



TO: Planning and Budget Committee

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AGENDA ITEM: #5

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

- Proposal to introduce a masters Program in Visual Studies in the Department of Fine Art History.

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 was considered by the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs at their January 15, 2003 meeting and recommended to the Academic Board for approval.

HIGHLIGHTS:

The Department of Fine Art History proposes to launch a new masters program in visual studies (MVS), which is scheduled to commence in the 2003-04 academic year. It is an innovative program that effectively leverages our strength in undergraduate visual studies to the graduate level, and is an important element of the academic plan for the Department of Fine Art History. It is projected that enrolment will be ramped up to a steady state of 8 students.

This new program will not affect the enrolment in the department's other graduate programs.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

The steady state enrolment of 8 students in this program will be in addition to the current enrolments in their graduate programs and the Division will receive funding from the Enrolment Growth Fund resulting from the extra tuition fee revenue generated. This will be sufficient to resource the program. There are no other resource implications

RECOMMENDATION:

For information only