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**MEMORANDUM**

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<b>ATTENTION</b>	Senate	<b>DATE</b>	December 12, 2012
<b>FROM</b>	Jon Driver, Vice-President, Academic and Provost, and Chair, SCUP	<b>PAGES</b>	1/1
<b>RE:</b>	Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences: Suspension of Admission to the Master of Arts in Latin American Studies Program, School of International Studies (SCUP 12-44)		

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At its December 5, 2012 meeting SCUP reviewed and approved the proposal to suspend admission to the Master of Arts in Latin American Studies Program in the School of International Studies within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective Fall 2013.

**Motion:**

That Senate approve the suspension of admission to the Master of Arts in Latin American Studies Program in the School of International Studies within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective Fall 2013.

c: P. Budra



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TO: SCUP

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FROM Wade Parkhouse, Dean, Graduate Studies

RE Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

[GS2012.36]

CC Paul Budra

DATE November 14, 2012

At its meeting of 5 November 2012, SGSC approved the following proposal to suspend admission to the program and is forwarding it to SCUP for consideration:

**Effective Date is Fall 2013**

**Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences**

**[GS2012.36]**

**Latin American Studies Program**

1. Discontinue admission to the MA in Latin American Studies

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](tel:778-782-3168) or email [shelley\\_gair@sfu.ca](mailto:shelley_gair@sfu.ca).



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**ATTENTION Wade Parkhouse, Dean of Graduate Studies**

FROM Paul Budra, assoc. dean FASS

RE Suspension of LAS

DATE Nov. 14 2012

The FASS Graduate Curriculum Committee supports the suspension of admission in the LAS graduate program and the eventual merging of the program with the School of International Studies.

Please bring the suspension of admission forward to SCGS and SCUP.

Many thanks,



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November 9, 2012

To: Sheilagh MacDonald, DGS  
From: Alexander Dawson, Director, LAS

RE: Suspension of Admissions to the LAS MA

Dear Sheilagh,

Attached is the information you requested, vis a vis the suspension of the LAS MA Program. Please let me know if you need anything else.

- 1) The impacted credential will be the LAS MA.
- 2) The Program is currently housed in the School of International Studies, at Harbour Centre.
- 3) This is offered by the FASS, through the SIS.
- 4) We propose suspending admissions immediately, but maintaining the program until all currently enrolled students complete their degree.
- 5) The program has lost five faculty members in the past three years. None have been replaced. We can simply no longer continue to offer our courses and adequate graduate student supervision. We have decided to instead integrate the LAS MA program into the SIS MA program, where in the future LAS will be a stream within the SIS MA. We have sufficient resources to do this, and it will guarantee that students in the future will continue to be able to pursue an interdisciplinary graduate education in Latin American Studies at SFU.
- 6) Primary consultations were made with the LAS Steering Committee (which has student representatives) and all affiliated faculty. All consulted parties agreed that this was the best course of action. LAS is a stand-alone program, so no departments are directly affected, and programs with which we have a relationship (Soc/Anth, and the FENV) have been consulted and are satisfied that our new position in the SIS is a satisfactory result. **We also expect that the FASS will retain the services of a Coordinator for the LAS program until all current students complete their degrees. As of the end of Spring 2013 all current students in the programs will have concluded their mandatory LAS coursework, and will either be enrolled**

**in electives or working on their theses. The LAS Coordinator will oversee their work towards completion of degree.**

- 7) Admissions to the LAS MA program have been suspended in anticipation of the full integration of the LAS graduate program into the Masters in International Studies.
- 8) Alexander Dawson. Professor of History and Director of Latin American Studies, 778-782-3405, aldawson@sfu.ca.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alec Dawson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alec Dawson

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TO: Paul Budra, Chair, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
Graduate Curriculum Committee

FROM: Alexander Dawson, Director, Latin American Studies

SUBJECT: Suspension of admission into the LASMA program in Fall 2013

DATE: June 18, 2012

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At its meeting of June 18, 2012, the LAS Steering Committee approved the suspension of admission into the Latin American Studies program effective Fall 2013 due to faculty loss.

Would you please place this proposal on the agenda of the next meeting of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Curriculum Committee.



Alec Dawson  
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