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TO: Arts & Science Council

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AGENDA ITEM: 5

ITEM OF BUSINESS:
Major Modification – Approval of Dual Degree Program for Master of Global Affairs (MGA), University of Toronto, Munk School of Global Affairs, and Master in Public Policy (MPP), Sciences Po (Paris Institute of Political Studies), School of Public Affairs

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:
The Arts & Science Council has delegated authority to approve modifications to existing degree programs that are defined in the University of Toronto Quality Assurance Process (UTQAP) as major modifications such as new Dual Degree programs with international peer institutions.

PREVIOUS ACTION/CONSULTATION:
The Program Director and the Dean of Arts & Science were consulted regarding desirability and feasibility of the dual degree concept. Additional consultations took place with cognate units in Arts & Science as detailed in the proposal. The Provost’s Office was then consulted to determine if the proposal would align with the University’s goals and principles, and this included consultation with International, Government and Institutional Relations. The proposal was then developed in close consultation with Dean’s Offices, and the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was developed in consultation with the Dean’s Offices and the Provost’s Office.

The Provost’s Office will finalize the MOA before this motion reaches Council, and the date will be reported to Council.

GOVERNANCE PATH:
1. Graduate Curriculum Committee – December 1, 2016 (approval)
2. Arts & Science Council – December 16, 2016 (final approval)
3. Committee on Academic Policy & Programs – May 9, 2016 (reported for information by the Office of the Vice-Provost, Academic Programs)

The Office of the Vice-Provost, Academic Programs will also report this major modification to the Ontario Universities Council on Quality Assurance in the Summer of 2017.
HIGHLIGHTS:

This dual degree program would be between the University of Toronto’s Munk School of Global Affairs and Sciences Po (Paris Institute of Political Studies), the School of Public Affairs. This proposal forms a unique opportunity for students to enjoy the individual strengths of each institution, along with the distinct geographical experience and the activation of international opportunity and training. Two contexts and two perspectives will provide an unparalleled depth of experience focused on current global issues. Each program will contribute distinctive tools, content and emphasis, combining to a complementary whole of intellectual discovery, risk-taking, and professional capability.

In broad terms, the MPP from Sciences Po will emphasize multiple policy fields, pluralism and values across multiple cultural contexts, ethics and leadership. The MGA will complement this with its emphasis on the global system – Global Markets, Global Civil Society, and Global Institutions – offering a lens framed by the myriad global stakeholders and their interconnectedness, developing strategic thinking in the students.

Students under this proposal would be able to obtain both a Master of Global Affairs (MGA) and a Master in Public Policy (MPP) over a 24-month time span. If these programs were taken consecutively, it would be a four-year process. Students accomplish both degrees through work over two summers, with a higher than usual course load when taking courses at the University of Toronto, and through some credits from Science Po counting towards the MGA.

To elaborate the dual degree program timeline: in Year One, the students do an intensive course load at Sciences Po, completing all the required course work required for the MPP. This includes five core courses, three or four courses in a “policy stream”, three elective courses, and two language courses; each course would range from 24 to 36 contact hours. The Year One summer involves a global internship, with registration and support through the Munk School of Global Affairs.

Year Two sees students register at the University of Toronto MGA program, pursuing required MGA coursework not overlapping with their MPP course work, including, as mentioned a higher number of course credits than usual. They also complete their MGA Capstone Course, which involves working with clients on a current issue, to contribute analysis and recommendations. The Year Two summer sees students still registered at the University of Toronto preparing for the Grand Oral, working on an independent study to that end. This is the first dual degree program outside of France which incorporates the Grand Oral, a long-held tradition at Sciences Po and in France.

This dual degree will help meet growing interest in the MGA, and the growing demand for students interested in pursuing joint professional degrees. MGA students are already entering the program while also studying Law or Business Administration; the demand to enhance career opportunities is
clear. This dual degree program will provide a rich professional opportunity, and an exposure that will open up placement opportunities for alumni across the globe. Estimates are that students entering the MGA for the dual degree program will be no more than 15% of the entering class. In addition, existing MGA program students often opt for Sciences Po as an exchange opportunity, making the case for demand even clearer. At Sciences Po, too, demand for dual degrees and English-language programs have expanded considerably.

Students who wish to apply will do so through an admission process hosted by Sciences Po; admitted students will be jointly selected by Sciences Po and the MGA program. Students admitted must remain in the dual degree program, though students may, under very exceptional circumstances, request to withdraw from the dual degree to remain at Sciences Po for a single MPP.

**MOTION:**

THAT the proposed Dual Degree Program, leading to a Master of Global Affairs (MGA) from the University of Toronto and a Master in Public Policy (MPP) from Sciences Po (Paris Institute of Political Studies), as described in the attached proposal, be approved effective the 2017–18 academic year.