

Memorandum

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

Item Identification

School of Graduate Studies: Proposal for the re-design of the M.Sc. program in Geology from a two-year format to a one-year format

Sponsor

Carolyn Tuohy

Jurisdictional Information

The Committee approves major program and curriculum changes.

Highlights

The proposal would replace the traditional two-year "thesis" degree program with a one-year "research" degree program. The program will comprise five full courses which may include a supervised research component equivalent to two or three courses.

Action Sought

Approval of the following motion:

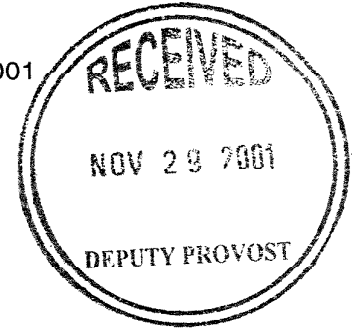
THAT the proposal for the re-design of the M.Sc. program in Geology from a two-year format to a one-year format, as described in the submission from the School of Graduate Studies of November 23, 2001, be approved, effective September 2002.



School of Graduate Studies

University of Toronto

November 23, 2001



Professor Carolyn Tuohy
Vice President Policy Development
and Associate Provost
Room 206, Simcoe Hall
27 King's College Circle
University of Toronto

Dear Professor Tuohy,

At its meeting of November 20, 2001, the Council of the School of Graduate Studies approved the following motion:

THAT SGS Council approve the proposed change in the Department of Geology to the M.Sc. Program, effective September 2002. The change replaces the traditional 2-year 'thesis' degree with a one-year 'research' degree. Candidates are required to complete five full courses that (a) include a supervised research component equivalent to two or three courses, or (b) consist of lecture coursework only. The Department will permit students in the all-course program to substitute up to 50% of the requirement of five full graduate courses with non-geology courses

The motion sheet and supporting documentation are attached.

With Governing Council approval, the M.Sc. program in the Department of Geology will be redesigned to replace the 'thesis' M.Sc. with a research or coursework only option. Full time residency will be mandatory, eliminating the option of part time studies. The length of the program will be reduced from two or more years to just one year.

On behalf of the Council of the School of Graduate Studies, I am presenting this item to you for Governing Council committees' approval, as appropriate.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Alderdice
Secretary to SGS Council
And Coordinator of Policy, Program and Liaison

Enc.

c.c.	R. Branch	R. Desai	F. Ferris
	C. Johnston	J. Lalonde	T. Louisy
	M. Marrus	S. Scott	L. Yee

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Motion

School of Graduate Studies Council Tuesday, November 20, 2001

Item 8.

MOTION (/) **THAT** SGS Council approve the proposed change in the Department of Geology to the M.Sc. Program, effective September 2002. The change replaces the traditional 2-year 'thesis' degree with a one-year 'research' degree. Candidates are required to complete five full courses that (a) include a supervised research component equivalent to two or three courses, or (b) consist of lecture coursework only. The Department will permit students in the all-course program to substitute up to 50% of the requirement of five full graduate courses with non-geology courses.

NOTE:

Candidates of the M.Sc. Program in Geology currently proceed to completion by either writing a thesis or taking five full graduate courses, taking two years (and up) to completion. Thesis and non-thesis candidates may proceed on a part time basis.

With this proposal, candidates would be required to complete five full courses that (a) include a supervised research component equivalent to two or three courses, or (b) consist of lecture coursework only. A minimum one-year full-time residency is required for completion.

This proposal was approved by the Division III Executive Committee at its meeting of November 6, 2001.

With SGS Council's approval this item will go to Governing Council for approval and to the Ontario Council on Graduate Studies for information.

See Attached



Department of Geology
University of Toronto

Grant Ferris
Associate Chair Graduate Studies

November 8, 2001

Prof. R. Desai
SGS
University of Toronto

Dear Prof. Desai,

As you know, the Executive Committee of Division III, at its meeting on November 6, 2001, approved the motion about deletion of the thesis option and description of doctoral stream requirements within the existing M.Sc. program options in the Department of Geology. The approved motion reads:

"The 2001-2002 Executive Committee of Division III approves the deletion of the thesis option in the M.Sc. program in the Department of Geology. The M.Sc. program in the Department of Geology will then require work equivalent to five full courses and should normally include two or three supervised research courses for doctoral stream students."

Accordingly, our proposed revision of the relevant paragraph entitled "Degree of Master of Science" in the current calendar entry under "Geology" is as follows:

Candidates are required to complete five full graduate courses, and should normally include two or three supervised research courses for doctoral stream students. To encourage breadth of study, the department will permit students to substitute up to 50 percent of the program requirement of five full graduate courses with equivalent non-geology courses. Candidates may proceed on a part-time basis.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments concerning our revised calendar entry for the M.Sc. program in the Department of Geology.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Grant Ferris".

Grant Ferris