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TO: Planning and Budget Committee

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AGENDA ITEM: #7

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Proposal to discontinue the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) degree in English.

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The Committee recommends on plans and proposals to establish, disestablish, or significantly restructure academic units and programs, here defined as “faculties, schools, colleges, departments, centres and institutions with teaching, or teaching and research functions, undergraduate degree programs, and graduate degree programs”, regardless of the source of funds.

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

None.

HIGHLIGHTS:

OISE/UT in consultation with the Department of English in the Faculty of Arts and Science propose the discontinuation of the MAT degree in English. Continuing low enrollment, as well as changes in departmental priorities, have resulted in this decision. The program will be phased out such that no new students will be admitted but currently enrolled students will be able to complete their degree programs. There were 3 FTE students enrolled in the program in 2000-01 and 2001-02.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

There will be no loss of Government Operating Grant revenue resulting from the discontinuation of this program and only a very modest loss of tuition fee revenue.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Planning and Budget Committee recommend to the Academic Board:

THAT the proposal for discontinuation of the MAT degree in English, be approved, with no new students admitted to the program, effective immediately.