Proposal Type: [Mark all that apply; see Governance Form A Procedures and Guidelines.]

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Faculty Affiliation: [E.g. Arts and Science, Medicine, etc.]
Faculty of Information (iSchool)

Name of Graduate Unit: [Graduate department/centre/institute; if this is a Collaborative Program, indicate “N/A”]
N/A

Graduate Programs Involved in Proposal: [List program(s) and degree(s) (or, for collaborative programs, list all participating programs and degrees) involved]

The Knowledge Media Design Collaborative Program has the following participating units and degrees:

- Architecture, Landscape, and Design (Architecture, MArch; Landscape Architecture, MLA; Urban Design, MUD)
- Art / Visual Studies (Visual Studies, MVS)
- Computer Science (Computer Science, MSc, PhD)
- Curriculum, Teaching and Learning (Curriculum Studies and Teacher Development, MA, MEd, PhD; Second Language Education, MA, MEd, PhD)
- Information (Information, MI; Information Studies, Ph.D.)
- Institute of Medical Science (Medical Science, MSc, PhD)
- Mechanical and Industrial Engineering (Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, MASc, MEng, PhD)
- Sociology (Sociology, MA, PhD)

Brief Summary of Proposed Change(s): [Ensure ALL changes in the proposal are summarized here; for program requirement changes, state how overall FCE requirements would be changed or confirm that they are not being changed; a revised Calendar entry is needed for most proposal types – see Governance Form A: Guidelines]

The proposed change is the removal of one required course (KMD1002) for Master’s students in the Collaborative Program. Currently, Masters Students are required to take three KMD half courses in addition to their core programs in their home departments. This proposed change is a reduction of 0.5 FCE requirements for Master’s students in the Collaborative Program.

Master’s students will be required to complete KMD1001 and one elective KMD or affiliated half-course.

The requirements for PhD students will remain the same.
Rationale: [State the reason for each change being proposed and the anticipated effect on the program/s and students]

We would like to make it easier for Master’s students in degree programs with heavier course requirements, tighter time constraints and fewer affiliated courses, to complete the KMD CP. Several of the units participating in the KMD Collaborative Program have a relatively short Master’s program, most notably the Master of Sociology of one year duration. An additional 1.5 FCE’s for the KMD CP designation is therefore a barrier for Sociology students, as well as other students in one year Master degrees and others at the Master’s level.

This change will allow more students in degree programs with demanding requirements a chance to complete the KMD CP. We expect to see a wider representation of our units as a result.

Prior Approvals/Actions and Comments: [List graduate unit bodies that have approved the proposal, the date of each approval, and summarize substantial questions and comments that have arisen. Consultation with graduate students should be included; indicate how it has occurred. Identify the Faculty Council or delegated body that will consider the proposal and provide the date of the targeted meeting. Identify any other relevant approvals or actions taken.]

KMD CP Student Roundtable, 26 May 2011

In May 2011, we held a Student Roundtable to give our students a chance to raise any concerns they have and let us know what they would like to see from the program in the future. The issue of program requirements arose here, voiced most strongly by the Architecture students. They informed us that they have requirements like 12-hour studio days twice a week which limit their availability to take elective classes.

KMD CP Program Committee Meeting 15 November 2011

Barry Wellman, KMD CP Program Committee Member representing the Department of Sociology, moved to have requirements for Master’s students reduced to one core required course (KMD1001H) and one elective half course (a KMD or affiliated course). The motion was unanimously accepted.

Everyone agreed that reducing the requirement for Master’s students would encourage more collaboration from participating units in the KMD CP.

Effective Session Date: [Month / Year. Sessions begin in September, January or May. See Governance form A: Guidelines]

Immediately

Does this change have any financial and/or resource implications? [Mark one]

X NO  YES (please contact Faculty Graduate Office)

Chair/Director Name(s): [Name of the Graduate Chair/Director of the unit(s) involved. Also list names and contact information for other individuals who will attend meetings at which the proposal will be discussed.]

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Date: 7 February 2012

Please attach a revised Calendar entry based on the currently-approved entry in the Calendar (available from the SGS website).