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TO: Committee on Academic Policy and Programs

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AGENDA ITEM: 3

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

University of Toronto at Mississauga: Major Calendar Changes 2008-2009.

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 one new undergraduate program and two program deletions for the calendar year 2008-09. The proposed changes are presented in the attached summary, along with the associated program description, rationales, learning outcomes and requirements.

The proposed specialist program in Geocomputational Science is a combination of analytical geography and computer science. The program combines the strengths of two departments into one formal degree in a way that allows students interested in geographic information systems, remote sensing, and computer science to pursue a specialist degree without having to acquire a double major in both fields.

The deletion of the European Studies (BA, Specialist and Major) program of study is proposed due to low/declining enrolment in both programs of study. The proposed deletion has been outlined in UTM's Academic Plan.

The new program has been developed in consultation with appropriate partners and has been reviewed by the tri-campus decanal committee. The proposal has been approved by UTM's Academic Affairs Committee on November 27, 2007 and approved by Erindale College Council on December 11, 2007.

(Course descriptions for existing courses that are part of the above programs can be found online at <http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/regcal/>)

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 program and program deletion, as described in the submission from the University of Toronto at Mississauga, effective for the academic year 2008-2009.