



TO: Committee on Academic Policy and Programs

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AGENDA ITEM: 4

**ITEM IDENTIFICATION:**

**Proposal for the closure of Mathematics and its Applications, BSc, Specialist program, University of Toronto Scarborough**

**JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:**

The Committee on Academic Policy and Programs approves the closures of undergraduate programs within an existing degree, as defined by the University of Toronto Quality Assurance Process. (*Terms of Reference, Section 4.4.b.i.*)

**PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:**

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

The Department of Computer and Mathematical Sciences at UTSC currently offers two specialists programs: the Specialist Program in Mathematics, and the Specialist Program in Mathematics and its Applications. This is a proposal for the closure of the latter: the BSc Specialist Program in Mathematics and its Applications.

This proposal is best understood in the context of the larger restructuring of the department's offerings. A separate proposal for the major modification of the remaining BSc Specialist Program in Mathematics has been brought forward and was approved by the University of Toronto Scarborough Council on December 6, 2011. That proposal effectively combined the two specialist programs into a single program, creating a series of streams within the remaining program, and modifying its requirements. Of the new streams, three originally existed within the BSc in Mathematics and its Applications which is being closed. These are Teaching, Statistics, and Design-your-own. The remaining two streams within the Specialist Program in Mathematics and its Applications (Computational Physical Sciences and Computer Science) are being eliminated because of lack of student interest. A fourth stream, Comprehensive, has been created within the remaining program which captures many of the strongest qualities of the original BSc Specialist Program in Mathematics.

Students currently in the BSc Specialist Mathematics and its Applications will be allowed to complete the program. As outlined in the proposal the merging of the two programs does not reduce flexibility for students.

This proposal was approved by UTSC's Academic Committee on December 6, 2011 which is the final level of approval in the Division for such proposals.

**FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:** None

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Committee on Academic Policy and Programs approves:

THAT the proposed closure of the Mathematics and its Applications, BSc, Specialist program, as described in the attached proposal from the University of Toronto Scarborough dated August 22, 2011, be approved with an effective date of Fall 2012 for the closure of admissions and an anticipated program closure date of Summer 2017.