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TO: UTM Academic Affairs Committee

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AGENDA ITEM: 2

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Reviews of Academic Programs and Units and UTM Provostial Review

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

Under Section 5.6 of its Terms of Reference, the Academic Affairs Committee shall receive for information and discussion reviews of academic programs and/or units, consistent with the protocol outlined in the University of Toronto Quality Assurance Process.

GOVERNANCE PATH:

1. **UTM Academic Affairs Committee [For Information] (May 6, 2024)**

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

None.

HIGHLIGHTS:

External reviews of academic programs are an important part of the academic planning process as it ensures the quality of our programs through rigorous and consistent assessment by peers. This report will address the following reviews which were presented to the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs on April 10, 2024:

- UTM Provostial Review (non-UTQAP) - April 26-28, 2023
- Department of Sociology and its programs - April 27-29, 2022
- Department of Geography, Geomatics and Environment, and its programs - October 27-28, 2022
- Master of Management in Innovation (MMI) - July 4-5, 2022

- Master of Science in Sustainability Management (MScSM) - Sept 22-23, 2022

For the UTM Provostial Review, the review team was provided with: Site Visit Schedule; Terms of Reference; Self-Study and Appendices; Previous External Review Report including the Administrative Response; Towards 2030: The View from 2012 - An Assessment of the University of Toronto's Progress Since Towards 2030; Virtual Tour Materials of the New Science Building; Draft UTM's Brand Stories; Organization of Senior Administration Charts; Comments received from VPAP Web Form. During the site visit, the reviewers met directly with senior administrative leadership, faculty, staff and students from UTM and UofT, including the Vice-President and Principal, UTM, the Vice-Provost, Academic Programs, Vice-Principal, Academic and Dean, UTM, members of the decanal team, the Chair or Associate Chair of all academic units, program directors, senior faculty, graduate and undergraduate students, Chief Administrative Officer, Interim Registrar and Director of Enrolment Management, Director, Office of Indigenous Initiatives, and Director, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.

For the Reviews of the Department of Sociology and Department of Geography, Geomatics and Environment, the review team was provided with: Terms of Reference; Department Self-Study; Previous Review Report and Administrative Responses; UTM Degree Level Expectations 2016; UofT Facts & Figures, 2020; UTM Divisional Academic Plan, 2017; UTM Vision Statement, 2017; UTM Academic Calendar entry; UTM Viewbook; Tri-Campus Framework (Framework for a New Structure of Academic Administration for the Three Campuses); Access to all course descriptions; Access to the curricula vitae of faculty. The reviewers met the Vice-Principal, Academic and Dean and Vice-Dean Teaching & Learning; Chair and Associate Chairs; Undergraduate students; Graduate students; faculty of all ranks; UTM Librarian Staff, and Department Administrative Staff.

For the Reviews of the Master of Management in Innovation and the Master of Science in Sustainability Management, the review team was provided with: Terms of reference; Self Study and Appendices; Previous Review Report and Administrative Responses; University of Toronto Graduate Degree Level Expectations; UofT Facts & Figures, 2021; UTM Divisional Academic Plan, 2017; UTM Vision Statement, 2017; School of Graduate Studies Academic Calendar 2021-22 (Institute for Management and Innovation excerpt); School of Graduate Studies Admissions Guide, 2021-22; Tri-Campus Framework (Framework for a New Structure of Academic Administration for the Three Campuses); Access to all course descriptions; Access to the curricula vitae of faculty. The review teams met with senior administrative leadership, faculty, staff and students, including the Vice-Principal, Academic and Dean, Vice-Dean Teaching and Learning, and the Vice-Dean Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs, the IMI Director, Program Director, core IMI faculty and program faculty, program alumni and professional representatives, program staff, and current students.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no net implications for the UTM campus operating budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

For Information.

DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED:

Reviews of Academic Programs and Units and UTM Provostial Review (Presentation)