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| MEMORANDUM | | | | | | |
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| ATTENTION | Senate DATE July 18, 2013 | | | | | |
| FROM RE: | Jon Driver, Vice-President, Academic and PAGES 1/1 Provost, and Chair, SCUP Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences: Dissolution of the Explorations in the Arts and Social Sciences Certificate Program, Explorations Program (SCUP 13-36) | | | | | |

At its July 17, 2013 meeting SCUP reviewed and approved the proposal to dissolve the Explorations in the Arts and Social Sciences Certificate Program in the Explorations Program within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective Spring 2014.

Motion:

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the dissolution of the Explorations in the Arts and Social Sciences Certificate Program in the Explorations Program within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective Summer 2014.

Encl.

c: P. Budra



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| MEMORANDUM - | | | | | |
| ATTENTION | Senate Committee on University Priorities | | TE . | July 5, 2013 | |
| FROM | Rob Cameron, Acting Ch | air PA | GES | 1/1 | |
| | Senate Committee on Undergraduate | | | | |
| RE: | Studies Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (SCUS 13-35g) | | | | |
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Action undertaken by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies at its meeting of July 4, 2013, gives rise to the following recommendations:

Motion:

That SCUP approve and recommend to Senate the dissolution of the Explorations Certificate Program in the Explorations Program within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

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The relevant documentation for review by SCUP is attached.



MEM ATTE FROM RE: Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Explorations in the Arts and Social Sciences

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| ENTION | FASS Curriculum Committee | DATE November 15, 2012 | 2 |
| M | Alistair Lachlan | PAGES 2 | |
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Proposal to dissolve program:

- 1. The program to be dissolved is the Explorations in The Arts and Social Sciences Certificate Program.
- 2. The program is part of the Explorations Program at SFU's Surrey campus.
- 3. The program is offered in FASS. It draws upon other schools and departments for "a minimum of six units which must be at the 200 division or higher, including three units in arts or humanities disciplines, and three units in social sciences."
- 4. Proposed date for dissolution: September 2013. Students admitted to the program before September will be allowed to complete it. SPAING 2014.
- 5. The reason for dissolution is lack of student interest. Of the approximately 800 students enrolled in Explorations to date 21 have completed the certificate and between 10 and 15 other students are active.
- 6. All past and present Explorations students have been emailed about the intention of the Steering Committee to discontinue the Certificate. There have been six replies in all, mainly from students still interested in completing the Certificate. None of the replies protested the Steering Committee's intention. There has been no attempt to contact other faculties and departments because the dissolution of the certificate will have negligible effect. There will be no adverse impacts on staff or faculty members. All faculty members who teach in Explorations have been consulted. Staff members attend the Steering Committee meetings as non-voting members. No voice has been raised against, or even questioning, the intention to dissolve the Certificate.
- 7. A draft calendar entry for Explorations (after dissolution of the certificate) is attached. This draft calendar entry was approved by the Explorations Steering Committee on March 26, 2012, and subsequently by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Curriculum Committee on June 27, 2012.
- 8. For more information please contact Alistair Lachlan, Director Explorations program, T: 22057, alistair@sfu.ca.