



TO: Committee on Academic Policy and Programs

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AGENDA ITEM: 4

ITEM IDENTIFICATION: Proposal for the closure of the Master of Religion, a 2nd entry undergraduate degree program offered conjointly by Wycliffe College (Toronto School of Theology) and the University of Toronto and closure of the degree.

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION: The Committee on Academic Policy and Programs has the authority to recommend to the Academic Board for approval the closure of existing degrees and graduate programs. (*AP&P Terms of Reference, Section 4.4.a.iii*)

The Committee on Academic Policy and Programs approves the closures of undergraduate programs within an existing degree, as defined by the University of Toronto Quality Assurance Process. (*AP&P Terms of Reference, Section 4.4.b.i.*)

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN: None

HIGHLIGHTS:

This is a proposal for the closure of the current Master of Religion program offered by Wycliffe College and with it the closure of the degree Master of Religion (MR). This program is a 2nd entry undergraduate program offered conjointly by the University of Toronto and the Toronto School of Theology of which Wycliffe College is a part.

The closure of the program is being closed in response to low enrolment. There is another program with very similar learning outcomes which has proven popular with students.

Students currently in the program have been consulted individually by the Principal and program director and will be allowed to complete the program.

The closure of this program and the degree has been subject to extensive consultation within the College and TST more generally. The program closure was also supported by a recent

accreditation review. This proposal was approved by the Basic Degree Council of TST on 13 December 2011. This constitutes the final level of approval within the Toronto School of Theology.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS: None

RECOMMENDATION:

Be it recommended to the Academic Board:

THAT the proposed closure of the Master of Religion, offered conjointly by Wycliffe College (Toronto School of Theology) and the University of Toronto, and with it the Master of Religion degree (MR) as described in the proposal from the Toronto School of Theology dated 5 February 2012 be approved with an effective date of September 2012 for the closure of admissions and an anticipated program closure date of January 2014.