



FOR RECOMMENDATION

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TO: UTSC Campus Affairs Committee

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DATE: September 5, 2018 for September 12, 2018

AGENDA ITEM: 5

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Proposal to Close the Centre for Public Management as an Extra-Departmental Unit C (EDU:C)

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

Under section 5.1 of the Terms of Reference, the UTSC Campus Affairs Committee (CAC) is responsible for the *“Establishment, termination or restructuring of academic units and proposals for Extra-Departmental Units.”*

Section 5.8.1 of the Terms of Reference provides that the CAC recommends to the UTSC Council *“on plans and proposals to establish, disestablish, or significantly restructure academic units...regardless of the source of funds. Proposals for Extra-Departmental Units (EDU)-A’s and B’s are considered and recommended for approval while those for EDU-C’s are considered and approved, pursuant to the Policy on Interdisciplinary Education and Research Planning.”*

GOVERNANCE PATH:

- 1. UTSC Campus Affairs Committee [For Recommendation] (September 12, 2018)**
2. UTSC Campus Council [For Approval] (October 2, 2018)

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

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

*UTSC Campus Affairs Committee- Proposal to Close the Centre for Public Management
as an Extra-Departmental Unit C*

HIGHLIGHTS:

The University of Toronto Scarborough (UTSC) is proposing to close the Centre for Public Management – an EDU:C located in the Department of Management.

The Centre for Public Management was established in the early 1990s. Its original purpose was to enhance the focus and activity of public management within the Division of Management (now the Department of Management), and if the Division developed sufficient research strength, to introduce a doctoral program in the area of study. The Centre has been functionally inactive for 15 years, it does not have an appointed Director, there are only two remaining faculty members at UTSC whose research focus includes public management, there are no students associated with the Centre, and no research funds associated with the Centre.

There has been consultation within the Department of Management regarding the proposed closure, and there is full support for this decision. The two remaining faculty who were associated with the Centre when it was established have been consulted and do not have any concerns. There are no faculty outside of UTSC associated with the Centre. There are no students associated with the Centre. The proposal has been reviewed by the Office of the Dean, and the Office of the Vice-Provost, Academic Programs – both Offices are supportive of the closure.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no net financial implications to the campus operating budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Be It Recommended to the UTSC Campus Council,

THAT, the closure of the Centre for Public Management as an Extra-Departmental Unit: C as described in the proposal dated July 4, 2018, and recommended by the Vice-Principal Academic and Dean, William Gough, be approved effective for January 1, 2019.

DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED:

1. Proposal to Close the Centre for Public Management, dated July 4, 2018.

Proposal to Close the Centre for Public Management

July 4, 2018

Statement of Purpose

The Centre for Public Management is an EDU:C that is located in the Department of Management at the University of Toronto Scarborough (UTSC). The Centre has been inactive for many years, and the Department proposes to close it effective January 1, 2019.

Academic Rationale

The Centre for Public Management – an EDU:C – was established in the early 1990s by the Division of Management at UTSC (now the Department of Management). Its original purpose was to enhance the focus and activity of public management within the Division, and, if the Division developed sufficient research strength, to introduce a doctoral program in the area of study. The Department of Management currently has only two faculty members whose research focus includes public management, and the Centre has been functionally inactive for 15 years.

Consultation

The Centre for Public Management does not currently have an appointed Director. There has been consultation within the Department of Management regarding the proposed closure, and the Department is supportive of the decision. The proposal has been reviewed by the Office of the Dean, and the Office of the Vice-Provost, Academic Programs – both Offices are supportive of the closure.

- **Impact on Faculty**

There are currently two faculty members in the Department of Management who were associated with the Centre when it was established. They have been consulted regarding the proposed closure and do not have any concerns. The Centre has been inactive for 15 years and we are not aware of any faculty outside UTSC that are associated with it.

- **Impact on Students**

There is no impact on students since there are no students associated with the Centre.

Budget

There are no budget implications associated with the proposed closure.

Research Funds

There are no research funds associated with the EDU:C.

Governance Pathway

Levels of Approval Required	Date
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Decanal Sign-Off• Provostial Sign-Off	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• June 21, 2018• July 4, 2018
UTSC Campus Affairs Committee [for recommendation]	September 12, 2018
UTSC Campus Council [for approval]	October 2, 2018
Final Submission to Provost's Office	