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ATTENTION Senate **DATE** December 11, 2013
FROM Jon Driver, Vice-President, Academic and Provost, and Chair, SCUP **PAGES** 1/1
RE: Faculty of Science: Dissolution of the Forestry Geoscience Certificate in the Department of Earth Sciences (SCUP 13-60)

At its November 20, 2013 meeting, SCUP reviewed and approved the proposal to dissolve the Forestry Geoscience Certificate in the Department of Earth Sciences within the Faculty of Science, effective Fall 2014.

Motion:

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the dissolution of the Forestry Geoscience Certificate in the Department of Earth Sciences within the Faculty of Science, effective Fall 2014.

c: G. Agnes


A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Jon Driver".

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ATTENTION	Senate Committee on University Priorities	DATE	November 8, 2013
FROM	Gordon Myers, Chair Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies	PAGES	1/1
RE:	Faculty of Science (SCUS 13-49b)		

Action undertaken by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies at its meeting of November 7, 2013, gives rise to the following recommendations:

Motion 1:

That SCUP approve and recommend to Senate the dissolution of the Forestry Geoscience Certificate in the Department of Earth Sciences within the Faculty of Science.

The relevant documentation for review by SCUP is attached.



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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION Dr George Agnes. Associate Dean, Faculty of Science
FROM Glyn Williams-Jones
RE: Termination of Earth Sciences Forestry Geoscience Certificate
DATE October 22, 2013

Dear George,

Please find enclosed documents relating to the proposed termination of the Earth Sciences Forestry Geoscience Certificate.

Motion: Terminate the Forestry Geoscience Certificate

1. All impacted credentials, levels and categories of the degree, and specific discipline or field of study:

As a certificate targeting only Earth Sciences and Physical Geography majors, the proposed termination will have no impact on any other credentials offered at SFU and there would be no change in any associated resources.

2. Location of the program & 3. Faculty(ies), Department(s), or School(s) offering the program:
The Forestry Geoscience certificate has been offered by the Department of Earth Sciences (Faculty of Science) since February 2002 (Senate minutes S.02-21) and is directed to Earth Sciences or Physical Geography major students.

4. Proposed date for termination:

Fall 2014. (The proposed academic term for suspension of admission and date of termination of certificate are the same because there are no students in this certificate.)

5. Reasons for Termination of this credential:

b. Lack of enrollment demand & c. Curricular issues

To date, only 7 students have completed the Forestry Geoscience certificate since its inception and the most recent student graduated in 2007. Furthermore, two of the Required Courses, EASC 418-1 Terrain Stability: Assessment and Mitigation and EASC 419-1 Forest Harvesting Technology no longer exist (deleted November 2010 – S.10-155) making it effectively impossible to complete the certificate.

6. Plan for termination, including:

There are no students currently registered in this certificate (see attached IRP report), and no new students will be accepted prior to its dissolution.

All members of the Department of Earth Sciences are in agreement (EASC Dept meeting, September 23, 2013) that this certificate is not viable. The Department of Geography (Faculty of Environment; see attached email) is also in agreement with this proposal.

7. Name, title, phone number and email address of the institutional contact person in case more information is required:

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