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**TO:** Committee on Academic Policy and Programs

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**DATE:** March 13, 2014 for April 1, 2014

**AGENDA ITEM:** 2

**ITEM IDENTIFICATION:**

Follow-up Reports on Reviews:

- a) Department of Italian and its programs (Faculty of Arts & Science)
- b) Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations and its programs (Faculty of Arts & Science)
- c) Master of Management & Professional Accounting and Diploma in Investigative & Forensic Accounting (University of Toronto Mississauga)

**JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:**

The Committee on Academic Policy and Programs (AP&P) is the point of entry into governance for reports, summaries and administrative responses on the results of academic reviews of programs and units commissioned by academic administrators. The role of the Committee is to ensure that the reviews are conducted in accordance with University policy and guidelines, that an appropriate process has been followed, that adequate documentation is provided and consultations undertaken, and that issues identified in the review are addressed by the administration. Under the University of Toronto Quality Assurance Process, the Committee may request a one year follow-up report when concerns are raised in an external review that require a longer period of response.

This report is forwarded, together with the record of the Committee's discussion, to the Agenda Committee of the Academic Board, which determines whether there are any issues of general academic significance warranting discussion at the Board level. The same documentation is sent to the Executive Committee and Governing Council for information.

## GOVERNANCE PATH:

1. **Committee on Academic Policy and Programs (April 1, 2014)**
  - + Agenda Committee of the Academic Board (April 23, 2014)
  - + Academic Board (May 1, 2014)
  - + Executive Committee of the Governing Council [For Information] (May 12, 2014)
  - + Governing Council [For Information] (May 22, 2014)

## PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

- a) *Department of Italian and its programs (Faculty of Arts & Science)*

The Department of Italian Studies and its programs were reviewed on November 19–20, 2012, and the report of the external reviewers was taken to the April 16, 2013 meeting of AP&P. AP&P asked for a one year follow-up report regarding faculty complement renewal.

- b) *Department Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations and its programs (Faculty of Arts & Science)*

The Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations and its programs were reviewed on February 16–17, 2012, and the report of the external reviewers was taken to the October 29, 2012 meeting of AP&P. AP&P asked for a one year follow-up report regarding physical space. The Faculty of Arts & Science requested and received an extension to bring the follow-up report to Cycle 5 rather than Cycle 2, 2013-14.

- c) *Master of Management & Professional Accounting and Diploma in Investigative & Forensic Accounting (University of Toronto Mississauga)*

The Master of Management & Professional Accounting and the Diploma in Forensic Accounting (MMPA and DIFA) were reviewed on December 3–4, 2012, and the report of the external reviewers was taken to the April 16, 2013 meeting of AP&P. AP&P asked for a one year follow-up report regarding the programs' structure.

## HIGHLIGHTS:

- a) *Department of Italian and its programs (Faculty of Arts & Science)*

In response to AP&P's request, the Faculty of Arts & Science prepared a follow-up report that addressed the issue of faculty complement renewal. Specifically, the report indicated that the Department requested and received approval for two searches in 2013-14, in the areas recommended by the reviewers (Medieval Literature and Culture, and Italian Cinema and Modern Literature). In addition, the Department held a series of meetings in 2013 to discuss matters related to the external review, including complement planning.

*b) Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations (Faculty of Arts & Science)*

In response to AP&P's request, the Faculty of Arts & Science prepared a follow-up report that addressed the issue of physical space. Specifically, the report indicated the Chair, in working with the Vice-Dean Research & Infrastructure, has identified key space improvement projects. The first such project in development is the expansion of meeting space, with other renovations still in the discussion phase.

*c) Master of Management & Professional Accounting and Diploma in Investigative & Forensic Accounting (University of Toronto Mississauga)*

In response to AP&P's request, UTM prepared a follow-up report focused on structure. Specifically, the report addressed concerns about the future organizational and functional structure of both programs. The programs have since been moved into the Institute for Management & Innovation (IMI), a new Extra-Departmental Unit: B (EDU:B), and UTM has created a Professional Accounting Centre within the IMI to support accounting research and academic programs. UTM is investigating the creation of a Masters in Investigative Forensic Accounting (MIFA). Planning is underway to bridge the retirement of the current director.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

n/a

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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**DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED:**

Department of Italian Studies and its programs One Year Follow-Up Letter from Professor David Cameron, March 10, 2014

Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations and its programs One Year Follow-Up Letter from Professor David Cameron, March 10, 2014

MMPA and DIFA Programs One Year Follow-Up Letter from Professor Amy Mullin, February 21, 2014