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

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:
Motion to immediately suspend enrolment in the Specialist (Joint) program in Applied Microbiology.

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:
Enrolment in this Joint program with Centennial College has been steadily decreasingly over the past five years, despite significant efforts on the part of faculty and staff of both institutions to make it more attractive to students. Enrolment in 2009-10 was 42 students at all levels of study, in 2010-11 it dropped to 35 students at all levels of study, and in 2011-12 it dropped to 21 students at all levels of study.

There has been much discussion between UTSC and Centennial College regarding the future of this program, and both institutions are in agreement regarding the decision to suspend enrolment.

Currently there are 21 students in the program, at all levels of study. Appropriate courses and sufficient resources will remain in place so that students are able to complete their program.