



TO: Committee on Academic Policy and Programs
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AGENDA ITEM: 3

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Proposal for a new graduate Collaborative Masters and Doctoral Program in Public Health Policy, Faculty of Medicine.

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The Committee on Academic Policy and Programs approves new collaborative graduate programs and new fields in existing graduate programs. (*AP&P Terms of Reference, Section 4.4.b.iii*)

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

HIGHLIGHTS:

This is a proposal for a new Collaborative Program in Public Health Policy which will be offered at both the master's and doctoral levels. The proposed Collaborative Program in Public Health Policy will focus on the academic areas of public health policy development, change, analysis and evaluation. Its purpose is to bring together a broad range of disciplines, substantive foci, and theoretical and methodological underpinnings, to synergistically build an engaged community of practice of students and faculty focused on public health policy, therefore contributing to the creation of the next generation of public health policy research leaders and creative agents for change, able to address health issues and challenges.

Demand for the proposed program is expected to be high in light of the priority given public health policy training by public health agencies and demand for the current non credit Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) training Program in Public Health Policy offered by the Dalla Lana School of Public Health.

The proposed program is the result of a highly consultative process and will involve participation from six units identified in section two of the proposal. The academic requirements for the proposed program were developed in close consultation with the School of Graduate Studies resulting in the final proposal now being brought forward. This proposal received final approval

from the Graduate Curriculum Committee of the Faculty of Medicine on 8 March 2012, in line with the Faculty's governance norms.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS: Any new or additional financial obligations resulting from this program will be met at the Faculty level.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs approves:

THAT the proposed graduate Collaborative Masters and Doctoral Program in Public Health Policy, as described in the attached proposal from Faculty of Medicine dated February 29, 2012, be approved effective September 2012.