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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION Senate **DATE** October 7, 2010
FROM Jon Driver, Vice-President, Academic and Provost, and Chair, SCUP **PAGES** 1/1
RE: Faculty of Environment: Request to Offer Undergraduate Programs under the Development and Sustainability Program (SCUP 10-64)

At its September 22, 2010 meeting SCUP reviewed and approved the establishment of the Undergraduate Programs under the Development and Sustainability Program within the Faculty of Environment, effective immediately.

Motion

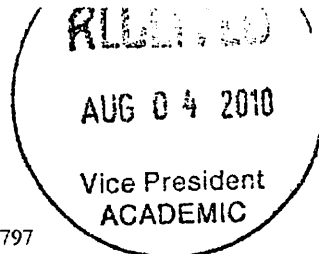
That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the establishment of the Undergraduate Programs under the Development and Sustainability Program within the Faculty of Environment, effective immediately.

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c: B. Anderson
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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION	Jon Driver, Chair, SCUP	DATE July 22, 2010
FROM	John Pierce, Dean, Faculty of Environment	
RE:	Request for authorization to offer Undergraduate Programming under the Development and Sustainability program (DEVS)	

Attached please find a memo from the Director of the Development and Sustainability Program (DEVS), Dr. Robert Anderson, outlining the Development and Sustainability Program Steering Committee's request to offer undergraduate programs. The rationale is as follows:

The DEVS program is proposing to initiate undergraduate programming in the form of a Minor in Development and Sustainability, for which a Notice of Intent has been forwarded together with this request for joint approval by SCUP. As the DEVS program is graduate only at present, this step to request authority to offer undergraduate programs is required as a preliminary.

This initiative at the undergraduate level is supported by the Dean's Advisory Committee of the Faculty of Environment, has been approved by the Steering Committee of the DEVS Program and I recommend it to SCUP for approval.

John T. Pierce
Dean, Faculty of Environment

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To: John Pierce, Dean
Faculty of Environment

22 July 2010

This letter requests your support at Senate to enable us to establish an undergraduate instruction program under the Development and Sustainability (DEVS) Program, which at present is authorized to offer graduate programming only. This step will enable the Program to initiate new undergraduate programming.

The university approved a Graduate Certificate in Development and Sustainability in early 2010. SFU has also adopted a strong agenda to change its operations and outlook to be 'more sustainable' and our place in the new faculty will be a strong signal to undergraduates. Given these reasons we are confident that this new undergraduate programming will strengthen our program, and thus the Faculty and SFU as a whole. The high level of teaching and research of the faculty involved in this program is consistent with SFU's emphasis on internationalization.

Most universities in North America have programs in development 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 undergraduate focus on development and sustainability will complement others at SFU.

Any resources that are required for this new undergraduate programming will be detailed under specific programming initiatives and approvals will be sought at the appropriate time. The DEVS program will continue to develop within the new Faculty and in collaboration with other interdisciplinary teaching, research and programming throughout the University. The Development and Sustainability Program has a Steering Committee that has approved this request to offer undergraduate programming. The Committee comprises members from nine units across the university who consult regularly with their own departmental committees and chairs/ directors. We expect this collaborative process to continue with expanded undergraduate teaching responsibility.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "BA", written over a horizontal line.

Bob Anderson, Director
Development & Sustainability Program
cc: Steering Committee, DEVS