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 Environmental Science and Technology.

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:
There is insufficient student interest in this Joint program with Centennial College to make it sustainable, 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 8 students at all levels of study, in 2010-11 it dropped to 1 student at all levels of study, and in 2011-12 there were 4 students at all levels of study. While we have seen a slight increase in enrolment in the past two years (4 students in 2011-12 and 13 students in 2012-13), these modest increases are insufficient to make the program truly viable.

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 a total of 13 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.