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**MEMORANDUM**

<b>ATTENTION</b>	Senate	<b>DATE</b>	August 24, 2020
<b>FROM</b>	Wade Parkhouse, Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President, Academic On behalf of Jon Driver, Vice-President, Academic and Provost <i>pro tem</i> , and Chair, SCUP	<b>PAGES</b>	1 of 1
<b>RE:</b>	Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences: Name Change of First Nations programs (SCUP 20-34)		

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At its July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting, SCUP reviewed and approved program name changes in the Department of Indigenous Studies within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

Motion:

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the following program name changes

- First Nations Studies Major
- Archaeology and First Nations Studies Joint Major
- First Nations Studies and Linguistics Joint Major
- First Nations Studies Minor
- First Nations Studies Research Certificate
- First Nations Studies Post Baccalaureate Diploma
- First Nations Studies Co-operative Education Program

to:

- Indigenous Studies Major
- Archaeology and Indigenous Studies Joint Major
- Indigenous Studies and Linguistics Joint Major
- Indigenous Studies Minor
- Indigenous Studies Research Certificate
- Indigenous Studies Post Baccalaureate Diploma
- Indigenous Studies Co-operative Education Program

within the Department of Indigenous Studies within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective Summer 2021.

c: R. Reimer



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ATTENTION Senate Committee on University Priorities DATE June 5, 2020  
FROM Wade Parkhouse, Chair PAGES 1/1  
Senate Committee on Undergraduate  
Studies  
RE: Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (SCUS 20-49)

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Action undertaken by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies at its meeting of June 4, 2020, gives rise to the following recommendation:

Motion

That SCUP approve and recommend to Senate the program name changes from:

- First Nations Studies Major
- Archaeology and First Nations Studies Joint Major
- First Nations Studies and Linguistics Joint Major
- First Nations Studies Minor
- First Nations Studies Research Certificate
- First Nations Studies Post Baccalaureate Diploma
- First Nations Studies Co-operative Education Program

to:

- Indigenous Studies Major
- Archaeology and Indigenous Studies Joint Major
- Indigenous Studies and Linguistics Joint Major
- Indigenous Studies Minor
- Indigenous Studies Research Certificate
- Indigenous Studies Post Baccalaureate Diploma
- Indigenous Studies Co-operative Education Program in the Department of Indigenous Studies within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

The relevant documentation for review by SCUP is attached.



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<b>ATTENTION</b> Dr. Catherine Murray, FASSUCC Chair	<b>TEL</b>
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<b>FROM</b> Dr. Rudy Reimer, INDG Undergraduate Chair
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<b>RE</b> Program Name and Program Modification Changes – FNST to INDG
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<b>DATE</b> April 30, 2020	<b>TIME</b> 2:05pm
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Following the Senate-approved Department Name Change from **Department of First Nations Studies** to **Department of Indigenous Studies** ([S.20-3](#)) and acronym change from **FNST** to **INDG** ([S.19-124, p. 14-25](#)), both effective Fall 2020, the Department of Indigenous Studies wishes to put forward the following changes:

#### Program Name Change

- ~~First Nations Studies~~ to Indigenous Studies

#### Program Modifications

- ~~First Nations~~ **Indigenous** Studies Major
- Archaeology and ~~First Nations~~ **Indigenous** Studies Joint Major
- ~~First Nations~~ **Indigenous** Studies and Linguistics Joint Major
- ~~First Nations~~ **Indigenous** Studies Minor
- ~~First Nations~~ **Indigenous** Studies Research Certificate
- ~~First Nations~~ **Indigenous** Studies Post Baccalaureate Diploma
- ~~First Nations~~ **Indigenous** Studies Co-operative Education Program

Attached to this memo are the corresponding Program Name Change and Program Modification forms. Could these items please be added to the agenda of the next FASSUCC Meeting? Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "R. Reimer".



## Program Name Change

<b>Name of Faculty and academic unit:</b>  Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Indigenous Studies
<b>Current name of program:</b>  First Nations Studies
<b>Proposed program name change:</b>  Indigenous Studies
<b>Rationale for change:</b>  Changes to align with the Senate-approved Department Name Change from <b>Department of First Nations Studies</b> to <b>Department of Indigenous Studies</b> ( <a href="#">S.20-3</a> ) and acronym change from <b>FNST</b> to <b>INDG</b> ( <a href="#">S.19-124, p. 14-25</a> ) effective Fall 2020.  When the first SFU program with Indigenous content was founded in Kamloops in 1993 (to then be expanded on Burnaby mountain in 1998), the community suggested First Nations Studies. This name was a departure from the names of other long-standing programs across the country, such a Native Studies at Trent University, Indian Studies at the Saskatchewan Federated Indian College, and Native American Studies at the University of Lethbridge. At the time, the term “First Nations” was seen as preferable to the other options because it resonated with decisions by such bodies as the Canadian National Indian Brotherhood to change its name in the 1980s to the Assembly of First Nations. “First Nations” implied cultural and political sovereignty and a rejection of names imposed by the State.  At the time, typical Canadians would not have immediately recognized that the term "First Nations" is exclusive, as it does not include Metis or Inuit people. Faculty in this Department recognize that this is the time to adopt a name that is more inclusive, reflective of diversity, and recognized internationally. Therefore we have changed our name to Indigenous Studies (INDG).
<b>Effective term and year:</b>  Spring 2021



**The following credential(s) will be affected by this change:**

First Nations Studies Major  
Archaeology and First Nations Studies Joint Major  
First Nations Studies and Linguistics Joint Major  
First Nations Studies Minor  
First Nations Studies Research Certificate  
First Nations Studies Post Baccalaureate Diploma  
First Nations Studies Co-operative Education Program

**Calendar Change:** “to” and “from” sections are not required. All deletions should be crossed out as follows: ~~sample~~. All additions should be marked by a **bold**.

~~First Nations~~ **Indigenous** Studies Major  
~~Archaeology and First Nations~~ **Indigenous** Studies Joint Major  
~~First Nations~~ **Indigenous** Studies and Linguistics Joint Major  
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~~First Nations~~ **Indigenous** Studies Co-operative Education Program

Program Modification forms for each of the above credentials will follow.



**DEPARTMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY**  
MEMORANDUM

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**To:** Rudy Reimer  
Undergraduate Chair, Indigenous Studies

**From:** George Nicholas  
TPC Chair, Archaeology

**Re:** ARCH-Indigenous Studies Name Change

**Date:** May 1, 2020

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Dear Rudy

In response to your request for comment, I consulted with Merrill Farmer, Department Manager, and Dennis Sandgathe, Undergraduate Program Chair. We consent to the name change that is proposed.

Sincerely,

George Nicholas,  
Professor and Chair

cc: Merrill Farmer, Dept. Manager  
Dennis Sandgathe, UEC Chair



Dr. Nancy Hedberg, Chair  
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**ATTENTION** Rudy Reimer, INDG Undergraduate Chair      **DATE** May 5, 2020  
**FROM** Dr. Nancy Hedberg, Chair, Linguistics      **PAGES** 1  
**RE:** Requested Name Change for Joint Major Program

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Dear Dr. Reimer,

I hereby give my full consent for the change of the name of our Joint Major with Indigenous Studies from "First Nations Studies and Linguistics Joint Major" to "Indigenous Studies and Linguistics Joint Major."

Kind Regards,

Nancy Hedberg  
Professor of Linguistics and Cognitive Science  
Chair, Department of Linguistics