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## MEMORANDUM

March 1, 2002

**To:** Planning and Budget Committee

**From:** Derek McCammond

### Item Identification

Proposals for undergraduate programs in Journalism and New Media at UTSC in collaboration with Centennial College.

### Sponsor

Derek McCammond, Vice-Provost, Planning and Budget

### Jurisdictional Information

Excerpt from the terms of reference for the Planning and Budget Committee:

*ii) "Programs" within a particular degree (for example, specialist, major and minor programs offered by the Faculty of Arts and Science) are primarily handled through the curriculum approval process of the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs. The administration brings the resource aspects of these programs to the Committee for consideration only if they involve allocation of Central University resources, significant shifts in divisional resources and/or significant implications for other divisions, institutions, or the public. Where program changes reviewed by the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs do not require submission to the Planning and Budget Committee, the administration documents the basis on which this decision is made and reports periodically to the Committee.*

### Highlights

Enrolment in both programs is limited to 25 students per year and entry to second year will be available as of fall 2002. Direct entry from high school will be available as of 2003. Applicants must satisfy the admissions requirements of both UTSC and Centennial, but will be registered as UTSC students.

*Specialist (Collaborative) Program in Journalism:* A unique feature of the program is that it permits students to pursue a major in any discipline (or two minors in any disciplines) in combination with an education in journalism. This will facilitate their entry to specialized areas of journalism (focussing for example on science, politics, arts, economics, etc.). The Centennial courses that will be recognized for degree credit are selected from courses that now make up Centennial's two-year "fast track" Journalism Diploma for students who already have a university degree.

*Major (Collaborative) Program in New Media:* This program may be taken within a four-year Honours Degree when combined with a second Major program or a Specialist program in another field. The program may not be used alone to satisfy the program requirements of a Three-Year Degree. The Centennial courses to be recognized for degree credit have been selected from those that make up the very successful three-semester certificate program in New Media currently offered by the College. While a university degree is not a requirement for enrolment in the certificate program,

entry to the program is extremely competitive and many students who are accepted have prior university experience.

A copy of the submission to the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs is attached.

**Resource Implications**

These programs are part of the general expansion of undergraduate enrolment which will occur at UTSC and which will receive full average funding from the Provincial Government. The costs associated with these programs will be met entirely from UTSC's allocations from the Enrolment Growth Fund resulting from the planned expansion.

**Action Sought**

For information only.