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**MEMORANDUM**

**ATTENTION** Senate  
**FROM** Catherine Dauvergne, Vice-President,  
Academic and Provost, and Chair, SCUP  
**RE:** Suspension of Admission: Certificate in Creative Writing (SCUP 21-14)

**DATE** April 22, 2021

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At its April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 meeting, SCUP reviewed and approved the suspension of admission to the Certificate in Creative Writing.

**Motion:**

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the suspension of admission to the Certificate in Creative Writing in the Department of English within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective Fall 2021.

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MEMORANDUM

<b>ATTENTION</b>	Senate Committee on University Priorities	<b>DATE</b>	March 5, 2021
<b>FROM</b>	Wade Parkhouse, Chair Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies	<b>PAGES</b>	1/1
<b>RE:</b>	Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (SCUS 21-21)		

Action undertaken by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies at its meeting of March 4, 2021, gives rise to the following recommendation:

Motion

That SCUP approves and recommends to Senate the suspension of admission to the Certificate in Creative Writing in the Department of English within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

The relevant documentation for review by SCUP is attached.

### **Proposal for Suspension of Admissions—Creative Writing Certificate**

The Department of English proposes to suspend admission to its Creative Writing Certificate as a first step to phasing out the program and permanently replacing it with our new Creative Writing Minor, which went live in Fall 2020. The Creative Writing Certificate remains a popular option (currently 11 students are enrolled); however, the new minor is more streamlined than the certificate, offers a more consistent theoretical and practical approach to the discipline, and provides greater visibility for both our students and our creative writing faculty. The certificate is now, in a word, redundant.

In accord with the Senate-approved procedures for suspension of admission and program termination, the details of the proposed suspension are provided below.

1. Impacted credentials: Certificate in Creative Writing
2. Campus: Burnaby Campus
3. Offered by: Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of English
4. Proposed date for suspension: 1 September 2021
5. Reason for suspension: This program has been superseded by the English Department's Minor in Creative Writing.
6. Plan for suspension:
  - a. Student notification will take place initially through digital media, including email, social media, and the English Department's website. The Department will further spread the word about the suspension of admissions through the English Student Union. Students interested in Creative Writing will be directed toward the minor (and away from the certificate) at the point of advising.
  - b. This change will not affect faculty within the English department as the core creative writing courses will still be taught in regular rotation.
  - c. Because the core courses for the certificate will still be available in all departments, students currently enrolled in the Creative Writing Certificate will be able to complete it without undue difficulty. Students who wish to migrate to the Creative Writing Minor will work individually with the Department's advisor and the Undergraduate chair to develop a suitable transition program.
  - d. Please see the attached statements of support from the three programs directly impacted by the suspension of the Creative Writing Certificate: World Languages and Literatures, The School for Contemporary Arts, and the Publishing Program.
7. Calendar Text for the 2021-22 calendar: Admission to the Certificate in Creative Writing has been suspended effective September 1, 2021. Admission appeals will be considered until December 31, 2021. Students already enrolled in the Creative Writing Certificate may complete the program; prospective students are encouraged to apply to the English Department's Minor in Creative Writing.
8. Institutional contact: Dr. Jane Pulkingham, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, 778-782-4415, [fassea@sfu.ca](mailto:fassea@sfu.ca).