TO: University of Toronto Scarborough Academic Committee
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AGENDA ITEM: For approval

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:
Motion to delete the “Approved Individual Programs” option from the UTSC Academic Calendar, effective the 2013-14 academic year.

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:
University of Toronto Scarborough Academic Committee has authority to oversee and approve all curricular and academic matters on which the Committee’s decision is required, including programs, courses, and academic regulations and policies.

HIGHLIGHTS:
The current UTSC Academic Calendar includes the following option under “Programs of Study”:

Approved Individual Programs
Students may propose individual Programs of study, other than those described in this Calendar. Such proposals will be considered favourably only from students with cumulative grade point averages of 3.5 or greater. To be approved, individual Programs should specify four full credits for a Minor Program, six to eight full credits for a Major Program and ten to fourteen full credits for a Specialist Program. The courses should all be offered at U of T Scarborough and should form a logical program. The student should offer a rationale for the proposal. Proposals should be made to the Vice-Dean and must be submitted at least eight months prior to the session in which the student expects to graduate.

Approved Individual Programs are a very old option. According to a former Associate Registrar, no student has taken advantage of this provision in more than 10 years. Given the wide variety of programs now available to UTSC students, we feel that it is no longer necessary. Moreover, while we are confident of the pedagogical soundness of our approved programs - particularly in terms of appropriate and desirable learning outcomes - we do not believe that programs designed individually will achieve similar academic goals.