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MEMORANDUM

To: UTSC Department Chairs and Academic Directors

From: Rick Halpern, Dean and Vice-Principal (Academic)

Date: 28 November 2012

Re: **Change to the CPGA to Graduate**

The tri-campus framework has been a catalyst for increased consultation and coordination between the three Arts and Science divisions. One outcome at the University of Toronto Scarborough has been to bring the goals and expectations of our undergraduate degree programs into close alignment with our sister divisions. This move towards close alignment has been reinforced by the new UTQAP system. The quality assessment of our courses and programs, our grading practices, and the standards to which our instructors are held are those that are set by University policy and practice. We reaffirm that our students receive the same high quality education as is received by students in our sister divisions.

Over the past few months we have reviewed the UTSC graduation requirements and have found that the cumulative grade point average required to graduate at UTSC is different from the other Arts and Science divisions. Currently, in order to qualify for a B.B.A, Honours B.A., or Honours B.Sc. at UTSC a student must earn a cumulative grade point average of at least 1.60. At the University of Toronto Mississauga and St. George Faculty of Arts and Science, a cumulative grade point average of at least 1.85 is required. We see no justification for this difference and on November 20, 2012 we brought the following motion to Academic Committee for approval. The motion was approved at that meeting.

It is proposed that, in order to qualify for a B.B.A, Honours B.A. or Honours B.Sc., a student must earn a cumulative grade point average of at least 1.85. A student whose cumulative grade point average is at least 1.6 may request to graduate with a B.A or B.Sc. These requirements shall apply to students whose first enrolment at UTSC is in Fall 2013 or later.

We note that the cumulative grade point average required to remain in good standing is unchanged.