



School of Graduate Studies

University of Toronto

November 26, 2004

Professor Vivek Goel
Vice-President and Provost
Room 225, Simcoe Hall
27 King's College Circle
University of Toronto

Dear Professor Goel:

At its meeting of November 23, 2004, the Council of the School of Graduate Studies approved the following motion:

THAT SGS Council approve the name change of the Graduate Program in Germanic Languages and Literatures to the Graduate Program in German Literature, Culture and Theory, effective September 2005.

The motion and supporting documentation are attached. The Department name, Germanic Languages and Literatures, remains unchanged. Division I Executive Committee approved this proposal at its meeting of November 4, 2004. The proposed change of program name has already been approved by the Ontario Council on Graduate Studies.

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

Yours sincerely,

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

Encl. (1)

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c.c.	U. De Boni	A. Drummond	W. Goetschel	C. Johnston	H. Lasthiotakis	S. Moore
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H:Council/FollowUp/2004-2005/Nov 23/Germanic Languages & Literatures, program name change

Motion

School of Graduate Studies Council Tuesday, November 23, 2004

Item 11.

Program Name Changes

11.2 Germanic Languages and Literatures

MOTION (/) **THAT** SGS Council approve the name change of the Graduate Program in Germanic Languages and Literatures to the Graduate Program in German Literature, Culture and Theory, effective September 2005.

See attached.

NOTE:

See rationale attached.

The Department name remains unchanged. It is the Department of German Languages and Literatures.

Division I Executive Committee approved this proposal at its meeting of November 4, 2004.

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

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Graduate Proposal Requirements for Governance Form

1. Graduate Unit: German

(graduate department/centre/institute)

2. Graduate Program/s involved in proposal:

(including degree level)

- German, MA and PhD program
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3. Contact name, e-mail address and telephone #:

(name and contact information of individual from the department who will attend meetings to serve as the official department spokesperson on the proposal)

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4. Previous Action Taken:

(explain how the proposal was approved in the department, and in the divisional Faculty, if appropriate)

- approved by the department in the context of the preparation for the OCGS review 2001
- approved by OCGS 2001
- approved by Div I of SGS November 2004
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5. Brief Summary of Proposed Change:

(Most changes require Calendar revisions. See Note 1 at the end of this form. Changes also include additions and deletions of requirements or regulations).

Name change of the graduate program to “German Literature, Culture, and Theory”

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6. Proposed Effective Date:

(SGS reserves the right to alter the effective date, taking into consideration our legal responsibilities to prospective and current students. Changes to admission and program requirements for the next SGS Calendar must be submitted by the January Executive Committee and Council agenda deadlines. See further important information to consider regarding selection of an effective date in Note 2 below.)

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7. Rationale:

(Provide an explanation about why the change is being proposed and its anticipated effect on the program and students enrolled in it. Attach letter, if appropriate.)

We have put major effort into redefining our graduate curriculum to respond effectively to the recent changes and developments in the field of German Literature, and especially 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. In this context our curriculum is designed to prepare students for critical and independent scholarship in modern German Studies from the 18th century to the present. Moving along paths similar to those taken in the graduate programs of our peer institutions in North America, we feel that concentration on the modern period will allow us to adjust our curriculum effectively and accommodate the exigencies of a rapidly changing field (as well as one that is increasingly under fire).

After due consideration we have decided no longer to differentiate among what are normally called fields within our graduate program. Our new concentration on the modern period, the eclectic courses we now offer (which rotate regularly in and out of the graduate timetable), the cross- or interdisciplinary nature of so many of our courses, the ability of our faculty to win grants that take them away from Toronto during periods of research, and our diminished numbers – these pedagogical, disciplinary, and staffing issues, together with what the last report indicated was a difficulty in defining our focus in an appropriate way, have convinced us that there would be no real dividend if we carved our program into discrete fields or sub-fields. The chronological scope that we still demand as part of the Reading List requirement for our Qualifying Exams, in our opinion, suffices to ensure that students in our program acquire a fruitful balance of focus and breadth. Reflecting this new state of things, we henceforth intend to advertise our program as a “Graduate Program in German Literature, Culture, and Theory.”

8. Financial and/or Planning Implications:

(Provide a clear statement indicating that there are no financial implications or, if there are financial implications, provide details. If the financial impact is substantial, provide a budget statement or other documentation.)

none

Submitted by: Willi Goetschel
(*Chair of graduate unit or designate*)

Date: 16 November 2004