FOR APPROVAL

TO: Arts & Science Council

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AGENDA ITEM: 3

ITEM OF BUSINESS:

Approval of the amalgamation of the Munk School of Global Affairs (EDU:A) and the School of Public Policy and Governance (EDU:B), and approval of the renaming of the academic unit to the Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy.

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The Arts & Science Council has delegated authority to consider and recommend for approval to Governing Council proposals concerning academic units as per University policy. 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:

1. Graduate Curriculum Committee [For Recommendation], February 1, 2018
2. Arts & Science Council [For Recommendation], February 14, 2018
3. Planning and Budget Committee [For Recommendation], February 28, 2018
4. Academic Board [For Recommendation], March 15, 2018
5. Executive Committee [For Endorsement and Forwarding], March 27, 2018
6. Governing Council [For Approval], April 5, 2018

HIGHLIGHTS:

This is a proposal to amalgamate the Munk School of Global Affairs and the School of Public Policy and Governance (SPPG). The Munk School of Global Affairs is an EDU:A within the Faculty of Arts & Science, offering a professional Master of Global Affairs program and an undergraduate Munk One program. It is also home to several constituent units, and a number of teaching programs and research labs. The School of Public Policy & Governance is an EDU:B within the Faculty, offering a professional Master of Public Policy Program and an undergraduate major program in public policy, as well as an executive education for policy professionals.
Given the complementarity between the fields of global affairs and public policy, the question of a closer relationship between the two Schools has been contemplated for several years. From January through April 2017, guided by the University’s Policy & Procedures for Faculty and Librarians on Academic Restructuring, the Faculty of Arts & Science engaged in a consultation process with stakeholders in the School of Public Policy and Governance and the Munk School of Global Affairs to investigate the academic merit of a closer integration of the two Schools, with amalgamation being one possible form of integration. Consultations first focused on the faculty appointed to these two units and their academic leadership, and later expanded to include the Schools’ students, members of external boards, leader of cognate units and other stakeholders.

Throughout the course of these consultations, a compelling academic rationale for amalgamation emerged, based upon positive benefits for research, teaching and public engagement activities that accrue from leveraging the complementarity of, converging, and scaling up the respective academic enterprises. With amalgamation, it is expected that the global affairs and public policy enterprises will gain from the strengths of the other, transforming the new entity into an intellectual and pedagogical powerhouse in the international academic landscape, and enhancing the University’s mission in research, teaching and societal impact.

An earlier draft of the attached governance proposal was circulated to faculty in each School in September 2017. Over the course of a five-month period, each School, led by their Director, held a series of internal discussions about the proposed academic restructuring. The proposal submitted to Council incorporates feedback received during this period.

The form of amalgamation proposed requires disestablishing the School of Public Policy and Governance as an EDU:B and moving its programs, faculty, staff and constituent EDUs to the Munk School, which will expand its remit. It is also proposed that the name of the academic unit be changed to the Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy to reflect this expanded remit. The graduate unit will also be renamed Global Affairs and Public Policy.

While these are the only changes proposed at the point of amalgamation, it is expected that the amalgamation of the two units will eventually lead to changes that will strengthen the collective enterprise, creating an increasingly vibrant combination of intellectual, academic and public-facing activities that will best position the Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy to flourish nationally and internationally.

**MOTIONS**

**Be It Recommended**

THAT the proposed Amalgamation of the Munk School of Global Affairs and the School of Public Policy and Governance, as described in the attached proposal entitled *Proposal for*
Academic Restructuring: The Amalgamation of the Munk School of Global Affairs and the School of Public Policy and Governance, dated January 29, 2018, be approved effective July 1, 2018.

Be It Recommended

THAT the name for the Munk School of Global Affairs be changed to the Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, effective July 1, 2018.