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**TO:** UTSC Academic Affairs Committee

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**DATE:** Tuesday, November 22, 2016

**AGENDA ITEM:** 2

**ITEM IDENTIFICATION:**

Out-of-cycle Undergraduate Curricular Change

**JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:**

University of Toronto Scarborough Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) “is concerned with matters affecting the teaching, learning and research functions of the Campus” (*AAC Terms of Reference, Section 4*). Under section 5.6 of its terms of reference, the Committee is responsible for approval of “Major and minor modifications to existing degree programs.” The AAC has responsibility for the approval of Major and Minor modifications to existing programs as defined by the University of Toronto Quality Assurance Process (*UTQAP, Section 3.1*).

**GOVERNANCE PATH:**

- 1. UTSC Academic Affairs Committee [For Approval] (November 22, 2016)**

**PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:**

No previous action in governance has been taken on this item.

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

One new undergraduate course is being proposed out-of-cycle to be offered in Winter 2017:

1. Department of Anthropology
  - HLTD25H3 Topics in Environmental Health

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no net implications to the campus operating budget.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Be It Resolved,

THAT the new course submitted out-of-cycle by the Department of Anthropology, as described in the package dated October 24, 2016 and recommended by the Vice-Principal Academic and Dean, Professor William Gough, be approved effective immediately for the academic year 2016-17.

**DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED:**

1. 2016-17 Curriculum Cycle: New Undergraduate Courses report 4, dated October 24, 2016

## **2016-17 Curriculum Cycle: New Undergraduate Course Report 4**

October 24, 2016: Out-of-cycle Submissions

### **Department of Anthropology**

#### **HLTD25H3 Topics in Environmental Health**

The didactic portion of this course will examine emerging environmental health issues using case studies. In the hands-on portion of the course, students will learn a range of research skills — how to use the Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA) guidelines, evidence-based health and best practices, and the different elements of a successful grant proposal — while, honing their researching, writing, and presenting skills.

Prerequisite: HLTC24H3 with a minimum GPA of 2.7 (B-)

Enrolment Limits: 30

Breadth Requirement: Natural Sciences

*Rationale:*

HLTD25H3 will focus on emerging environmental health topics. Currently there are no other advanced undergraduate environmental health courses at UTSC, or at the wider UT. The proposed course therefore fills an academic gap in that new environmental health issues are always emerging. It also expands the D-level offerings focused on Population Health. There are no similar courses offered at UTSC, or the wider University.

The course is being proposed out of cycle so that it can be offered in Winter 2017.

*Consultation:*

Within the Health Studies faculty. Approved by the Departmental Curriculum Committee.

Reviewed by the Dean's Office.