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TO: Committee on Academic Policy and Programs

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DATE: April 3, 2003

AGENDA ITEM: 3.a

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Proposal for Changes to the Admission Regulations of SGS regarding Three-Year Bachelor's Degrees as the Basis of Admission to Master's Degree Programs.

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The Committee has authority for approval of changes to admission regulations.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Admission to master's degree programs on the basis of a three-year degree occurs only in exceptional circumstances. The changes are intended to take account of this fact, by removing explicit reference to the three-year degree as a basis for admission, while leaving provisions for consideration of exceptional cases in place.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs approve:

THAT the Proposal for Changes to the Admission Regulations of SGS regarding Three-Year Bachelor's Degrees as the Basis of Admission to Master's Degree Programs, as described in the submission from the School of Graduate Studies, dated March 25, 2003, be approved.

March 31, 2003

Professor Carolyn Tuohy
Vice-President, Policy Development
and Associate Provost
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Dear Professor Tuohy:

At its meeting of March 25, 2003, the Council of the School of Graduate Studies approved the following motion:

THAT SGS Council approve the proposed changes to the admission standards and procedures of SGS General Regulations and to the admission requirements of SGS Degree Regulations, as detailed in the attachment, effective September 2003.

The motion sheet and supporting documentation are attached.

SGS agrees to the editorial change in the wording of the three-year degree admissions regulation, as proposed by the Academic Policy and Program Committee of Governing Council. On behalf of the Council of the School of Graduate Studies, I am presenting this item to Governing Council committees, as appropriate, for approval.

Yours sincerely,

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

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Motion

**School of Graduate Studies Council
Tuesday, March 25, 2003**

Item 9.

Changes to SGS Admission Regulations

9.1: Three-year bachelor's degrees as the basis of admission to master's degree programs

MOTION (/) THAT SGS Council approve the proposed changes to the admission standards and procedures of SGS General Regulations and to the admission requirements of SGS Degree Regulations, as detailed in the attachment, effective September 2003.

See attached.

NOTE:

With SGS Council approval this item will go to Governing Council committees for approval.

February 12, 2003

Proposal for Changes to the Admissions Regulations of SGS Regarding Three-Year Bachelor's Degrees as the Basis of Admission to Master's Degree Programs

Rationale:

In 1999, the Ontario Council on Graduate Studies convened a Working Group on Admissions to Master's Programs. The resulting report recommended that the following wording be adopted by OCGS and used by all Ontario universities with respect to three-year degrees:

Under exceptional circumstances, applicants who have completed a three-year baccalaureate degree may be considered for admission provided they have demonstrated appropriate equivalency to a four-year degree, for example, through relevant work experience or additional qualifications.

Also, a number of years ago, the University of Toronto ceased offering three-year bachelor's degrees. This document proposes changes to the SGS General and Degree Regulations so as to remove any reference to permitting three-year degrees alone as a basis for admission. Exceptional cases, as always, may be presented to the SGS Admissions and Programs Committee for consideration.

Proposed changes to the following regulations:

(1) Admissions Standards and Procedures of the SGS General Regulation

(see p. 20 of SGS Calendar 2002-2003)

Master's Programs

a. ~~Except where otherwise stated in degree regulations, an~~ An appropriate four-year bachelor's degree from the University of Toronto or other recognized university, or its equivalent, is required. Equivalency may be demonstrated, for example, through relevant work experience or additional qualifications.

(2) Master of Education

(see p. 61 of SGS Calendar 2002-2003)

Admission Requirements

2 An appropriate ~~three-~~ or four-year bachelor's degree from the University of Toronto or other recognized university, completed with standing equivalent to a University of Toronto mid-B or better in the final year, or its equivalent. Equivalency may be demonstrated, for example, through relevant work experience or additional qualifications.

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Proposal for Changes to the Admissions Regulations of SGS

Calendar entries for the following graduate units are affected by this change. SGS is requesting that these graduate units make appropriate changes to the entries to reflect the revised wording in the SGS general and degree regulations:

OISE/UT Departments:

Adult Education, Community Development and Counselling Psychology
Curriculum, Teaching and Learning
Human Development and Applied Psychology
Sociology and Equity Studies in Education
Theory and Policy Studies

Other Graduate Units:

Industrial Relations
Information Studies
Management
Social Work

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