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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.

Attachment for 17

Memorandum

To: Members of the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs
From: Carolyn Tuohy
Date: January 9, 2002

Item Identification

University of Toronto at Scarborough - Proposed Calendar Changes 2002-03

Sponsor

Carolyn Tuohy

Jurisdictional Information

The Committee has authority for approval of major program and curriculum changes

Highlights

Consistent with its academic planning in the context of enrolment expansion, UTSC proposes a number of new programs for approval, as follows:

1. Major and Specialist Programs:
 - o Specialist program in Art and Culture, replacing the existing Specialist program in Visual and Performing Arts.
 - o Major program in Human Geography
 - o Major program in Physical and Human Geography
 - o Major program in City Studies
 - o Specialist program in Human Biology
 - o Major program in Astrophysics and Physics
2. Major and Specialist (Co-operative) Programs:
 - o Major and Specialist (Co-operative) programs in Humanities
 - o Major (Co-operative) program in City Studies
 - o Specialist (Co-operative) program in Cell and Molecular Biology
 - o Specialist (Co-operative) program in Psychology and its Applications
3. Collaborative Programs with Centennial College:
 - o Specialist (Collaborative) program in Journalism
 - o Major (Collaborative) program in New Media

(The Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Toronto and Centennial College which is to underlie these two programs will be circulated to the Committee in advance of the meeting.)

4. New and re-structured program streams:
 - o Within the Major Program in Environmental Science: New streams in Water Science and in Environmental Biology, and re-naming of existing Environmental Science program as Environmental Geosciences stream within Major program.

The Division is also proposing a new **Major Program in Astrophysics and Physics**. The former Major Program in Astronomy & Physics was withdrawn in 1996, and there has not been a Major Program in Physics since 1991. Currently, a Specialist Program in Physics & Its Applications is offered, with a concentration available in Astronomy & Physics, completion of which requires that students take most of their courses in the third and fourth year at the St. George campus. The current proposal is for a Major program that can be completed in its entirety at UTSC. It will be available in regular study, and will also come under the umbrella of Physical Sciences Co-op, in which three work terms are required. This new major program is likely to be of particular interest to those students in Physical Sciences Co-op or in the Early Teacher Project in Physical Sciences who wish to combine it with another major program.

COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMS WITH CENTENNIAL COLLEGE

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 admission requirements of both UTSC and Centennial, but will be registered as UTSC students. Only students enrolled in the program will have access to the courses taught at Centennial.

While the Divisions of Social Science and Humanities have taken the lead in the development of these programs with Centennial, application to the programs is open to students who are also pursuing programs in other Divisions.

A **Specialist (Collaborative) Program in Journalism** is proposed, which is to be taken within the requirements of a four-year Honours degree. 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...). The total number of courses required to complete the program depends on the student's choice of major (or minor) program(s), but is at least 15 F.C.E. Of these, 6.5 will be Centennial courses in journalism approved for UTSC degree credit and listed in the UTSC Calendar with UTSC course designations. The program also requires 4 F.C.E. UTSC courses that provide respectively an international, Canadian, environmental, and "media and society" perspective, and the completion of a newly designed senior project half-course to be taught collaboratively between Centennial and UTSC.

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. To receive a diploma from Centennial in addition to the U of T Honours Degree, students may complete in addition those components of Centennial's program that are not being recognized for degree credit (viz., a field placement and a short course on journalism career management, requiring one additional semester.)

Also proposed is a new **Major (Collaborative) Program in New Media**, which 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 program requires the completion of 8 F.C.E., including UTSC courses in computing, in writing, arts, and/or critical thinking, and in communications and culture. New senior project and directed research half-courses will provide the opportunity to apply media expertise in academic or other approved contexts, and will be taught collaboratively by UTSC and Centennial College. Of the total 8 F.C.E.'s, 4.5 F.C.E. taught by Centennial College will be recognized for degree credit and will carry UTSC designations in our Calendar.

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. To receive a diploma from Centennial in addition to the Honours degree, students may complete in addition those components of Centennial's program that are not to be recognized for degree credit (viz., a field placement and a professional practice course, requiring one additional semester.)