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**MEMORANDUM**

<b>ATTENTION</b>	Senate	<b>DATE</b>	May 18, 2023
<b>FROM</b>	Wade Parkhouse, Provost and Vice-President Academic <i>pro tem</i> , and Chair, SCUP	<b>PAGES</b>	1/3
<b>RE:</b>	Correction: Program Name Change for the Master of Science in Professional Computer Science (SCUP 23-13; S.23-40)		

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At its meeting on March 22, 2023, SCUP reviewed and approved the program name change from the Master of Science in Professional Computer Science to the Master of Science in Big Data within the Faculty of Applied Sciences, effective ~~Fall 2023~~ Spring 2024.

**Motion:** That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the program name change from the Master of Science in Professional Computer Science to the Master of Science in Big Data within the Faculty of Applied Sciences, effective ~~Fall 2023~~ **Spring 2024**.

This item was mistakenly sent to Senate without SCUP approval (S.23-40) and is now being returned to Senate to ensure governance requirements have been met.

C: Ali Mahdavi-Amiri

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Attention Dr. Wade Parkhouse, Provost and VPA  
Chair, Senate Committee on University Priorities

Date: May 18, 2023

From Dr. Eugene Fiume, Dean Faculty of Applied Sciences  
Dr. Jeff Derksen, Dean Graduate & Post-Doctoral Studies, and  
Chair of Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)



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**Re: Correction to Program Name Change**

The Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences, and the Dean, Graduate and Post-Doctoral Studies, would like to request a correction to the effective date of the following program name change: Master of Science in Professional Computer Science to Master of Science in Big Data. The effective date was originally stated as Fall 2023, however it should read **effective Spring 2024**.

Please note, the item was previously submitted to Senate (S.23-40) and to SCUP (23-13), with the effective date in error. We are re-submitting to Senate to correct the effective date of the program name change.

Included: corrected SCUP transmittal memo (SCUP 23-13) and documents.



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ATTENTION Senate Committee on University      DATE March 13, 2023  
                  Priorities (SCUP)  
FROM Jeff Derksen,  
                  Chair of Senate Graduate Studies  
                  Committee (SGSC)  
RE: Name Change: Master of Science Professional Computer Science

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**For approval:** SGSC approved the name change for the Master of Science in Professional Computer Science, from the Faculty of Applied Sciences to the Master of Science in Big Data. SGSC is recommending it to SCUP for approval, effective **Fall 2023**.

Please note, the item was submitted to Senate (S.23-40) previously, in error. We are re-submitting to SCUP to remove "Professional" from the title to align it with the other programs. Additionally, removing 'Professional' also aligns with Ministry guidelines to not use professional in program studies.

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Attention Dr. Jeff Derksen  
Dean, Graduate Studies

Date: Dec 1, 2022

From Dr. Parvaneh Saeed, [psaeedi@sfu.ca](mailto:psaeedi@sfu.ca)  
Faculty of Applied Science, Graduate Studies Committee

Re: Program name change + ~~Two course name changes~~

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1. The faculty of Applied Sciences Graduate Studies Committee would like to request the following program name change: **Master of Science in Professional Computer Science to Master of Science in Big Data.**

~~2. To align with the program name change we request to change the name of the following two courses:~~

~~• CMPT 732: from Professional Master's Program Lab I to Big Data Lab I, and~~

~~• CMPT 733: from Professional Master's Program Lab II to Big Data Lab II.~~

The rationale for these changes is to correspond to the ministry-approved Master of Visual Computing and Master of Cybersecurity programs. The new programs will have their own specific lab courses. Both programs will be offered starting in the fall of 2023.

Regards,  
Parvaneh Saeedi



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