



TO: Committee on Academic Policy and Programs

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AGENDA ITEM:

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Proposal for the closure of the Dynamics of Global Change Doctoral Collaborative Program

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

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

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

HIGHLIGHTS:

This is a proposal for the closure of the Dynamics of Global Change Collaborative program. The Collaborative program was first established in 2008 with the Faculty of Arts and Science as lead Faculty. The Munk School of Global Affairs has served as the supporting unit.

The program has generated less interest from students than originally expected and has attracted 4-5 rather than the anticipated 15-20 students a year. The Faculty suspects this may have been due to the fact that the requirements of the program added to the course requirements of registered students, increasing their time to completion. Continued funding from the participating programs was dependent upon the program's success and has not been renewed.

The program proposes to cease admissions for September 2013 and in line with University of Toronto norms will close completely once all students have completed the program which is expected to occur no later than August 2019.

The closure of the Collaborative Program received approval from the Faculty of Arts and Science Council on March 5, 2013.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS: None

RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee on Academic Policy and Programs approves:

THAT the proposed closure of the Dynamics of Global Change Doctoral Collaborative Program, as described in the attached proposal from The Faculty of Arts and Science dated February 26, 2013, be approved with an effective date of September 1, 2013 for the closure of admissions and an anticipated program closure date of August 2019.



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FACULTY OF ARTS & SCIENCE

**Graduate Program Closure Proposal, 2013-2014 Calendar
February 26, 2013**

The Faculty of Arts & Science (FAS) graduate departments, centres, and institutes review their graduate offerings on a regular basis and may propose the closure of an academic program. The following program closure is proposed for the 2013-14 calendar year.

Munk School of Global Affairs

Dynamics of Global Change Collaborative Doctoral Program:

The Munk School of Global Affairs is proposing the closure of the Dynamics of Global Change Collaborative Program. Students enrolling in the program are required to complete PhD requirements from their home department and in addition to taking the Dynamics of Global Change courses. This has resulting in an extra year of PhD studies extending the student past the funded period. Currently the program enrolls 4-5 students per academic year resulting in a total enrollment of 20. The program had hoped to enroll 15-20 students per year. Without student interest the program has not be able to grow to the level desired by the units involved. It is therefore best to close the program while allowing those students currently enrolled in the program to complete their studies.

The full proposal is attached and includes the academic rationale and consultation processes.

As per the University of Toronto Quality Assurance Process (UTQAP) and the Faculty's processes, recommendations for program closures require approval by the Graduate Curriculum Committee, Faculty Council and University governance. The Graduate Curriculum Committee is composed of the Vice Dean, Graduate Education and Program Reviews (Chair), Graduate Chairs/Directors (or designates), graduate students serving on the Faculty of Arts and Science Council and Graduate Administrators.¹ The consultation process within academic units is documented in the proposals presented to the curriculum committees.

The proposed program closure was approved by the Graduate Curriculum Committee on February 13, 2013.



University of Toronto Closure of an Existing Program Graduate Proposal

Section 1

Closure Proposed:	Dynamics of Global Change Collaborative Doctoral Program
Department / Unit:	Munk School of Global Affairs
Faculty:	Arts & Science
Faculty contact:	Sandy Welsh, Vice-Dean, Graduate Education and Program Reviews
Unit contact:	Robert Vipond, Director
Effective date program will be closed to new admissions:	September 2013
Effective date of full closure of program:	August 2019

Section 2

1. Brief Summary

The Munk School of Global Affairs is proposing to close the Dynamics of Global Change Collaborative Program. While students enrolled in this program take a core course mounted by the program and 1 (0.50 FCEs) or 2 (0.25 FCEs) intensive courses mounted by the program, the withdrawal of these courses will have minimal impact as the enrollment is low. The program will ensure that all students currently enrolled will have opportunity to complete the program and have this completion noted on their transcripts.

2. Rationale

Originally, we anticipated 15-20 students to enroll per year, leading to a steady state program enrollment of approximately 80 students. Instead, we have 4-5 incoming students with a total enrollment of 20. One reason for the low enrollment is structural. Enrollment in DGC requires a significant commitment. Students must complete all the requirements for a PhD in their home department in addition to taking both the core course in DGC as well as two quarter (.25 FCE) or one half (.50 FCE) elective courses mounted by the program. Moreover, a number of the key participating units e.g. Political Science have increased their own pre-dissertation requirements. As a result, enrollment in DGC typically adds a year to a normal PhD. The extra year is not attractive because students are normally funded for four (or five) years of doctoral study.

Seed funding for the Dynamics of Global Change Collaborative Program was originally provided, by the Office of the Provost and several of the participating faculties (Arts and Science, Medicine, Law, Rotman, OISE). The various contributors stated clearly that this was seed funding that had a clear end date (either 3 or 5 years depending on the unit).

In light of the low enrollment neither these units nor the Munk School of Global Affairs is in a position to provide ongoing, stable funding of the program. Since collaborative programs do not attract BIUs, the program has become fiscally unsustainable.

3. Impact on other programs/units of the proposed closure

The Director of the DGC Program and the Director of the Munk School of Global Affairs have consulted regarding the closure of the collaborative program. The Graduate Chair in each of the participating units has been consulted. The Director of CP in Global Health has also been notified. Since the main point of contact between the two programs was through Prof. James Orbinski-no longer at UofT there will be no adverse effects. When the program closes the core course DGC1000H will not be offered. Nor will the dedicated intensive courses which the program has mounted each year. However, since these intensive courses attracted a small number of students (average enrollment 4 students) this will not unduly affect any unit or students.

List of Participating Home Units and the Number of Students Enrolled in the DGC Program from that Unit:

Doctor of Juridical Science in Law, S.J.D.

Doctor of Philosophy in Adult Education and Community Development (Department of Leadership, Higher and Adult Education), Ph.D. 4

Doctor of Philosophy in Anthropology, Ph.D. 1

Doctor of Philosophy in Chemical Engineering and Applied Chemistry, Ph.D.

Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science, Ph.D. 1

Doctor of Philosophy in Economics, Ph.D.

Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Administration, Ph.D. Doctor of Philosophy in Geography, Ph.D.

Doctor of Philosophy in Health Policy, Management and Evaluation, Ph.D. Doctor of Philosophy in Higher Education, Ph.D.

Doctor of Philosophy in Management, Ph.D.

Doctor of Philosophy in Medical Science, Ph.D. Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science, Ph.D. 6

Non-Collaborative Department: Department of Exercise Science 1

4. Student Accommodation

The 13 students currently enrolled in the program will be able to complete their degree requirements, and their transcripts will indicate that they have completed the Collaborative program. At least one short course (perhaps two) will be offered in the spring 2013 so as to allow as many of the remaining students to complete their course requirements. Arrangements will be made with students who have not yet completed their requirements so as to ensure that all students currently enrolled will be able to complete the program's course requirements. This may include designating courses, especially those taught by faculty members associated with DGC, taken in other units for credit in DGC and or supervising independent reading courses.

The students in the program have been notified regarding the proposed closure of the program and the fact that they will be able to complete the program.

The last student to enrol in the program did so in fall 2012. Other students are more advanced in their study. This program is proposed to cease admitting new students in September 2013. The program is proposed to close when all enrolled students have graduated. It is anticipated that that will be no later than August 2019.

There are now several teaching and research initiatives in globalization that have begun in the University since the advent of DGC. These may be of interest to currently enrolled students. In addition the Munk School of Global Affairs is striking a task force to consider what sort of program would best suit doctoral students interested in global change.

5. Faculty / Staff Accommodation

There is no impact on faculty; staff will continue to assist students in the program.

6. Governance Process

	<i>Levels of Approval Required</i>
<i>Decanal / Provostial Sign Off</i>	
	Faculty/Divisional Council (approval of closure of minors, where there is a continuing (specialist or major))
<i>Submission to Provost's Office</i>	
	AP&P (approval of program closures: undergrad specialists/majors; minors where there is no specialist of major))
	Academic Board (approval of degree closures)
	Executive Committee of Governing Council (executive confirms degree, grad program, diploma closures)
<i>Inclusion in Annual report to Quality Council</i>	
<i>Inclusion in Annual report to MTCU (in case of closure of degree)</i>	

Developed by the Office of the Vice-Provost, Academic Programs April 4, 2011