

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
Senate Committee on University Priorities
Memorandum

S.04-27

TO: Senate

FROM: Bill Krane
Acting Chair, SCUP
Acting Vice President,
Academic

RE: Degree Name Change for
REM (Planning)

DATE: March 18, 2004

At its March 17, 2004 meeting SCUP reviewed and approved the proposal from the Senate Graduate Studies Committee for the degree name change for students completing the planning stream in Resource and Environmental Management, which is now forwarded to Senate.

Motion

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the change in degree title for the planning stream in the School of Resource and Environmental Management from Master of Resource and Environmental Management to Master of Resource and Environmental Management (Planning), effective immediately.

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c: J. Driver
F. Gobas
G. Nicholls
J. Waterhouse

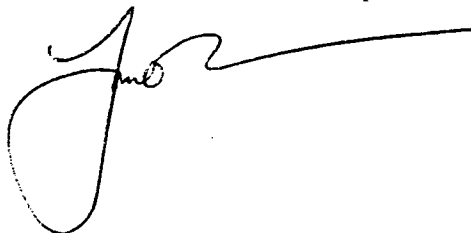
SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
DEAN OF GRADUATE STUDIES
MEMORANDUM

TO: SCUP
FROM: Jonathan Driver, Dean of Graduate Studies
SUBJECT: Change in degree name
DATE: 2nd March 2004
cc:

At its meeting of February 9th 2004 SGSC passed a motion approving a change in degree name for students completing the planning stream in Resource and Environmental Management. The proposed name of the degree is "Master of Resource and Environmental Management (Planning)".

The rationale for this change is provided in the attached documentation. As you will see, this relates to accreditation of the program by the Canadian Institute of Planners.

I believe that the change should be approved by SCUP and Senate. In addition, I believe that we should inform the Ministry of Advanced Education by letter of the change, even though this is not a new degree, nor a new program.



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DEAN OF GRADUATE STUDIES
MEMORANDUM

TO: Senate Graduate Studies Committee
FROM: Jonathan Driver, Dean of Graduate Studies
SUBJECT: re: change in degree title for REM (G2003.28)
DATE: 22nd January 2004
cc: Tom Gunton, REM; Frank Gobas, Director, REM

At the November 2003 meeting of SGSC, the committee did not approve the change in degree name for the planning stream in the Masters of Resource Management. I asked the School of Resource and Environmental Management to supply more information, and I now believe that we can consider this again.

The proposal (attached) is to change the degree title to Master of Resource Management (Planning). The rationale is very simple. The MRM planning stream (described in the attached document) has been recommended for certification in a report prepared by the Planning Institute of British Columbia for the Canadian Institute of Planners. One of the requirements of certification is that *"the word 'planning' shall appear in the title of the degree or parenthetically to identify the discipline of planning within the designated branch of knowledge"*

If we make this change, a number of issues are raised.

1. Is this a new degree?

In my opinion, it is not. We have made no program changes and the degree will still be MRM. However, I think it would be appropriate for me or the Vice-President, Academic, to write a letter to the Degree Quality Assessment Board, informing them of the change and of the rationale.

2. Won't this create a rush from other departments to do the same?

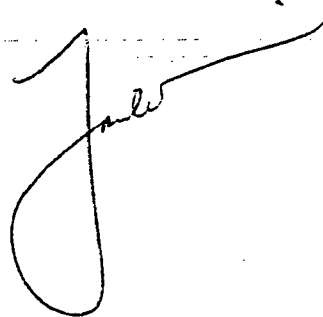
We have always tried to keep the number of degree categories to a minimum. Placing a discipline in parentheses behind the degree name creates the opportunity for other departments to follow suit. For example, we might get a request for 'MA (Archaeology)' (identifying the department within the faculty) or 'MA (Sociology)' (to distinguish sociology from anthropology) or 'MSc (organic chemistry)' reflecting a division within a discipline.

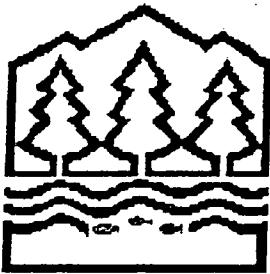
I believe that we would not set a precedent with 'MRM (Planning)' provided that we make it clear that this is being done for the purpose of conforming to certification requirements of a professional body.

3. What about students who don't want this designation?

We can program the student information system to award this degree automatically to any student who completes the requisite courses. It is possible that not all students would want such a specialized degree. If such is the case, a student could request that their degree certificate and transcript only refer to the MRM degree.

In summary, I believe that this request is justified and should be approved. However, we should not approve other requests for specialized degree designations without compelling reasons, such as the requirement of a certifying organization.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. Lee", written in a cursive style.



*School Of Resource and
Environmental Management*

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

Memorandum

To: Dr. Wade Parkhouse, Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies, Faculty of Applied Science

From: Frank Gobas, Director

Date: October 2, 2003

Subject: Proposed name change for Masters graduates with planning stream

Background

REM currently has an informal specialty in resource and environmental planning. This is a popular stream in REM. This proposal seeks to establish formal recognition of the education and skills that the students with this academic background have received. The rationale for doing is to:

1. To provide better opportunities for students to obtain planning related positions
2. To position the planning stream of the REM program for certification by the Canadian Institute of Planners. Certification will (i) improve employment opportunities for REM graduates and (ii) allow REM to better compete with other universities that offer certified planning programs. This will improve REM's ability to attract the top students wanting to work in this area.

Proposal

Change the title of the degree from

Master of Resource Management

To

Master of Resource Management (Planning)

For those students who successfully complete the planning stream of the Master of Resource Management Program.

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The planning stream curriculum includes successful completion of the following courses:

Proposed Planning Stream Curriculum

Compulsory Planning Credit Courses (10)

- REM 601: Social Science of Natural Resources Management: Theory and Practice
- REM 602: Theory and Practice of Planning: Advanced Seminar
- REM 611: Population and Community Ecology
- REM 621: Ecological Economics
- REM 631: River Basin Analysis, Planning and Management
- REM 641: Law and Resources
- REM 642: Theory and Practice of Planning
- REM 643: Environmental Conflict and Dispute Resolution
- REM 698: *Field Resource Management Workshop (Non-Credit)*
- REM 699: Research Project (Planning)
- REM 801: Principles of Research Methods and Design

Internal Electives (Any 3 courses from the following REM curriculum)

- REM 644: Public Policy Analysis and Administration
- REM 610: Applied Toxicology
- REM 612: Simulation Modeling
- REM 613: Fisheries Management
- REM 632: Terrain Evaluation
- REM 633: Remote Sensing
- REM 645: Resource Communities
- REM 646: Environmental and Social Impact Assessment
- REM 647: Parks and Outdoor Recreation Planning
- REM 648: The Tourism System
- REM 649: Tourism Planning and Policy
- REM 625 Risk Assessment for Management of Natural Resources
- REM 650: Energy and Materials Management and Policy
- REM 651: Project Evaluation
- REM 652: Community Tourism Planning and Development
- REM 655: Water Planning and Management
- REM 658: Energy Modeling
- REM 660: Geographic Information Systems
- REM 670: Introduction To Forestry
- REM 671: Forest Ecology

External Elective (Any course from approved external curriculum)

- ***Community Economic Development program***
- ***The City Program***
- ***School of Community and Regional Development, UBC***
- ***Other relevant SFU courses (e.g., geography, business, etc.)***

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RE: Recommendations to CIP for Planning Program Recognition – Simon Fraser University & University of Northern British Columbia

Christine,

I am writing on behalf of the Council of the Planning Institute of British Columbia which, at its meeting of Friday November 30th, 2003, addressed recommendations from the PIBC Education Committee related to: 1 – The recognition of the proposed planning program (*Master of Resource Management (Planning)*) within the School of Resource & Environmental Management, Faculty of Applied Sciences, at Simon Fraser University; and 2 – The periodic review of the recognized planning program (*Bachelor of Science, Environmental Planning*) within the School of Environmental Planning, College of Science & Management, at the University of Northern British Columbia. At the November 30th meeting, the Council passed the following resolutions:

- 1) That the Council accept and adopt the recommendations of the Education Committee, that: The *Master of Resource Management (Planning)* degree program within the School of Resource & Environmental Management at Simon Fraser University be granted initial recognition as a Canadian Institute of Planners recognized planning program for a five year period, subject to:
 - The School establishing an Advisory Committee comprised of outside practitioners and academics to provide advice on the content of the courses and direction of the program, and to provide a liaison between the school and the profession
 - The School preparing a Strategic Plan outlining how the program will be developed over the next five years and how it will respond to the recommendations from the accreditation/recognition review process
 - The School evaluating its courses whereby course instructors would rate each of their courses according to how each complies with CIP Knowledge and Skill requirements, as stipulated in the CIP Membership Manual (Vol. 3 – Recognition of University Degrees)
 - The making available of substantive course offerings in Community Planning and Planning Law (particularly with respect to spatial planning and design, and the relationship and application of spatial considerations in the preparation and application of planning legislation and regulations); and
 - The expectation of a return to the School by the Site Visit Committee six months following the formal granting of recognition to the program by CIP

and,

that this recommendation be accordingly forwarded to the Canadian Institute of Planners for consideration.

- 2) That the Council accept and adopt the recommendations of the Education Committee, that: The *Bachelor of Science, Environmental Planning* degree program within the School of Environmental Planning, College of Science & Management, at the University of Northern British Columbia be granted continued recognition as a Canadian Institute of Planners recognized planning program for a five year period, subject to:

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- The School undergoing an interim review, to be undertaken in 2006, to provide advice on curriculum evolution and other potential new program initiatives
- The School being administered by a Director with curriculum and teaching assignment authority, reporting to (and working with) the Chair, School of Business & School of Environmental Planning
- The School focusing its teaching and research efforts upon the three identified themes of Natural Resource Planning, First Nations & Planning, and Northern Rural & Community Planning; and
- The School of Environmental Planning focusing on the development of the new undergraduate curriculum and program, and refraining from the exploration of a potential Masters in Planning until the completion and reporting of the interim review in 2006

and,

that this recommendation be accordingly forwarded to the Canadian Institute of Planners for consideration.

The Council, Education Committee, and Site Visit Committees are confident with proceeding with these recognition recommendations at this time, and are certain that the respective Schools are on track to address the particular issues outlined in each case as things proceed. The Council and Education Committee will continue to monitor both programs over the coming months, to ensure that efforts continue in the expected direction to address the issues outlined.


Attached please also find the following supporting documents:

1. November 21, 2003 Education Committee report to the PIBC Council
2. October 2003 CIP Professional Accreditation Review Committee Report (SFU)
3. Supplementary Report To the Site Visit Committee Report Periodic Intensive Review (2002) (UNBC)
4. June 2002 Site Visit Committee Report – Periodic Intensive Review (UNBC)

The Institute also wishes to acknowledge the dedicated work and time commitment of members of the Council, Education Committee, respective Site Visit Committees, as well as the efforts of the faculty, staff and students at both schools throughout these processes.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Dave Crossley
Administrative Director
Planning Institute of British Columbia

CC:

- Karen Russell, MCIP – Chair, PIBC Education Committee
- Michael Gordon, MCIP – PIBC Education Committee
- ✓ Dr. Frank Gobas – Director, SFU School of Resource & Environmental Management
- Dr. Thomas Gunton, MCIP – SFU School of Resource & Environmental Management
- Dr. William B. McGill – Dean, UNBC College of Science & Management
- Dr. Annie Booth, MCIP – UNBC School of Environmental Planning