



TO: Committee on Academic Policy and Programs

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AGENDA ITEM: 3

**ITEM IDENTIFICATION:**

Proposal for the inclusion of wording on a parchment to acknowledge student participation in a Joint Educational Placement for Doctoral Studies.

**JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:**

The Committee on Academic Policy and Programs has the authority to approve policy matters affecting earned degrees, diplomas and certificates, including their design and issuance of replacements. (AP&P Terms of Reference, Section 4.7).

**PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:**

None.

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

The Joint Educational Placement Agreement is an option for full-time doctoral students to study toward the earning of a doctorate at the University of Toronto and a recognized collaborator institution, supervised jointly by faculty from each institution. A student must designate one institution as the lead institution and the second as the collaborator institution. This decision must be made at the time of the signing of this agreement and is binding for its duration. The academic and research program of a student enrolled in a Joint Placement is based on ongoing or developing research collaboration between supervisors and/or research groups in the two participating institutions.

Following extensive consultation with the graduate units throughout the university, the Council of Graduate Deans (CGD), the Graduate Education Council (GEC) and the Provost's Advisory Group (PAG), the Joint Placement protocol has been in place since 2011.

The following consultations and communications have taken place:

- CGD: March 22, 2011 and September 27, 2011
- GEC: February 15, 2011 and April 19, 2011
- Published in an SGS Decanal Memo dated September 6, 2011.
- Circulated to the Provost's Advisory Group, a provostial committee on internationalization and key offices including International Relations and the Office of the Vice-Provost, Academic Programs

As the first students are moving towards graduation, the consent of the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs (AP&P) is needed to permit the following wording on the University of Toronto diploma and transcript acknowledging that the degree was awarded under a Joint Doctorate agreement.

Awarded as a single degree under a Joint Placement arrangement with the (collaborator) institution.

**FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:** none

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Committee on Academic Policy and Programs approves:

THAT the following proposed notation be added to the parchment to acknowledge student participation in a Joint Educational Placement for Doctoral Studies, as described in the attached copy of the Agreement for a Joint Educational Placement-Doctorate, effective immediately:

Awarded as a single degree under a Joint Placement arrangement with the (collaborator) institution.