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TO: Committee on Academic Policy and Programs

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AGENDA ITEM: 4

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

University of Toronto at Mississauga: Major Calendar Changes 2006-2007.

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The Committee has authority for approval of changes to curriculum within established degree programs that can be accomplished with existing resources and are not major, as in specialist, major and minor programs in arts and science.

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

HIGHLIGHTS:

The University of Toronto at Mississauga (UTM) is proposing new undergraduate programs and program changes for the calendar year 2006-07. The program changes have been reviewed by UTM's Academic Affairs Committee and approved by Erindale College Council. The proposed changes are presented in the attached summary, along with the associated program descriptions, rationales, learning outcomes and requirements.

Three of the specialist programs being introduced are entirely new programs that are consistent with UTM's academic plan and are promising programs: *Information Security, Management, and Financial Economics*. Two other specialists, *Ecology and Evolution* and *Behaviour, Genetics, and Neurobiology*, replace programs in ways that reflect the growth of knowledge and current interdisciplinary approaches being taken in the life sciences. A new minor in *Biomedical Communications* will be very beneficial to students specializing in other areas who wish to obtain skills in biomedical communication. The Minor will promote exciting opportunities for UTM science students, especially in biology and anthropology. The *Canadian Studies* minor emerges from an astute evaluation of student need and projected demand in this area of study and is replacing the currently offered Canadian Studies Specialist. UTM has considerable strength in this area, which the proposed minor will utilize.

The programs have been developed in consultation with appropriate partners, with an informed understanding of student demand, and a keen analysis of the resource implications. Each has been wisely and strategically conceived to add value to the array of programs offered within and across departments at UTM. All will be supported by core faculty within UTM departments and by a strong selection of course offerings.

(Course descriptions for existing courses that are part of the above programs can be found on the Faculty of Arts & Science calendar, located online at <http://www.artsandscience.utoronto.ca/ofr/calendar/crsindex.htm>)

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

There are no new/additional financial resources required to implement the program additions and changes.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

The new specialist, major and minor programs, and program changes and deletions, as described in the submission from the University of Toronto at Mississauga, dated January 9, 2006, effective for the academic year 2006-2007.