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TO: Planning and Budget Committee

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AGENDA ITEM: #5

### ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Proposal to introduce a Masters Program in International Trade in Forestry Products (MTFP) in the Faculty of Forestry.

### JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

Excerpt from the terms of reference for the Planning and Budget Committee:

- ii) *"Programs" within a particular degree (for example, specialist, major and minor programs offered by the Faculty of Arts and Science) are primarily handled through the curriculum approval process of the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs. The administration brings the resource aspects of these programs to the Committee for consideration only if they involve allocation of Central University resources, significant shifts in divisional resources and/or significant implications for other divisions, institutions, or the public.*

### OTHER ACTION TAKEN:

This program was considered by the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs at their ? meeting.

### HIGHLIGHTS:

The Faculty of Forestry proposes to launch a new self-funded masters program to produce a small cadre of very well trained specialists who can contribute a high level of analytical capability to analysis and negotiations surrounding forest product trade. There is a small but significant demand for such specialists in large forest product industries, trade organizations, governments concerned with forest products or policy development and, increasingly, in international institutions and environmental organizations. This program will complete the suite of three *professionally focused* programs approved in the previous and present Faculty strategic plans.

### FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

As a self-funded program the revenue generated from tuition fee revenue will provide the necessary resources to deliver the program, including an overhead charge paid to general university revenue.

### RECOMMENDATION:

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