



# University of Toronto

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TO: Committee on Academic Policy and Programs

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AGENDA ITEM: 6

## **ITEM IDENTIFICATION:**

University of Toronto at Scarborough (UTSC): Proposed changes to rules governing overall standing and change to rules governing type of degree, effective May 2005.

## **JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:**

The Committee has authority for amendments to divisional academic policies or practices.

## **PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:**

## **HIGHLIGHTS:**

UTSC proposes to change the rules governing overall standing and a change to rules governing types of degree. The changes (outlined in the attached documentation) were approved by the Council of the University of Toronto at Scarborough on November 9, 2004.

The number of students who fail to achieve the minimum requirements for good standing has been a concern at UTSC. A four-month (one session) suspension is proposed that would result in changes to the determination of Academic Status. The proposed change is intended to address both the concern of UTSC and the lack of resources and time available to help students overcome the circumstances which lead to their probation and to set them on a path to success. Policies and procedures are will be put in place for governing of students while on probation. The suspension is intended to be short enough that students maintain their connection to UTSC and are encouraged to continue to work with UTSC on strategies for success. The implementation for the proposal is outlined in the documentation.

The proposed change to the rules governing the awarding of B.A. and B.Sc. degree designation at UTSC addresses an inconsistency that exists in the current rule that can lead to illogical awarding of degree designation.

## **FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no new/additional financial resources required to implement the proposals.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

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

The changes to rules governing overall standing, as outlined in the letter dated December 14, effective May 2005.

And

The change to the rules governing the awarding of B.A. and B.Sc. degree designation at UTSC, as outlined in the letter dated December 14, 2004, effective May 2005.