% decrease at the University of Toronto Mississauga by 2025-26.

Demand for the University's programs continues to be very strong with larger domestic and international undergraduate applicant pools for Fall 2021, leading to a 10.8% increase in intake compared to last year. Undergraduate summer enrolment activity continues to be significantly higher than pre-pandemic levels (+14.7%), although down slightly from the peak in 2020 during the early stages of the pandemic. Students have shown increasing interest in taking courses across all three terms which allows for a broader set of offerings through the summer session, reduced pressure on courses through the Fall/Winter, and more activity on campuses over the summer

There are 20,341 graduate students at the University in 2021-22 (measured in Fall FTE), representing over 63% growth since 2007-08. The current plan assumes a 12% increase in graduate enrolment over the next five years, increasing the overall proportion of graduate students to 24.8% of the student body by 2026-27. Most of this growth is expected to be in professional master's and doctoral programs and includes significant domestic growth plans. As a result, the University anticipates needing an additional 1,900 funded graduate spaces from the government (900 master's level and 1,000 doctoral). Funding for these spaces remains a point of advocacy in negotiations with the Province.

Consistent with the University of Toronto's ranking among the world's top universities, internationalization has been an academic goal pursued across many divisions. In 2021-22, 28.8% of all

student FTEs were international students and plans are to grow slightly to 29.6% by 2026-27. There is a higher proportion of international students in undergraduate programs (30.3%) than in graduate programs (24.1%).

Overall, the data presented in this report demonstrate solid progress toward our long-term enrolment goals. The University of Toronto continues to attract a large number of high-quality students, both domestically and internationally.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Enrolment projections underlie the University's *Budget Report 2022-23 and Long-Range Budget Guidelines 2022-23 to 2026-27*.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information only.

DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED:

Enrolment Report 2021-22 (February 18, 2022)