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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION

Senate

DATE

February 3, 2012

FROM

Bill Krane, Chair

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Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

RE:

Criminal Records Checks for Students in Undergrad Courses (SCUS 12-12)

For information:

At its meeting of February 2, 2012, SCUS received the attached document for information regarding the amendments to the *Criminal Records Review Act (CRRA)* requiring students to consent to a special CRRA Criminal record check before enrolling in courses with a practicum component involving working with children or vulnerable adults.

Senators wishing to consult a more detailed report of curriculum revisions may do so by going to Docushare: https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-12682
If you are unable to access the information, please call 778-782-3168 or email shelley gair@sfu.ca.



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FROM: Kate Ross, Registrar & Senior Director,
Student Enrolment

RE: Criminal Records Checks for Students in Undergrad
Courses (FOR INFORMATION)

DATE: January 27, 2012

Starting January 2012, amendments to the *Criminal Records Review Act* (CRRA) require students to consent to a special CRRA Criminal Record Check before enrolling in certain courses. The courses affected are those with a practicum component that involves working with children or vulnerable adults.

SFU is required by law to ensure that every student registered in a practicum that involves working with children or vulnerable adults undergoes a CRRA Criminal Record Check. The University must submit consent forms with payment to the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General. SFU is prohibited by law to permit students to work with children or vulnerable adults without a CRRA Criminal Record Check. Similarly, if a CRRA Criminal Record Check returns a determination of risk, the University is obligated to ensure that the student does not work with children or vulnerable adults.

This requires the University to add the statement "Students must successfully complete a Criminal Record Check" as a prerequisite to the following courses:

- Kinesiology 343 Active Health: Assessment & Programming
- Education 401 Introduction to Classroom Teaching
- Education 402 Studies of Educational Theory and Practice
- Education 403 Studies in Teaching and Learning
- Education 404 Coursework Semester
- Education 405 Teaching Semester
- Education 406 Supervised Observation and Teaching
- Education 424 Learning Disabilities: Laboratory
- Kinesiology 445 Advanced Cardiac Rehabilitation
- Sociology & Anthropology 498 Field Study in Sociology and/or Anthropology

New courses requiring this prerequisite will include this information as part of the normal approval process.