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TO: Committee on Academic Policy and Programs

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

AGENDA ITEM: 11(b)

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

School of Graduate Studies: Proposal of the Institute for Aerospace Studies to change the requirements of the Ph.D. program from four courses to two courses only for students who are transferring from the M.A.Sc. degree, as detailed below, effective September 2004.

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The Committee has general responsibility for policy on, and for monitoring, minor changes within degree programs.

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

The School of Graduate Studies approved this proposal at its Council meeting on May 25, 2004.

HIGHLIGHTS:

A Ph.D. student's program of study includes course work and a thesis, which must be based on research conducted while registered for the Ph.D. program. Ph.D. students starting with an M.A.Sc. degree require four courses.

The program of study for transfer students used to also require four courses. This proposal will change the requirement to two courses. These two courses would be required in addition to the five completed prior to the M.A.Sc. to Ph.D. transfer, for a total of seven courses. All courses must be completed during the first two years in the Ph.D. program. The change will assist those who took a substantial course load in their first year of the M.A.Sc. program to more quickly complete the Ph.D. program.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

For Information.



School of Graduate Studies

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

May 28, 2004

Professor Vivek Goel
Interim Vice-President and Provost
Room 225, Simcoe Hall
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University of Toronto

Dear Professor Goel:

At its meeting of May 25, 2004, the Council of the School of Graduate Studies approved the following motion:

THAT SGS Council approve the proposal of the Institute for Aerospace Studies to change the requirements of the Ph.D. program from four courses to two courses, as detailed below, effective September 2004.

The motion detailing the change is attached. Division III Executive Committee approved the proposal, subject to a minor revision, at its meeting of May 11, 2004.

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

Yours sincerely,

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

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Motion

School of Graduate Studies Council Tuesday, May 25, 2004

Item 11.

11. Program Requirement Changes

11.1 Aerospace Science and Engineering, Ph.D.

MOTION (/) THAT SGS Council approve the proposal of the Institute for Aerospace Studies to change the requirements of the Ph.D. program from four courses to two courses, as detailed below, effective September 2004:

A Ph.D. student's program of study includes course work and a thesis, which must be based on research conducted while registered for the Ph.D. program. Ph.D. students starting with an M.A.Sc. degree require four courses. Transfer students need two courses in addition to the five completed prior to the M.A.Sc. to Ph.D. transfer for a total of seven courses. All courses must be completed during the first two years in the Ph.D. program.

NOTE:

Division III Executive Committee approved this proposal at its meeting of May 11, 2004, subject to a minor revision.

With SGS Council's approval this item will go to Governing Council committees for information.