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ATTENTION Senate **DATE** December 11, 2013
FROM Jon Driver, Vice-President, Academic and Provost, and Chair, SCUP **PAGES** 1/1
RE: Faculty of Science: Suspension of Admission to the Forestry Geoscience Certificate in the Department of Earth Sciences (SCUP 13-59)

At its November 20, 2013 meeting, SCUP reviewed and approved the proposal to suspend admission to the Forestry Geoscience Certificate in the Department of Earth Sciences within the Faculty of Science, effective Fall 2014.

Motion:

That Senate approve the suspension of admission to the Forestry Geoscience Certificate in the Department of Earth Sciences within the Faculty of Science, effective Fall 2014.

c: G. Agnes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Jon Driver".



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ATTENTION	Senate Committee on University Priorities	DATE	November 8, 2013
FROM	Gordon Myers, Chair Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies	PAGES	1/1
RE:	Faculty of Science (SCUS 13-49b)	<i>Gordon Myers</i>	

Action undertaken by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies at its meeting of November 7, 2013, gives rise to the following recommendations:

Motion 1:

That SCUP approve and recommend to Senate the suspension of admission to the Forestry Geoscience Certificate in the department of Earth Sciences within the Faculty of Science.

The relevant documentation for review by SCUP is attached.



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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION Dr George Agnes. Associate Dean, Faculty of Science
FROM Glyn Williams-Jones
RE: Motion to Suspend Registration to the Earth Sciences Forestry Geoscience Certificate
DATE October 22, 2013

Dear George,

Please find enclosed documents relating to the proposed Suspension of Admission to the Earth Sciences Forestry Geoscience Certificate.

Motion: Suspend Admission to the Forestry Geoscience Certificate

1. All impacted credentials, levels and categories of the degree, and specific discipline or field of study:

As a certificate targeting only Earth Sciences and Physical Geography majors, the proposed termination will have no impact on any other credentials offered at SFU and there would be no change in any associated resources.

2. Location of the program & 3. Faculty(ies), Department(s), or School(s) offering the program:
The Forestry Geoscience certificate has been offered by the Department of Earth Sciences (Faculty of Science) since February 2002 (Senate minutes S.02-21) and is directed to Earth Sciences or Physical Geography major students.

4. Proposed date for suspension:
Fall 2014

5. Reasons for suspension of admissions:

b. Lack of enrollment demand & c. Curricular issues

To date, only 7 students have completed the Forestry Geoscience certificate since its inception and the most recent student graduated in 2007. Furthermore, two of the Required Courses, EASC 418-1 Terrain Stability: Assessment and Mitigation and EASC 419-1 Forest Harvesting Technology no longer exist (deleted November 2010 – S.10-155). This makes it impossible for a student to complete the certificate.

6. Plan for suspension, including:

There are no students currently registered in this certificate (see attached IRP report) and no new students would be accepted prior to its dissolution.

Further, members of the Department of Earth Sciences are in unanimous agreement (EASC Dept meeting, September 23, 2013) that this certificate is not viable. The Department of Geography (Faculty of Environment; see attached email) is also in agreement with this proposal.

7. Draft Calendar entry detailing suspension of admissions to the program:

“Admission to the Forestry Geoscience Certificate has been suspended pending dissolution of this certificate.”

8. Name, title, phone number and email address of the institutional contact person in case more information is required:

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