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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION Senate **DATE** February 16, 2010
FROM Jon Driver, Vice-President, Academic and Provost, and Chair, SCUP **PAGES** 1/1
RE: Faculty of Environment: Development Studies Program Name Change (SCUP 10-06)

At its January 27, 2010 meeting SCUP reviewed and approved the proposal for the name change of the Development Studies Program within the Faculty of Environment to the Development and Sustainability Program.

Motion

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the name change of the Development Studies Program within the Faculty of Environment to the Development and Sustainability Program.

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c: R. Anderson

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ATTENTION Jon Driver
Chair, SCUP

FROM John T. Pierce,
Dean, Faculty of Environment

RE: Development Studies Program Name Change

DATE January 18, 2010

Attached please find a memo from the Director of the Development Studies Program, Dr. Robert Anderson, outlining the Development Studies Program Steering Committee's decision to request a name change to the *Development and Sustainability Program*. The rationale is as follows:

This name supports key strategic directions of the new Faculty of Environment and better conveys the focus of the program. It provides greater clarity for students interested in studying in this interdisciplinary area and for the identity of the program and the discipline of development within the Faculty and the University. This is part of a set of initiatives (see appendix attached) and no additional resources are required to support this name change.

This name change is supported by the Dean's Advisory Committee of the Faculty of Environment and I recommend this name change to SCUP for approval.



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To: John Pierce, Dean
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23 December 2009

Following consultations, the Steering Committee of this Program met on 7 December 2009 and approved a change of the name of the Development Studies Program to the *Development and Sustainability Program* in the Faculty of Environment.

This choice of name was preceded by a year of discussion among members about a name that signals our entry into the new Faculty of Environment. In November 2008 a majority of members indicated a preference for a name including 'sustainability' because it would more fully express the productive tension between development and its problems. The insertion of an additional term 'environment' in the program name was carefully considered. At the committee meeting on 1 April 2009, knowing the name of the new faculty, there was lengthy discussion of the need to make our new name interesting and meaningful to students and others outside the university. On 1 and 18 September 2009 the Committee submitted a 3-Year Plan to the Dean of the Faculty incorporating the proposed name *Development and Sustainability Program*. The steering committee member who is also responsible for the Centre for Sustainable Community Development, the director of REM, and the director of the School of International Studies at SFU were consulted about the change of name.

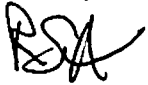
The university has adopted a strong agenda to change its operations and outlook to be 'more sustainable'. We understand the term 'sustainability' to include 'environment', and our place in the new faculty will be a strong signal too. Given these reasons we are confident that this change will be accepted and will strengthen our program, and thus the Faculty as a whole. The high level of international teaching and research of people in this program is also consistent with SFU's emphasis on internationalization.

Most universities in North America have programs in development studies and a great number of those programs also have a 'sustainability' focus. UBC has a new Institute of Environment, Resources, and Sustainability. UVic has a program on Business and Sustainability. Our focus on development and sustainability will complement others.

No further resources are required for this name change. The program will continue to develop within the new Faculty and in collaboration with other interdisciplinary teaching, research and programming within the University.

We recommend approval of the name change to *the Development and Sustainability Program*.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RSA', is positioned above the typed name.

Bob Anderson, Director
Development Studies Program

cc: Steering Committee

Appendix
Development Studies Program Initiatives
Faculty of Environment
(3 December 2009)

This document outlines the major initiatives to be taken (and a tentative time-line) to build and strengthen this program in the FENV.

1. New name for Development Studies Program: We are currently in the process of consultation on a new name, and will prepare a memo on the new name of our program early in January 2010. Our program is currently listed in the SFU calendar as "Development Studies Program" in FENV.

2. Formalizing Core Course of Graduate Certificate in Development Studies: We will prepare a new course proposal (also in January 2010) to establish formally the core course for the Graduate certificate in development studies (provisionally "DEV 801") as a course 'owned' by our program and located in the FENV. We expect to see this process completed in time for the next offering of the course in fall 2010. The core course for the graduate certificate in development studies has been offered every year since the program was created in 2005. To date, 52 graduate students (masters and doctorate) have taken the core course. The course has so far been offered as a selected topics course, cross listed in CMNS and POL. It should now stand alone.

3. Create new courses for proposed undergraduate programming: Development studies program currently only offers a graduate certificate. We are proposing two undergraduate courses (200 and 400-level). The 400-level course (provisionally, DEV 401) will be offered as selected topics course in summer 2010, and the 200-level course ("DEV 201") will be offered in 2011. These two courses will form the basis of a new undergraduate curriculum to be developed by our program (see para. 5)

4. Resources: The program requires a modest amount of new resources and/or the re-allocation of existing resources (in the form of secondments, course buy-outs, or cross-appointments) in order to offer these courses. Since our program has no faculty complement, instructors with teaching commitments in other units would have to be relieved from those obligations in order to teach these courses. *Team teaching will be a common method of instruction in the program.*

Summer 2010 – DEV 401 Course Leader, James Busumtwi-Sam

Fall 2010 – DEV 801 Course Leader, Bob Anderson

Spring 2011 – DEV 201 Course Leader ?

5. Obtain approvals for creation of undergraduate Minor Degree: The program steering committee has approved the development of undergraduate programming to complement our existing graduate program. This program will be built on the two undergraduate courses (201 and 401) offered as selected topics courses. We therefore propose to create an undergraduate minor degree, a process that will occur in two steps:

Step 1: Obtain all necessary approvals for an undergraduate component to our program.

Step 2: Develop detailed curriculum for a minor degree program and obtain all necessary approvals. We expect to begin these processes in the summer and fall of 2010 in order to establish the minor in fall 2011.

Robert Anderson
Director,
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