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OFFICE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT AND PROVOST

TO: Committee on Academic Policy and Programs

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DATE: September 15, 2004 for the meeting on September 22, 2004

AGENDA ITEM: 10

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Faculty of Medicine proposal for an one-time curriculum accommodation within the Medical Sciences BSc program for the students admitted to the program in September, 2002, and expected to graduate in 2005.

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The Committee has the authority to approve changes to academic regulations and other matters affecting divisional calendars.

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

The Council of the Faculty of Medicine approved this proposal at its Council meeting on May 31, 2004.

HIGHLIGHTS:

The proposed curriculum accommodation will address concerns that the registrants into the joint University of Toronto-Michener Institute Radiation Sciences programs in September 2002 were not adequately advised of changes to the curriculum. The proposal shortens the curriculum requirements for the Class of 2005 (graduation year) on a one-time basis to address the groups concerns that they entered the above program with a misunderstanding of program completion dates. The accommodation will apply to all students in the Medical Radiation Sciences programs who were admitted in September, 2002, and who are expected to graduate in 2005. The shortened curriculum would apply to this cohort of students only and includes the entire class without exception, unless the revised requirements for completion are not fulfilled.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

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

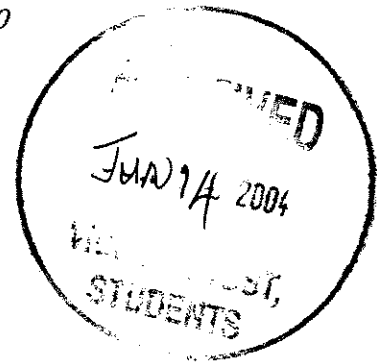
THAT the one-time curriculum accommodation be implemented within the Medical Sciences BSc program for the students admitted to the program in September, 2002, and expected to graduate in 2005.

FACULTY OF MEDICINE
University of Toronto

GRADUATE & INTER-FACULTY AFFAIRS
Office of the Associate Dean

June 11, 2004

Professor David Farrar
Vice Provost Students
Simcoe Hall
University of Toronto



Dear Dave,

Enclosed is a copy of the approval by the Council of the Faculty of Medicine of the minor change to the Medical Radiation Sciences BSc program for the graduating class 2005. The proposed curriculum accommodation, dated April 2004, was accepted without revision by our Faculty Council on May 31, 2004. As we previously discussed, following your consultation with the Provost, I am now forwarding this to you for final approval by the Provost and to be passed along to Academic Board. May I also assure you and Vivek that the Vice President Academic at The Michener Institute and I have made it very clear to the class of 2006 that the program as outlined in the admissions booklet 2004/05 and the selectives student handbook 2004/05, will apply to them. In other words the accommodation for the class of 2005 is a one time only event for the "transition year" following a rapid change to curriculum content and duration of the program.

Please let me know the next steps including submission to AP&P for consideration of an agenda item for Academic Board in early Fall. As well, if Vivek approves this minor change, I seek your advice as to when the Medical Radiation Sciences program may inform the class of 2005 about the status of the accommodation.

Thanks very much for your continued assistance in this important matter.

Regards,

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GREAT MINDS FOR
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April 19, 2004

To: Students in: Nuclear Medicine Technology – 2002 Intake
Radiation Therapy – 2002 Intake
Radiological Technology – 2002 Intake

From: Dr. Mary Preece, Vice President Academic, The Michener Institute
Dr. Cathy Whiteside, Associate Dean, Inter-faculty and Graduate Affairs, Faculty of
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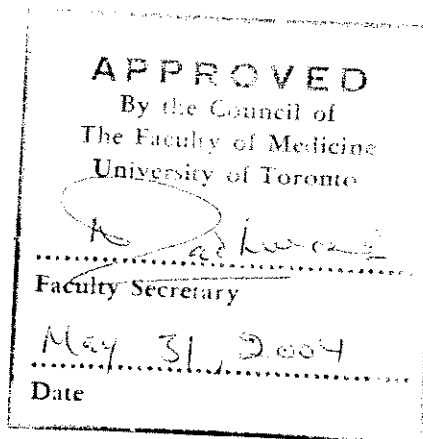
Re: Student Petition

In response to a meeting held with Radiation Therapy students on March 30, 2004, Dr. Whiteside contacted the Vice Provost Students, David Farrar, at the University of Toronto. In turn, Vivek Goel, the Provost, and Karel Swift, the Registrar, at the University of Toronto were consulted regarding the concerns that registrants into the joint University of Toronto-Michener Institute Radiation Sciences programs (Nuclear Medicine, Radiation Therapy, and Radiological Technology) in September, 2002, were not adequately advised of changes to the curriculum.

The proposal presented to the Vice Provost Students to address this matter is to shorten the curriculum requirements for the Class of 2005 (graduation year) on a one-time basis. The rationale is that this student group entered the above programs on the misunderstanding of the program completion date. The misunderstanding was the result of insufficient time to adequately advertise and inform students of the curriculum changes to the new regulated program commencing September 2002. The accommodation applies to all students in the Medical Radiation Sciences programs who were admitted in September, 2002, and who are expected to graduate in 2005. The shortened curriculum would apply to this cohort of students only and includes the entire class without exception, unless the revised requirements for completion are not fulfilled.

The proposed program accommodation must be presented to the University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine Faculty Council via the Education Committee. Dr. Whiteside will present the proposal first to the Education Committee and if approved will present the proposal to the Faculty Council on behalf of the programs. If accepted at this level, the recommendation will go directly to the Provost who must approve it and then present it to the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee for information (not approval). Dr. Preece will present the proposal to Michener's Academic Council for its endorsement. The proposal must be approved by both institutions in order for it to be implemented.

The meeting today is to give you an opportunity to discuss and to hopefully endorse the proposed solution. We look forward to a resolution to your concerns.



Attachment #9

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Proposed Curriculum Accommodation April, 2004

In the recent Medical Radiation Sciences student petition, the second year class posited that due to lack of sufficient communication during the time between application to the program (up to February, 2002) and start of the program (September 2002) regarding significant changes to the curricular layout, they should be permitted to complete the joint degree/diploma program at the original end date (April 29, 2005 as opposed to August 27, 2005). To accommodate this request, the program would have to be shortened by one full semester (2.5 credits).

In response to this request, if granted, the Program recommends that:

1. the final semester of the program be removed from the curriculum and that the total credits required for the degree and diploma be reduced to 17.5 for this cohort only.
2. in the final year, students will be permitted to complete two clinical projects (2 x 0.5 credits) in place of the research project (1 x 1.0 credits), except where accepted into the research project stream through application.
3. the transcripts for these students indicate graduation from a "transitional" program in order to be able to track the curriculum completed by these students.

The rationale for this decision is that the minimum standard for this Program is to meet the competency requirements as set by the national certification body, the Canadian Association of Medical Radiation Technologists (CAMRT) and the provincial licensing body, the College of Medical Radiation Technologists of Ontario (CMRTO). While the new curriculum model was developed to meet the Program's vision for excellence for an entry-to-practice professional, the content mandatory for meeting the requirements of the CAMRT and CMRTO will be completed by the end of April, 2005. This would allow the students to qualify to write the national exam in May, 2005, instead of September, 2005.

Any decision rendered regarding this petition will be applied uniformly to the students in all three streams (Nuclear Medicine Technology, Radiation Therapy and Radiological Technology) and will apply only to the students who entered the programs in September, 2002. There will be no exceptions.