FOR APPROVAL

TO: Arts & Science Council

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AGENDA ITEM: 6

ITEM OF BUSINESS:
Proposal for the closure of the Collaborative Specialization in Ancient Greek and Roman History (PhD)

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:
The Arts & Science Council has delegated authority to approve major modifications that are defined in the University of Toronto Quality Assurance Process (UTQAP), including the closure of graduate collaborative specializations.

GOVERNANCE PATH:
1. Graduate Curriculum Committee – February 3, 2020 (for approval)
2. Arts & Science Council – February 12, 2020 (final approval)
3. Office of the Vice-Provost, Academic Programs (for information), in turn reported to the Committee on Academic Policy & Programs (for information) – May 6, 2020

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 2020.

HIGHLIGHTS:
The collaborative specialization in Ancient Greek and Roman History (ColPAH) is a joint doctoral-level offering between the Department of Classics at the University of Toronto, and the Department of History at York University. The specialization was created in 2004 to make available to students a much larger pool of specialized faculty expertise in the area of ancient history, as well as the methodological diversity which comes from drawing on two disciplinary contexts. Enrolment was good in the beginning but in later years dwindling student enrolment, faculty change at both York and U of T, and the restructuring of the Classics graduate program (including the creation of a field of study focusing on ancient history) led both departments to agree to the closure of this specialization. Admissions to ColPAH ceased in 2016, after discussions at the departmental and decanal level.
At present, there are five students registered in ColPAH. In addition, four students formerly registered in ColPAH are currently lapsed. The lapsed students have completed the full ColPAH requirements. Of the five currently registered students, three have completed the ColPAH requirements and are projected to graduate this year. Two have not yet completed the full ColPAH requirements but will be given the opportunity to do so, through the agreement of both departments. Upon graduation, all students who have met the requirements of ColPAH (including the lapsed students who may re-register at a future point in time) will receive a notation on their transcript indicating that they have completed the specialization.

Students at both universities can continue to take graduate courses at the other university through the Ontario Visiting Graduate Student (OVGS) program. Graduate students in the Department of Classics are able to focus on ancient history through participation in the department’s Greek and Roman History and Material Culture field, as well as through optional participation in the Collaborative Specialization in Mediterranean Archaeology.

MOTION:

a) THAT the proposed closure of the Collaborative Specialization in Ancient Greek and Roman History, described in the attached proposal dated February 4, 2020, be approved effective September 2020.
University of Toronto Proposal:
Closure of an Existing Program (Graduate or Undergraduate)

This template has been developed in line with the University of Toronto’s Quality Assurance Process. The process followed for the closure of any program is the same as that required for the approval of any new such program.

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<td>Seth Bernard, Associate Chair, Graduate</td>
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1 Brief Summary

- Please clarify precisely what is being closed.
- What is the relationship between what is being closed and any remaining offerings:
  - If only part of a program is being closed, please clarify the relationship between this and those portions of the program that will remain open.

We propose the closure of the joint doctoral-level collaborative specialization in Ancient Greek and Roman History (ColPAH), offered by U of T’s Department of Classics and York University’s Department of History. The two institutions (U of T and York) agreed to wind down ColPAH in 2016, beginning with the suspension of new admissions effective September of that year, followed by formal closure through governance.
At U of T, students in the Department of Classics who are interested in ancient history have the option of choosing the Greek and Roman History and Material Culture field, which was created in 2015 with the goal of recruiting and properly training students who work in this area.

2 Rationale

Background:

- You may wish to speak to when the program was first created; how long has it been offered; past success of the program.
- What has led to the decision to close the program?
- Please provide a full academic rationale:
  - You may wish to refer to changing enrolment; changing disciplinary landscape; shifting expertise of the professoriate; poor quality of the academic offering; overlap with other existing programs.
  - Where appropriate, you may want to quote from recent unit or program reviews.
  - Explain alignment with the unit’s academic plan.

There was a clear rationale behind the creation of ColPAH in 2004. With some senior ancient historians in Classics (U of T) about to retire, the department needed to grow in the direction of ancient history, for which great interest exists at the undergraduate and graduate level. The department was pursuing new faculty positions in Greek and Roman history but at the same time, the presence of several ancient historians in York’s History department, as well as a classical archaeologist, meant that an attractive collaborative partner was at hand.

An unusual collaboration was born, which meant that colleagues at York were able to offer doctoral-level study in Ancient History for the first time ever, while the advantage for U of T Classics consisted in our being able to offer a much larger choice of supervisory committee members, as well as more graduate seminars in the area.

Enrolment was good in the beginning in both departments but slowly, student numbers dwindled. Changes also took place at the professorial level at both York and U of T. Three of York’s participating faculty left or retired; at the same time, a veritable hiring spree in Ancient History took place at U of T, and has continued in recent years. Much of this increase was driven by hiring at UTM and UTSC, which was not foreseen back in 2004-5, when the specialization was created.

In the Fall of 2015, the Classics department restructured its graduate program. This involved the creation of three fields of study, including one focusing on Ancient History. This meant that that U of T students who may have been interested in
ColPAH could instead be accommodated by the Ancient History field (now titled Greek and Roman History and Material Culture), which better meets the needs of the department and its students.

These three factors (dwindling ColPAH enrolments and faculty change at both York and U of T, and the creation of an Ancient History field in the Classics department at U of T) have led to the current proposal to close the collaborative specialization, at the agreement of each department and institution.

3 Impact on Other Programs/Units of the Proposed Closure

- Please provide evidence of consultation with any programs/units/faculties that will be affected.
- What are the positive and negative implications that need to be considered in the closure.
- Impact on the nature and quality of the division’s program of study.
- Impact of closure on other units including inter-divisional and inter-institutional agreements/contracts.
- Please mention if the courses that supported this degree, program or program option will continue to be offered.

The decision to close ColPAH was reached after discussions between the two participating departments (Classics, U of T and History, York), as well as discussions at the decanal level at both institutions. Both institutions have ceased admissions to ColPAH, and York has removed the specialization from its program offerings via governance.

As noted above, graduate students in the Department of Classics at U of T are able to focus on ancient history through participation in the department’s Greek and Roman History and Material Culture field. As well, the department participates in the Collaborative Specialization in Mediterranean Archaeology, which is geared towards students interested in ancient history and material culture.

Students at York and U of T can continue to take graduate courses at the other institution through the Ontario Visiting Graduate Student (OVGS) program, which allows a graduate student of an Ontario university to take graduate courses at another Ontario university.

York and U of T students who remain enrolled in ColPAH will be fully supported to finish (see Section 4 for full details).
4 Student Accommodation

- Please include the current enrolment showing breakdown, by year, in the program or option being closed.

Table 1: Graduate Breakdown*

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*Please note that these numbers reflect U of T enrolment only (not York).
**Includes a student who returned from a leave of absence.

- Provide details concerning how students in progress will be accommodated.
  - Will students be allowed to complete their program or be transferred to another program? In the latter instance, please comment on the ease with which they can complete the requirements of the new program and show evidence of consultation, if relevant.
  - Deadline by which accommodated students must complete the program—if there are grounds for concern, what are their options if they have not completed the program by that deadline?
  - Capacity/course availability to accommodate affected students.
  - Can inactive students reactivate to the closed program?

- What will the impact of the proposed closure be on the range of academic options available to students in the future (i.e., are there other programs or options that will fill the void that may or may not be created by the closure)?

- Consultation with students.
  - Please provide details concerning consultation with students around the proposed change, including:
    - meetings, town halls, emails, questionnaires
    - any response or feedback received
  - How will students be notified of the change following approval?

At present, there are 5 students registered in ColPAH – three at the University of Toronto, and two at York University. Four York students formerly registered in ColPAH are currently lapsed.

Registered students: Of the five currently registered students, the three U of T students have completed the full ColPAH requirements (see Appendix A for a full listing of the specialization requirements) and are projected to defend and graduate in 2020, while the two York students, both in Year 6, have completed the required
ColPAH coursework but have not yet completed the requirement that they present a paper in the ColPAH Work in Progress seminar.

Lapsed students: The four lapsed students have completed the full ColPAH requirements (coursework and Work in Progress seminar).

The two departments have agreed to ensure that the two registered students who have not yet met the requirements of ColPAH are given the opportunity to do so. Upon graduation, all students who have met the requirements of ColPAH (including the lapsed York students who may re-register at a future point in time) will receive on their transcript the designation: “Completed the Joint Collaborative Doctoral Program* in Ancient Greek and Roman History.” As of September 2016, it was agreed between the institutions that this will require the approval of the Chair of the York University Department of History and the Chair of the University of Toronto Department of Classics (replacing the role of the collaborative specialization’s program director). This arrangement will be in place until all registered students have either graduated or exceeded their permitted time to complete their degree program, including any provision for leaves. Each department will communicate the implications of the program closure to their students.

*In 2016, the nomenclature and definition of “collaborative program” was updated by the Ontario Universities Council on Quality Assurance. All collaborative programs across Ontario universities were henceforth known as “collaborative specializations.” Because all current ColPAH students were admitted to the program prior to the change in nomenclature, their transcript will reflect the nomenclature in place at the time of admission (i.e., “collaborative program”).

5 Faculty/Staff Accommodation

- What is the impact, if any, on faculty and staff of the closure?

There will be no impact on faculty and staff. The specialization has been winding down for several years, and the specialization’s steering committee is no longer active, with administration of the specialization having been taken over by the Chairs of the two participating departments. As noted above, the Department of Classics continues to specialize in the area of Ancient History through its graduate field in Greek and Roman History and Material Culture, and through participation in the Collaborative Specialization in Mediterranean Archaeology.
6 UTQAP Process

The governance pathway is summarized in the table below.

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Appendix A: Calendar Copy

Ancient Greek and Roman History: Introduction

Lead Faculty

Arts and Science

Participating Degree Programs

Classics (University of Toronto)—PhD
History (York University)—PhD

Overview

The Department of Classics at the University of Toronto and the Graduate Program in History at York University participate in the Joint Collaborative Specialization in Ancient Greek and Roman History. The program in History provides a broad historical context and methodological framework; Classics provides integration with other fields of study within the ancient world and access to linguistic, cultural, and ancillary disciplines. The collaborative specialization operates only at the doctoral level.

Students are enrolled in one of the two units. The specialization is administered by a committee of four faculty members, two from each unit, one of whom is the Director. The two units contribute courses and provide facilities and supervision for research. Upon successful completion of the doctoral degree requirements of the participating home graduate unit and the collaborative specialization, students receive the notation “Completed Collaborative Specialization in Ancient Greek and Roman History” on their transcript and parchment.
Interested applicants should contact the director of the joint collaborative specialization as well as the graduate coordinator of the unit in which they intend to register.

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**Ancient Greek and Roman History: Doctoral Level**

**Admission Requirements**

- Applicants must meet the admissions criteria of the graduate unit through which they wish to enrol. Interested applicants register in the joint collaborative specialization with the approval of the collaborative specialization committee upon admission to the PhD program in either unit.

- A strong background in ancient history will be expected of all interested applicants, as will a level of preparation in the ancient languages and languages of research that is appropriate for the institution in which they register.
Specialization Requirements

- Students take the required seminars CLA 3020H, CLA 3200Y, as well as 1.5 full-course equivalents (FCEs) in Greek and Roman history offered by the collaborating graduate units. They will take all other courses to fulfill the requirements of either the graduate program in Classics at the University of Toronto or the graduate program in History at York University.

- Students take all examinations and meet all language requirements of their home graduate unit.

- The collaborative specialization committee approves the major and minor fields of all students in the joint collaborative specialization; the major field must always be in Greek and Roman history, whereas the minor field will normally be in a complementary area of ancient history but can, where appropriate, be selected from other areas of study covered by the participating units.

- Students must complete the requirements of the collaborative specialization in addition to those of their home unit.

Ancient Greek and Roman History: Courses

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