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Memorandum

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TO:	Senate
FROM:	William Foster, Associate Provost (Policies & Procedures), Chair, Standing Committee on Sabbatic Leaves
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BACKGROUND:	See Appendix A: Standing Committee on Sabbatic Leaves, Annual Report to Senate for 2007-2008
MOTION OR RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL:	N/A
RATIONALE:	N/A
PRIOR CONSULTATION:	Members of the Standing Committee on Sabbatic Leaves
NEXT STEPS:	None
APPENDICES:	Appendix A: Standing Committee on Sabbatic Leaves, Annual Report to Senate for 2007-2008 Appendix B: Sabbatic Leave Statistics (2002-2008)

APPENDIX A:

STANDING COMMITTEE ON SABBATIC LEAVES

ANNUAL REPORT TO SENATE 2007-2008

Mandate

Section 10.1 of the *Regulations on Sabbatic Leaves* states:

A Standing Committee on Sabbatic Leaves, composed of two persons named by MAUT, one by the Principal, and the chair selected by the named members, is responsible for reporting annually to Senate on the administration of the present sabbatic regulations.

Membership

Members of the Committee for 2007-2008 were:

- For MAUT:
Professor Edith Zorychta, Department of Pathology
Professor Catherine Desbarats, Department of History
- For the University:
Professor William Foster, Associate Provost (Policies & Procedures), Chair

Report

The 2007-2008 sabbatic “cohort” was the first to be processed in accordance with the revised *Regulations on Sabbatic Leave* which came into effect in June 2007. No difficulties were encountered in the processing of the largest cohort of applications in recent history. Applicants, chairs and deans appear to have adjusted well to the new application forms introduced in light of the changes to the regulations.

The sabbatic leave statistics for 2007-2008, broken down by Faculty, are summarized in the attached appendix. The annual statistics from 2002-03 through 2006-07 are also provided for the information of Senate in Appendix A. It will be noted that in the past two years there has been an increase in sabbatic applications, no doubt attributable to the push for “academic renewal” which commenced in 2000.

In brief, for 2007-2008 there were 162 applications of which one was premature. All other applicants (161) met the criteria for eligibility and their applications were approved; however, 10 were formally requested to defer their leaves. Of the 161 applicants, 74 were first time applicants.

Respectfully submitted,

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