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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION Senate **DATE** July 21, 2010
FROM Jon Driver, Vice-President, Academic and Provost, and Chair, SCUP **PAGES** 1/1
RE: Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences: Closing Collaborative Major Program with Thompson Rivers University (SCUP 10-60)

At its July 21, 2010 meeting SCUP reviewed and approved the proposal to close the Collaborative Major Program with Thompson Rivers University within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective January 2011.

Motion

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the permanent closure of the Collaborative Major Program with Thompson Rivers University within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective January 2011.

encl.

c: P. Budra



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ATTENTION Senate Committee on University Priorities
FROM David Paterson, Acting Chair
Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies
RE: Closing Collaborative Major with TRU (SCUS 10-37)

DATE July 9, 2010
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Action undertaken by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies at its meeting of July 8, 2010, gives rise to the following recommendation:, effective January 2011.

Motion:

That SCUP approve and recommend to Senate the permanent closure of the Collaborative Major Program with Thompson Rivers University.

The relevant documentation for review by SCUP is attached.



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ATTENTION Bill Krane, Chair of SCUS

FROM Lesley Cormack, Dean of FASS

RE Closing Collaborative Major with TRU

DATE June 3, 2010

FASS would like to permanently close the Collaborative Major Program with Thompson Rivers University by applying policy 09-42R. Would you please bring this decision to SCUS? Admission into the program has already been suspended. There have been no students in this program in the past five years. TRU never received Ministerial approval to offer the program. Additionally, our faculty will have a major in First Nations Studies as of September.

I have consulted with the FASS undergraduate curriculum committee and they are unanimously in favour of closing the program. TRU has been notified of the decision.

Please find attached the proposal to terminate the Collaborative Major program.

Lesley Cormack
Dean
FASS

May 31, 2010

Proposal to permanently close the Collaborative Major Program with Thompson Rivers University

- 1) The credential being terminated is the Collaborative Major Program with Thompson Rivers University.
- 2) The program is located at SFU Kamloops and Thompson Rivers University.
- 3) The program was offered through TRU and included courses from the following SFU departments: from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, the departments of Linguistics, Sociology/Anthropology, Archeology, History, and the First Nations Studies Program; from the Faculty of the Environment, Geography; from the Faculty of Science, Mathematics.
- 4) Anticipated final dissolution date: January 2011.
- 5) Reasons for discontinuance and dissolution of the program:
 - a) Senate has approved the closing of SFU's Kamloops campus. It will be entirely shut by the spring of 2011 if not sooner. Applications for the Collaborative Major Program were not accepted for this academic year (2009/10).
 - b) There has been virtually no uptake on this program. There has not been a single student enrolled in it in the past five years.
- 6) Plan for termination of the program:
 - a) Faculty and staff at Kamloops have been notified of the closing of the Kamloops site. The courses being offered in the program will continue to be offered in Burnaby.
 - b) Students have not been able to enroll in the program this year. There are no students enrolled in it at present. Students were notified of the closing of the Kamloops campus in February.
 - c) Resources will be directed towards the First Nations Studies Program on the Burnaby campus.
 - d) None of our faculties and departments is impacted by the closing because there are no students in the program.
 - e) TRU has been notified of the proposed termination. See attached.
 - f) Timeline of activities: the departments have been consulted by the Associate Dean at a curriculum committee meeting in May 2010.
- 7) The current calendar language reads "Applications are not being accepted for the 2009/2010 academic year." In the 2011 calendar, all references to the program will be deleted.
- 8) Paul Budra, Associate Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (budra@sfu.ca 24416) should be contacted if more information is needed.

SFU Connect Collaboration Suite

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Re: Collaborative major with TRU

May 30, 2010 3:43:56 PM

From: ksutherland@tru.ca

To: budra@sfu.ca

Cc: claired@sfu.ca; lcormack@sfu.ca; uscheck@tru.ca

Dear Paul:

I will follow up with the Academic Programs and Planning Committee at our end.
Thanks, Kate

>>> Paul Budra <budra@sfu.ca> 05/28/10 9:25 AM >>>

Dear Katherine:

As I'm sure you're away, SFU will be closing its Kamloops campus in the near future. This will mean that it will no longer be possible for SFU to offer its portion of the Collaborative Major with TRU. I am about to begin the process of having the major removed from the SFU calendar; we have already frozen admissions into the program.

I don't imagine this will cause much of a stir for either of our institutions. As far as I can tell, no student has taken advantage of this program in the past five years.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Cheers.

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