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OVERVIEW OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO QUALITY ASSURANCE PROCESS (UTQAP)

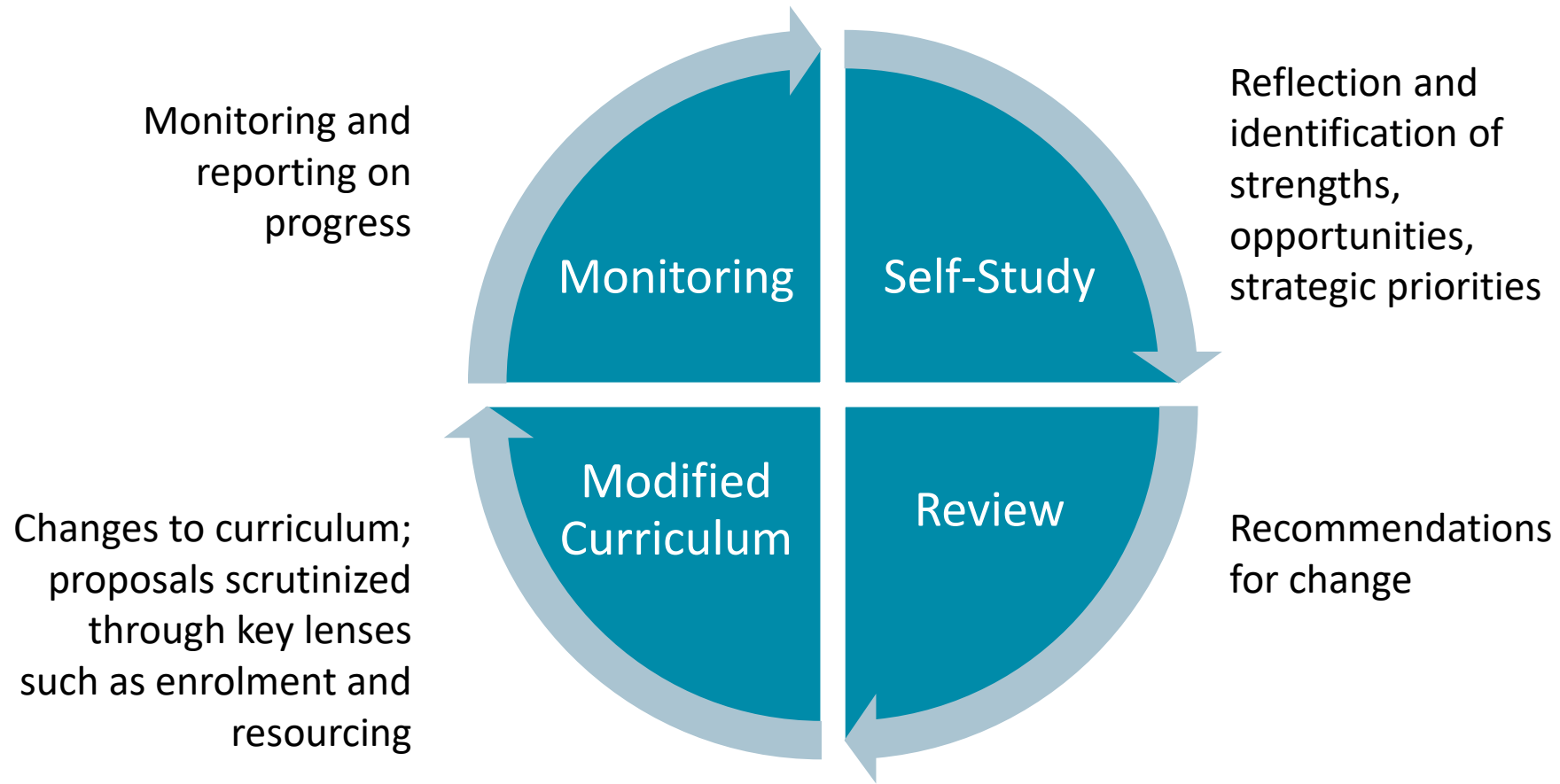
UTSC ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
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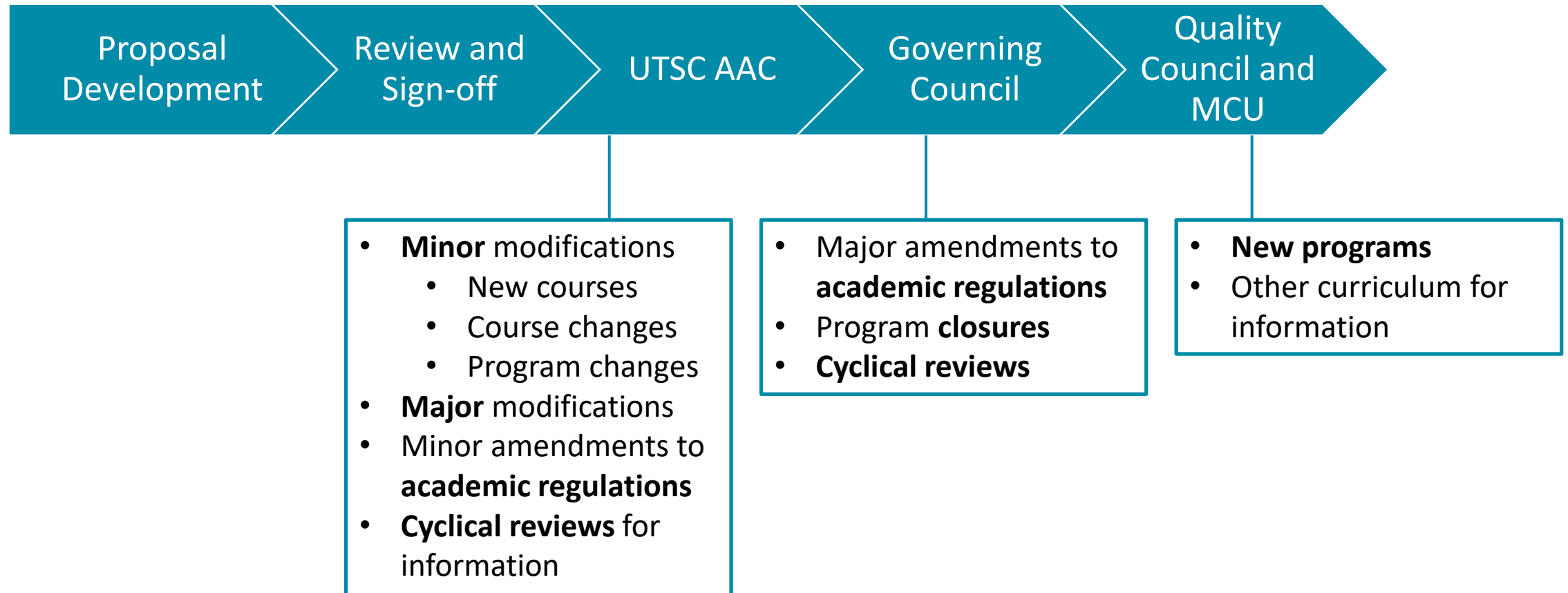
- The UTQAP specifies protocols for:
 - development, appraisal and approval of entirely new academic programs
 - development and approval of proposals to significantly change existing academic programs (major modifications)
 - closure of existing degrees and programs
 - cyclical review of existing Faculties, units, and the programs they offer.
- Incorporates institutional commitments to equity, anti-racism, Indigeneity, and accessibility
- The UTQAP ensures that the University of Toronto operates in conformity with the Quality Assurance Framework (QAF) for the Province of Ontario

From the Office of the Vice-Provost, Academic Programs
(<https://www.vpacademic.utoronto.ca/quality-assurance/>)

QUALITY ASSURANCE AND CYCLE OF CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT



GOVERNANCE PATHWAYS



GOVERNANCE DOCUMENTATION

- 3 new courses
 - POLB40H3: Quantitative Reasoning for Political Science and Public Policy
 - POLC30H3: Law, Politics and Technology
 - POLD82H3: Politics and Literature
- 4 course modifications
 - POLB91H3: Introduction to Comparative Politics
 - POLD02Y3: Senior Research Seminar in Political Science
 - POLD09H3: Advanced Topics in International Security
 - POLD89H3: Global Environmental Politics

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no significant financial implications to the campus operating budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Be It Resolved:

THAT the proposed Social Sciences undergraduate curriculum changes for the 2024-25 academic year, as detailed in the respective curriculum reports, be approved.

DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED:

1. 2024-25 Curriculum Cycle Undergraduate Minor Curriculum Modifications for Approval Report: Human Geography, dated February 8, 2024.
2. 2023-24 Curriculum Cycle Undergraduate Minor Curriculum Modifications for Approval Report: Political Sciences, dated February 8, 2024.

EXAMPLES OF ITEMS PRESENTED TO AND REVIEWED BY THE UTSC ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE IN THE 2023-24 ACADEMIC YEAR

MINOR AND MAJOR MODIFICATIONS

- Out-of-cycle new courses to be offered in Winter 2024
- Undergraduate curriculum changes in the humanities, sciences, and social sciences
- Graduate curriculum changes from Departments of Physical and Environmental Sciences and Management
- New freestanding Minor in Aging and Society from Department of Health and Society

NEW PROGRAM

- Undergraduate Major in Public Law (HBA) from Department of Political Science

CHANGES TO ACADEMIC REGULATIONS

- Concerning course load in relation to deferred examinations
- Exceptions to academic regulations regarding special considerations, petitions, and appeals

REVIEWS OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AND UNITS

- Department of Anthropology
- Undergraduate Major (Joint) in New Media Studies
- Department of Political Science
- Department of Sociology
- Undergraduate Specialist (Joint) in Journalism

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