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OFFICE OF PLANNING AND BUDGET

TO: Planning and Budget Committee

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DATE: January 19, 2004 for meeting on February 3, 2004

AGENDA ITEM: #7

## ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

- Proposal to introduce a Collaborative Doctoral program in Jewish Studies, effective September 2004.

## JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

Excerpt from the terms of reference for the Planning and Budget Committee:

*4.4.2. The committee advises the Academic Board on the Planning and resource implications of plans and proposals to establish, disestablish or significantly restructure academic programs.*

## OTHER ACTION TAKEN:

This program has been approved by SGS Council on November 25, 2003, and reported to the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs at their January 14, 2004, meeting.

## HIGHLIGHTS:

Graduate work in Jewish Studies demands intensive exposure to a wide variety of languages, textual traditions, and scholarly disciplines. The purpose of this program is to offer both a broad and intensive exposure to the constituent fields within Jewish Studies. Since 1970 there has been a steady development and outstanding scholarship and graduate teaching in the in the field at the University of Toronto. The Graduate Collaborative Program will unite the various streams of teaching and scholarship in this area.

## FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

The program will be offered starting September, 2004. Teaching and administrative resources will be provided by the departments of Anthropology, English, German, History, Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations, Philosophy, Political Science, and Sociology, and the Centre for the Study of Religion. All costs will be shared by the participating departments. There are no central budgetary implications.

## RECOMMENDATION:

For information only.