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**MEMORANDUM**

<b>ATTENTION</b>	Senate	<b>DATE</b>	March 21, 2024	
<b>FROM</b>	Dilson Rassier, Provost and Vice-President Academic, and Chair, SCUP	<b>PAGES</b>	1/9	
<b>RE:</b>	Dissolution of the Indigenous Studies and Linguistics Joint Major (SCUP 24-12)			

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At its meeting on March 20, 2024, SCUP reviewed and approved the dissolution of the Indigenous Studies and Linguistics Joint Major 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 dissolution of the Indigenous Studies and Linguistics Joint Major in the Department of Indigenous Studies within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

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 24-26; 24-27)		

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

**Motion 1**

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

**Motion 2**

The SCUP approves and recommends to the Senate the dissolution of the Latin American Studies Co-operative Education Program in the School for International Studies within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

**The relevant documentation for review by SCUP is attached.**



## Proposal to Fast Track Program Termination

1. **All impacted credentials, levels and categories of the degree, and specific discipline or field of study.** Program to be discontinued: Joint Major between Indigenous Studies and Linguistics.

2. **Location of the program:** Burnaby.

3. **Faculties, Departments offering the program.**

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences: Department of Indigenous Studies and Department of Linguistics

4. **Anticipated final dissolution date:** Fall 2024.

5. **Reasons for discontinuance and dissolution of the program:**

- 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 are currently no students in this program.

6. **Plan for phasing out of program:**

- a) The Undergraduate Curriculum Committee in both the Department of Indigenous Studies, and the Department of Linguistics, have approved the dissolution. Please see Appendix A for correspondence with the Department of Linguistics confirming agreement. A notice of dissolution will be included on the Departments websites.
- b) 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.
- c) There are currently no students enrolled in this program.
- d) Once the program dissolution has been approved by SCUS, a notation will be placed in the SFU Calendar. The Departments of Indigenous Studies and Linguistics will provide program information on their websites, along with printed promotional material to reflect the date of dissolution.



**7. Institutional contact:**

Dr. Eldon Yellowhorn, Undergraduate Curriculum Chair, Department of Indigenous Studies. 778-782-6669; [ecy@sfu.ca](mailto:ecy@sfu.ca)

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## Re: Joint Major - INDG Studies and Linguistics



Chung-Hye Han

Thu 2023-11-23 3:45 PM

To: Ronda Landsfried (INDG Chair's Assistant)

Cc: Eldon Yellowhorn 

 Reply | 

2023.11.29 UCC Meeting

Hello,

At the Ling department meeting today, we voted in favour of accepting the proposal by Indigenous Studies to suspend the joint major program. Thank you.

Best,  
Chung-hye

> On Nov 14, 2023, at 2:16 PM, Ronda Landsfried (INDG Chair's Assistant) <indg\_sec@sfu.ca> wrote:

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> Hello,

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> Thank you so much for the update. Enjoy the rest of your day.

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> Best,

> Ronda

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> I respectfully acknowledge that SFU is on the unceded ancestral and traditional territories of the sə́ilíwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw



> From: Chung-Hye Han  
> Sent: November 14, 2023 12:27:39 PM  
> To: Ronda Landsfried (INDG Chair's Assistant)  
> Cc: Eldon Yellowhorn  
> Subject: Re: Joint Major - INDG Studies and Linguistics  
> Hello,

> I consulted several people in Linguistics, including the Undergraduate program committee and the INLP, and we think there is no problem in suspending the program. However, the department as a whole will have to vote on it. Our next dept meeting is on Nov. 23, and I will be proposing a motion to suspend the joint major program then. I will let you know as soon it passes. Thank you.

> Best,  
> Chung-hye

> > On Nov 7, 2023, at 9:32 AM, Ronda Landsfried (INDG Chair's Assistant) <indg\_sec@sfu.ca> wrote:

> > Hi Chung-hye,

> > Hope this email finds you well. Thank you for the update, we look forward to hearing from you soon.

> > Best,  
> > Ronda

> > Ronda Landsfried, BHK (she/her/hers)  
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> > From: Chung-Hye Han  
> > Sent: November 7, 2023 7:46:29 AM  
> > To: Ronda Landsfried (INDG Chair's Assistant)  
> > Cc: Ronda Landsfried (INDG Chair's Assistant); Eldon Yellowhorn  
> > Subject: Re: Joint Major - INDG Studies and Linguistics



> > Sorry for the delay in response. I am in the process of checking with the relevant people in my dept on this issue. I will get back to you soon. I thanks for your patience.

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> > Best,

> > Chung-hye

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> > > On Nov 1, 2023, at 1:01 PM, yue wang <yuew@sfu.ca> wrote:

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> > > Dear Ronda,

> > > Dr. Chung-hye Han (cc'ed) is the current UCC Chair in Linguistics.

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> > > Thanks,

> > > Yue

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> > > Yue Wang

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> > > On Tue, Oct 31, 2023 at 2:13 PM Ronda Landsfried (INDG Chair's Assistant) <indg\_sec@sfu.ca> wrote:

> > >

> > > This email is sent on behalf of Dr. Eldon Yellowhorn, Chair of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee for INDG Studies.

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> > > Dear Dr. Wang,

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> > > Hope this email finds you well. With the upcoming deadline to submit Program Suspensions for Fall 2024 to SCUS, Eldon was hoping to discuss with you the possibility of suspending the Joint Major between INDG Studies and Linguistics. This is due to the low enrollment in this program, which currently has no students enrolled. Please let me know if you would like to set up a Zoom time to discuss this further, or if you have any questions.

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> > > Best,

> > > Ronda



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