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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION	Senate	DATE	March 21, 2024
FROM	Dilson Rassier, Provost and Vice-President Academic, and Chair, SCUP	PAGES	1/6
RE:	Suspension of Admission to the Archaeology and Indigenous Studies Joint Major (SCUP 24-15)		

At its meeting on March 20, 2024, SCUP reviewed and approved the suspension of admission to the Archaeology and Indigenous Studies Joint Major. It is attached for the information of Senate.

C: Melek Ortabasi, Associate Dean, Academic, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences




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ATTENTION	Senate Committee on University Priorities	DATE	March 8, 2024
FROM	Peter Hall, Chair	PAGES	1/1
	Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies		
RE:	Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (SCUS 24- 28)		

Action undertaken by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies at its meeting of March 7, 2024 gives rise to the following recommendation:

Motion

That SCUP approves and recommends to Senate the suspension of admission to the Archaeology and Indigenous Studies Joint Major in the Department of Indigenous Studies within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

The relevant documentation for review by SCUP is attached.

Proposal to suspend admissions to a program

NOTE: Suspension of admissions to a program does not result in the termination of a program. After a program has been suspended for at least two semesters, an academic unit follows the process to terminate the program. Or, if no students are currently enrolled in the program, academic units can consider the fast track option.

The Department of Indigenous Studies, in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, and the Department of Archaeology, in the Faculty of Environment, proposes to suspend admissions to the Joint Major program between the two departments, as an initial step in phasing out the program. This program currently has one student enrolled.

1. **All impacted credentials, levels and categories of the degree, and specific discipline or field of study.** Suspension of admissions to program: Joint Major between Indigenous Studies and Archaeology.
2. **Location of the program:** Burnaby
3. **Faculties, Department(s), or School(s) offering the program:** Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and Faculty of Environment; Department of Indigenous Studies and Department of Archaeology.
4. **Proposed date for suspension:** Fall 2024
5. **Reasons for suspension of admissions, such as:**
 - Department of Indigenous Studies now able to offer their own major credential due to increased faculty members and course selection.
 - Lack of enrollment demand, there is currently one student in this program.
6. **Plan for suspension, including:**
 - The Undergraduate Curriculum Committee in both the Department of Indigenous Studies, and the Department of Archaeology, have approved the dissolution. A notice of dissolution will be included on the both departments' websites, along course promotional material.

- No courses will be deleted, nor any faculty teaching positions eliminated as a result of the dissolution. Since there was no demand for this program, there will be no impact on resources, teaching assignments or departments.
- There is currently one student enrolled in the joint major. No new students will be enrolled in the program after the suspension.
- The existing student in the program will be notified, with a plan to allow normal completion within a two-year time period, followed by a further two-year time period for completion by special arrangements.
- Please see Appendix A regarding confirmation of consultation with the Department of Archaeology.

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

Normal admission to the Joint Major between Indigenous Studies and Archaeology has been suspended effective September 1, 2024. Students are able to take the same classes, however, no special certification will be available.

- 8. Institutional contact:** Dr. Eldon Yellowhorn, Undergraduate Curriculum Chair, Department of Indigenous Studies. 778 782 6669, ecy@sfu.ca.

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Re: Joint Major - INDG Studies and Archaeology



Bob Muir

Thu 2023-12-14 2:06 PM

To: Ronda Landsfried (INDG Chair's Assistant)

Cc: Eldon Yellowhorn 

 Reply | 

Inbox



Action Items

Hi Ronda,

At our Department Faculty Committee meeting today the Archaeology Department passed the following motion:

"That the Department of Archaeology supports Indigenous Studies decision to discontinue the Indigenous Studies/Archaeology joint major program."

Please let me know if there is any additional documentation that you require.

Bob

Robert J. Muir, PhD
Senior Lecturer
Undergraduate Program Chair
Department of Archaeology
Simon Fraser University

Sent from my iPhone



Good afternoon Bob,

Hope this email finds you well. Our Undergraduate Curriculum Committee met on November 29th and voted in favour of suspending the Joint Major between Indigenous Studies and Archaeology. I wanted to confirm that your Undergraduate Executive Committee voted in favour as well on November 16th. If so, our UCC committee plans to submit the 'Proposal to suspend admissions to a program' paperwork to our FASSUCC for their January 11th deadline. Please let me know if you have any concerns or questions.

Best,

Ronda

Ronda Landsfried, BHK (she/her/hers)

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