FOR APPROVAL

TO: Arts & Science Council

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AGENDA ITEM: 6

ITEM OF BUSINESS:
Approval of EDU Status Change, Anne Tanenbaum Centre for Jewish Studies

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:
As per IV-9 of the Faculty of Arts and Science Council Constitution, “Council shall also review and approve or recommend for approval to the Governing Council proposals concerning Extra-Departmental Units in the Faculty, pursuant to the Policy on Interdisciplinary Education and Research Planning.”

GOVERNANCE PATH:

HIGHLIGHTS:
The Program in Jewish Studies was established 1967 and became the Centre for Jewish Studies in 2008 when it became an EDU:C. In the past decade, the Centre has grown considerably, and offers, for undergraduate students, a Specialist, Major, and Minor in Jewish Studies, as well as a collaborative MA and PhD in conjunction with 24 units across the university. This is a proposal to change the status of the Centre from an EDU:C to an EDU:B, effective July 1, 2016. The Faculty of Arts and Science is clearly identified as the lead Faculty.

As outlined in the proposal, the change of status to an EDU:B stems from two considerations. The Centre currently holds one 49% tenure-stream appointment, two 49% teaching-stream appointments, and expects to add six partial tenure-stream appointments. A recent endowment agreement between the University and the Jewish Foundation of Greater Toronto requires the Centre hold 49% of all newly endowed and existing Chairs and Professorships in Jewish Studies; there are currently six endowed positions and fundraising efforts are underway to establish more. Acquiring research funds,
especially from the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada, is the second consideration; applying and holding such grants will help the Centre be recognized as a premier research unit, and help fulfil the Centre’s mandate to stimulate interdisciplinary scholarship in conferences and collaborative research.

In becoming an EDU:B, the Centre’s status will align appropriately with the Provost’s 2015 Guidelines for Extra-Departmental Units, and, under the University of Toronto Quality Assurance Process (UTQAP), the lead Dean, in consultation with any other active, participating Deans, will commission a review of the EDU and its programs. The EDU:B Director will report to the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science and will be appointed under the Policy on the Appointment of Academic Administrators (PAAA).

This proposal underwent extensive consultation not only with the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science and the Centre’s Executive Committee, but with the Provost’s Office and the Chairs of the Departments that hold named positions. This process began when the University signed the agreement with the Jewish Foundation of Greater Toronto around the endowment of the Anne Tanenbaum Centre for Jewish Studies.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:
As an EDU:B, it will continue to be responsible for its undergraduate degree program and its graduate Collaborative Programs; hold minority budgetary tenure and teaching stream cross-appointments; and administer research funds. As an EDU:B the Centre can only hold minority appointments, therefore a faculty member will have to designate their research funds to go to the EDU:B and with approval from the faculty member’s relevant Chair/Dean.

The Director of the proposed EDU:B will have responsibility for the overall direction of the Centre; and in particular authority over the budget; and recommendations for appointments and, where applicable, tenure and promotions.

MOTION:

THAT the Anne Tanenbaum Centre for Jewish Studies, as described in the attached proposal, presently an EDU:C, become an EDU:B effective July 1, 2016