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TO: Committee on Academic Policy and Programs

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AGENDA ITEM: 3

ITEM IDENTIFICATION: School of Graduate Studies: Proposal for a new PhD in Planning to be offered through the Department of Geography, Faculty of Arts and Science.

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The Committee has authority to recommend to Academic Board approval changes which establish a new degree program.

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

HIGHLIGHTS:

The proposal for a new PhD in planning builds on the success of the current MScPl program and is a response to the growing demand for PhD-trained planners in universities and in the world of professional practice. A description of the program and details regarding the academic rational and requirements are outlined in the attached proposal dated April 7, 2006.

The degree name and designation have been proposed to convey the breadth of the doctoral program, and given the association of the proposed PhD program with the Masters in Planning, the name is appropriate. The proposal has received the support of related units at the University, including the Centre for Urban and Community Studies, the Urban Studies Program (Innis College), the Centre for the Environment, and the Faculty of Architecture, Landscape and Design.

The proposal has been reviewed extensively within the Faculty of Arts and Science and the Department of Geography, and the Graduate Geography and Planning Student Society. The proposal was approved by the School of Graduate Studies Council on April 25, 2006.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

The Department of Geography and the Faculty of Arts and Science have committed to provide all the resources needed for this program. The size of the program has been determined in the context of financial implications and resources available to the program. Enrolment would be re-visited in the future, and enrolment will likely increase. The proposal will be presented to the Planning and Budget Committee on May 9, 2006.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee on Academic Policy and Programs recommends to the Academic Board:

THAT the PhD in Planning at the Faculty of Arts and Science Department of Geography be recommended to Governing Council for approval, effective September 2007.