FOR APPROVAL

TO: Arts & Science Council

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AGENDA ITEM: 6

ITEM OF BUSINESS:
Approval of Admission and Transfer Credit Policies for CEGEP II Students Intending Entry into the Bachelor of Commerce

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:
A policy change approved by a Standing Committee of Arts & Science Council should be subject to oversight and approval of Arts & Science Council.

GOVERNANCE PATH:
1. Committee on Admissions (September 21, 2016)
2. Arts & Science Council (October 12, 2016)

HIGHLIGHTS:
This proposed change in policy and practice arises in an effort to resolve a problem where students from Quebec, emerging from CEGEP II, were unable to pursue a Bachelor of Commerce (BCom) degree in the Faculty of Arts & Science, due to the nature of their entry status at the Faculty, and the rules around admission into the Rotman Commerce programs of study.

The issue of entry exists because CEGEP II students come to the University effectively with one year of post-secondary education. They are admitted with 5.0 credits, are considered second-year students, and are considered transfer students from post-secondary education. Rotman Commerce does not admit transfer students.

The proposal has two parts and therefore two motions. The first change in policy is in allowing CEGEP II students to enjoy the same course and, ultimately, program access enjoyed by direct-entry students admitted into the first year Rotman Commerce admission stream, while retaining their second-year status and on-admission transfer credits. Specifically, such students will be pre-enrolled in the required and recommended 100- and 200-series courses needed for admission into the Commerce program. They will also be assessed for admission just as other students in the first year Commerce stream, once after the Fall/Winter Session, and again at the end of the Summer Session.
Finally, in keeping with the change in University-wide practice, such students will also be eligible for Faculty-based admission scholarships.

These students, it should be noted, will not enjoy the same access as other first–year students, whether in terms of priority access to non-Commerce 100-series courses, or access to Seminar or First Year Foundation courses.

The second part of the proposal concerns allowing CEGEP II students admitted under the provisions of the first part be allowed, if granted admission to a Rotman Commerce program of study, to retroactively forfeit some of their on-admission transfer credits, so that they end with 3.5 on-admission transfer credits.

This second change is needed because otherwise, CEGEP II students who are admitted will face retroactive fees. Rotman Commerce, as a de-regulated program, follows a fees practice whereby students who join the program must be charged the differential fees back to the first academic session when they are considered a second-year student. CEGEP II students, by definition, start as second-year students. Being charged retroactive fees might not only be prohibitive, but compromise the efforts to create access for, and to recruit, Quebec students.

**MOTIONS:**

a) THAT the proposed policy concerning the admission of CEGEP II students from Quebec into a Rotman Commerce admission stream, as described in the attached proposal, be approved effective for admissions into the 2017–2018 academic year.

b) THAT the proposed policy concerning transfer credit forfeiture for CEGEP II students admitted into the Bachelor of Commerce (BCom) program, as described in the attached proposal, be approved effective for admissions into the 2017–2018 academic year.