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ATTENTION

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RE:

Gordon Myers, Chair

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Senate Committee on

Undergraduate Studies

WQB Requirements for Second Degree (SCUS 13-13)

Acting undertaken by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies at its meeting of March 7, 2013, gives rise to the following recommendation:

Motion

That Senate approve the permanent exemption of all second-degree students from WQB requirements, with the exception that the upper-division W course in the major and a three-credit Q course will still be required for a second degree.



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ATTENTION Jo Hinchliffe, Associate Registrar	TEL
FROM SUSAN RHODES, Acting Director, University Curriculum and Institutional Liaison	
RE WQB Requirements for Second Degrees	
DATE February 25, 2013	
	TIME 9:56 AM

In February 2007, Senate approved (S.07-22) a four-year extension to the university-wide partial exemption from the WQB requirements for students pursuing second degrees. The exemption states that such students are deemed to have met all of the breadth requirements by way of the first degree, and are exempted from the lower division W requirement and three units of the Q requirement. Second-degree students must fulfill the upper-division W within their major and one three-unit Q course at any level.

Within the original discussion for proposing the exemption was the recognition that second degrees are 45-unit programs, and incorporating the full 36-unit WQB requirements into the shortened timeframe would be impractical and would not acknowledge work completed as part of the first degree.

The approved four-year exemption was predicated on giving the Faculties the time to review any implications of such an exemption. In 2012, the University Curriculum Office sought feedback from the Faculties to determine whether a permanent implementation of this exemption was desired. The response was a unanimous affirmation to continue the exemption as it is structured.

The University Curriculum Office therefore proposes SCUS approve the following motion:

that the exemption from WQB requirements for second-degree students with the exception of the upper-division W in the major and a three-unit Q requirement be made permanent.