



TO: Planning and Budget Committee

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AGENDA ITEM: #7.5

**ITEM IDENTIFICATION:**

- Proposal to introduce a Collaborative Master of Geology and Physics, to be housed within Division III of SGS.

**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.*

**OTHER ACTION TAKEN:**

This program will be considered by the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs at their October 15, 2003, meeting.

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

A formal collaborative program in Geology and Physics is proposed, with two goals in mind: (1) to formalize some of the ad hoc arrangements which have been used to deliver graduate education in the overlap area ("geophysics") between geology and physics, and (2) to make visible to potential graduate students a program which is available in reality but has little public visibility because it does not exist formally.

**FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:**

This program formalizes existing ad hoc arrangements. It has no budgetary implications.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

For information only.