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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(d)

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

School of Graduate Studies: Proposal of the Department of French Language and Literature to change the requirements of the Ph.D. Program, as specified in the attachment, effective the 2005-2006 academic year.

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:

The Department is proposing three changes to the Ph.D. program requirements: 1) The course requirements will be increased to 3.5 full-course equivalents; 2) Doctoral students will be permitted to take one full-course equivalent outside the Department; and 3) Students will be required to register a thesis topic by the beginning of the second year of registration and to complete the field examination during the second year of registration. The Department's current practice of requiring students to produce a thesis proposal by January of the first year is anomalous in Division I. The aim of the changes is that students are adequately prepared to formulate a thesis proposal and constitute a committee.

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
27 King's College Circle
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 Department of French Language and Literature to change the requirements of the Ph.D. Program, as specified in the attachment, effective the 2005-2006 academic year.

The motion and supporting documentation are attached. Division I Executive Committee approved the proposal at its meeting of May 6, 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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c.c.	A. Drummond (attachs)	C. Johnston	B. Katz
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	L. Yee	S. Zaky (attachs)	

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Motion

School of Graduate Studies Council Tuesday, May 25, 2004

Item 11.

11. Program Requirement Changes

11.3 French Language and Literature, Ph.D.

MOTION (/) THAT SGS Council approve the proposal of the Department of French Language and Literature to change the requirements of the Ph.D. Program, as specified in the attachment, effective the 2005-2006 academic year.

See attached.

NOTE:

Division I Executive Committee approved this proposal at its meeting of May 6, 2004.

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

French Language and Literature Ph.D. Program Changes Proposal

- 1) That candidates admitted on the basis of a four-year bachelor's degree:
 - i) be required to complete 4 full-course equivalents during the first year of the program and an additional 3.5 full-course equivalents during the second year of the program, as approved by the Department; and
 - ii) be permitted to count towards this requirement up to one-full course taken outside the Department each year when the Department approves.
- 2) That candidates admitted on the basis of a master's degree:
 - i) be required to complete 3.5 full-course equivalents during the first year of the program, as approved by the Department; and
 - ii) be permitted to count towards this requirement up to one-full course taken outside the Department when the Department approves.
- 3) That by the beginning of the second year in the Ph.D. program, in the case of a student admitted on the basis of a master's degree, otherwise by the beginning of the third year of registration, a candidate be required to register a thesis topic with the Department.
- 4) That during the second year of registration in the Ph.D. program, in the case of a student admitted on the basis of a master's degree, otherwise the third year of registration, a candidate be required to pass the two parts of the field examination as follows: the written examination is to be taken by mid-March and the oral examination is to be taken by April 30.