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TO: Committee on Academic Policy and Programs

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AGENDA ITEM: 5

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

School of Graduate Studies: Direct entry admission requirements in the Faculty of Music Ph.D.

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The Committee has the authority to approve admission policies relating to minor changes to individual programs or to divisional practices and policies.

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

HIGHLIGHTS:

The Faculty of Music proposes changes to the admission requirements of the doctoral degree in order to allow direct entry into the program. The Faculty aims to admit undergraduate applicants of exceptional potential directly into the doctoral stream program viewing this as an opportunity to renew their commitment to excellence and to continue to attract the very best applicants nationally and internationally.

In most cases, doctoral applicants will already have an M.A. Direct entry to the doctoral program for students with an appropriate Bachelor's degree is proposed in certain circumstances, although students will be required to complete additional course work. The University of Toronto expects that Direct Entry will be available only to exceptionally well-qualified students.

Three full courses at the graduate level must be completed in year one with a minimum average of A- for students with a Master's degree in hand. In the case of direct entry to the Ph.D. (Musicology, Ethnomusicology and Theory), students will be required to:

- Take three full-course equivalents in their first year, exclusive of MUS1250H (PhD Seminar) and MUS1999H (Research in Musicology).
- Maintain an average grade of at least A- in order to continue in the doctoral program; otherwise the student will instead be required to transfer into the Master's program.
- Go on to take three more full-course equivalents in the second year, inclusive of MUS1250H in the first term and MUS1999H from the beginning of the second term.
- Take an intermediate-level language examination in their first year and then all language requirements (including an advanced knowledge of German or its agreed substitute) must be completed by year three.
- Complete all course requirements by year three.

The Graduate Department of the Faculty of Music approved the changes on October 18, 2005. The proposal was approved by the Council of the School of Graduate Studies on January 24, 2006.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

There are no new/additional financial resources required.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

THAT the proposed direct entry admission option for the Ph.D. in Music be approved, effective September 2006.