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TO: Committee on Academic Policy and Programs

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AGENDA ITEM: 10 (a)

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

School of Graduate Studies: Proposal for the name change of the Graduate Program in Germanic Languages and Literatures to the *Graduate Program in Germanic Literature, Culture and Theory*, effective September 2005.

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The Committee has general responsibility for monitoring minor changes within degree programs.

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

November 23, 2004 – Approved by the Council of the School of Graduate Studies

HIGHLIGHTS:

The Department has put a major effort into redefining their graduate curriculum to respond effectively to the recent changes and developments in the field of German Literature. In particular, to respond to the emergence of German Studies as a new field of interdisciplinary endeavour that increasingly redefines, broadens, and intensifies debates central to all fields of literary and theoretical study.

The Department decided that it would be best to no longer differentiate among what are normally called fields or subfields within their graduate program. The chronological scope of the program will still be in place as part of the Reading List requirement for the Qualifying Exams. The Department notes that this should suffice to ensure that students in the program acquire a fruitful balance of focus and breadth.

The proposed name change of the program has been approved by OCGS.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

There are no new/additional financial resources required.

RECOMMENDATION:

For Information