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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION Senate **DATE** March 24, 2010
FROM Jon Driver, Vice-President, Academic and Provost, and Chair, SCUP **PAGES** 1/1
RE: Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences: Full Program Proposal for a Major in First Nations Studies (SCUP 10-27)

At its March 24, 2010 meeting SCUP reviewed and approved the Full Program Proposal for a Major in First Nations Studies within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.*

Motion

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Major in First Nations Studies within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

encl.

c: E. Yellowhorn

*Library Report was received and reviewed by SCUS.



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ATTENTION	Senate Committee on University Priorities	DATE	March 5, 2010
FROM	Bill Krane, Chair	PAGES	1/1
RE:	Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (SCUS 10-16h)		

Action undertaken by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies at its meeting of March 4, 2010, gives rise to the following recommendation:

Motion:

That SCUP approve and recommend to Senate the full program proposal for a Major in First Nations Studies.

The relevant documentation for review by SCUP is attached.



FACULTY OF
ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

MEMO

TO: Jo Hinchliffe, Secretary
Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

FROM: Paul Budra, Chair
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Curriculum Committee

RE: FPP: Major in First Nations Studies

DATE: February 16, 2010

On January 28, 2010, the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Curriculum Committee approved the full program proposal for a Major in First Nations Studies. The Notice of Intent was forwarded to SCUP on October 19, 2009.

Would you please place this item on the agenda of the next meeting of SCUS.

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

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Att.

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
FIRST NATIONS STUDIES PROGRAM
FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
M E M O R A N D U M

To: Paul Budra, Chair
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Curriculum Committee

From: Catherine D'Andrea
Acting Director
First Nations Studies Program

Subject: First Nations Studies Full Program Proposal **Date:** January 8, 2010

At its meeting of September 30, 2009, the First Nations Studies Program Advisory Committee approved the submission of a revised Notice of Intent for a Major Program in First Nations Studies to the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences for review and consideration. Notification of approval by SCUP to proceed with a full proposal was received in November 2009.

The Full Program Proposal is attached for:

A Major Program in First Nations Studies

Would you please place this proposal on the agenda of the next meeting of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Curriculum Committee?



Catherine D'Andrea
Acting Director, First Nations Studies Program

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SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

FULL PROGRAM PROPOSAL

B.A. IN FIRST NATIONS STUDIES (MAJOR)

JANUARY 08, 2010

Executive Summary

Rationale

An important mission of Simon Fraser University is to provide educational opportunities for First Nations peoples and to provide leadership in teaching and research related to First Nations issues. This commitment was affirmed when Senate approved the First Nations University-Wide Strategic Plan on 5 March 2007. A Major in First Nations Studies proposal was designed in 2008 and submitted to the Faculty through a notice of intent in 2009. The development of a Major programme in First Nations Studies is included in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2010 Three Year Plan.

The B.A. in First Nations Studies is designed for students who are interested in focusing and expanding their expertise in this discipline. Students who complete the Major will gain detailed insight into the cultures, histories and contemporary developments of First Nations people in British Columbia and North America. Students will develop a solid foundation in the study of First Nations issues from a variety of disciplinary approaches.

A key feature of this program is that it incorporates existing faculty strengths in theoretical and applied skills. This is of great importance because First Nations communities of British Columbia and Canada are incredibly diverse in culture and identity, and some are linguistically and environmentally endangered. This Major degree will prepare students to work and take leadership roles in First Nations projects and communities.

Curriculum

1. Student outcomes

Students who complete the Major will gain detailed insight into the history, cultures, languages, politics and social concerns of First Nations peoples of British Columbia and North America from a variety of disciplinary approaches.

Course content ranges widely from archaeology, ethnography, linguistics, art, literature, indigenous knowledge, governance, traditional and European histories, women’s studies, as well as contemporary environmental and social concerns. Undergraduate students in this program will gain a sense of cultural relativism, critical thinking and a balanced view of First Nations peoples and issues in the modern world.

2. Curriculum requirements

All core courses for this Major already exist at SFU. Two elective courses (FNST 208 and FNST 353) will be offered by 2011.

At the lower division level, students must complete at least 15 unit hours of First Nations Studies courses comprised of two core courses (FNST 101 and FNST 201) and three electives. These courses provide important foundations in the study of First Nations issues.

Students must complete at least 30 unit hours of upper division First Nations Studies courses including the four core FNST courses (FNST 301, 401, 402 and 403) and a minimum of 18 units of upper division elective courses. These courses provide advanced and focused study of research methodology and of contemporary and historical issues.

3. Course structure and class sizes

The FNST lower division courses in the program range in size from 25 to 40 tutorialized lecture classes to 65 – 125 lecture classes (e.g., FNST 101-3). The upper division FNST courses are generally smaller and range in size from 10 to 40 seminar-size classes. Some studio-size courses with enrollments ranging from 18 to 30 are also offered.

4. Research implications

Existing tenure-track faculty who will contribute to this program have a research mandate. Their continuing research activities will result in scholarly contributions to the area of First Nations Studies.

Learning Methodologies

As an interdisciplinary program, the Major will include the diverse learning methodologies that currently exist in courses offered by First Nations Studies and the other contributing disciplines (Archaeology, Criminology, English, History, Linguistics, Sociology and Anthropology, and Women’s Studies). The types of learning methodologies will include lectures, labs, studios, and distance education courses, as well as independent study (via Directed Readings). The interdisciplinary nature of the program increases employable skills, including research, analytical, quantitative, communication, and applied skills.

Faculty

The program is interdisciplinary and draws from the existing teaching and research of several faculty members. The courses that faculty are scheduled to teach are applicable to the FNST major so that no additional teaching loads will be required to deliver the programme. The core FNST faculty includes:

- Marianne Ignace (Associate Professor, First Nations Studies and Sociology and Anthropology): Language and Culture, Aboriginal Resource Management, Applied Linguistics
- Deanna Reder (Assistant Professor, First Nations Studies and English): Literature, Autobiography, Historical and Contemporary Issues Regarding Aboriginal Women in Canada
- annie ross (Assistant Professor, First Nations Studies and Archaeology): First Nations Art and History, environment and activism, southwestern US and western North America
- Rudy Reimer (Instructor, First Nations Studies and Archaeology): Traditional history, resource management, Northwest Coast, Coast Salish.
- Maui Solomon (Adjunct Professor, First Nations Studies): cultural and intellectual property, environmental law and treaty/indigenous people's rights, land and fishing claims, New Zealand, Chatham Islands, Moriori Maori
- Eldon Yellowhorn (Associate Professor, First Nations Studies and Archaeology): First Nations Studies; First Nations Issues, Traditional indigenous knowledge, resource management, Plains

Associate Faculty who teach a FNST (combined section) course include:

- Andrea Geiger – Assistant Professor of History (FNST 443)
- Mary Ellen Kelm – Associate Professor of History, CRC (FNST 325 and or FNST 326)
- Dean Mellow – Associate Professor of Linguistics (FNST 442)
- Ted Palys – Professor, School of Criminology (FNST 419 and or FNST 429)

Program Consultations and Evaluation

The Notice of Intent and the Full Program Proposal have been assembled with input from faculty members of First Nations Studies. A number of students (from all SFU campuses and sites) have expressed interest in this program.

Once implemented, the program will be reviewed and evaluated by the Faculty and Advisory Committee of the First Nations Studies Program.

Admission

The admission and residency requirements will be the standard SFU and Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences requirements.

Appendix A - Proposed Calendar Entry

Major Program

Students should plan their program in consultation with the First Nations Studies advisor.

Lower Division Requirements

Students must complete at least 15 units of lower division First Nations Studies courses including

FNST 101-3 The Cultures, Languages and Origins of Canada's First Peoples

FNST 201-3 Canadian Aboriginal Peoples' Perspectives on History

plus three elective courses (9 units minimum) from the following

ARCH 223-3 The Prehistory of Canada

ARCH 273-3 Archaeology of the New World

FNST 208-3 Introduction to North American Indigenous Literature (to be offered by 2011)

FNST 210-3 Indigenous Perceptions of Landscape

FNST 222-3 Selected Topics in First Nations Studies

LING 160-3 Language, Culture and Society (when topic appropriate)

LING 231-3 Introduction to First Nations Language I†

LING 232-3 Introduction to First Nations Language II†

SA 286-4 Aboriginal Peoples and British Columbia: Introduction

Lower division courses with suitable First Nations content may be applied toward the major as an elective. Students are advised to consult the program director or program advisor.

†Preferably in the same language in both courses

Upper Division Requirements

Students must complete at least 30 units of upper division courses including

FNST 301-3 Issues in Applied First Nations Studies Research**

FNST 401-3 Aboriginal Rights and Government Relations

FNST 402-3 The Discourse of Native Peoples

FNST 403-3 Indigenous Knowledge in the Modern World

Students must select 18 units from the following electives:

ARCH 301-3 Prehistoric and Indigenous Art

ARCH 360-5 Native Cultures of North America

EDUC 311-3 Foundations in Aboriginal Education, Language and Culture

ENGL 453W-4 Aboriginal Literatures

FNST 322-3 Special Topics First Nations Studies (may be retaken under a different topic)

FNST 325-4/HIST 325-4 History of Aboriginal Peoples of North America to 1850*

FNST 326-4/HIST 326-4 History of Aboriginal Peoples of North America Since 1850*

FNST 327-4/WS 327-4 Aboriginal Women in Canada*
 FNST 329-3 Sexuality and Gender: Indigenous Perspectives
 FNST 332-3 Ethnobotany of British Columbia First Nations
 FNST 353-3 First Nations Heritage Stewardship (to be offered by 2011)
 FNST 360-4/ENGL 360-4 Popular Writing by Indigenous Authors *
 FNST 363-4 Indigenous Poetry, Poetics, Printmaking††
 FNST 383-4 Indigenous Technology: Art and Sustainability††
 FNST 419-3/CRIM 419-3 Aboriginal/Indigenous Justice*
 FNST 429-3/CRIM 429-3 Indigenous Peoples and International Law*
 FNST 433-4 Indigenous Environmental Activism††
 FNST 442-3/4/5 Directed Readings in First Nations Studies††
 FNST 443-4/ HIST 443-4 Aboriginal Peoples, History & the Law *
 LING 331-3 Description and Analysis of a First Nations Language I †
 LING 332-3 Description and Analysis of a First Nations Language II†
 SA 388-4 Comparative Studies of Minority Indigenous Peoples
 SA 486-4 Aboriginal Peoples and British Columbia: Advanced Seminar

Special topics and/or directed studies courses may be applied toward the program, provided the content suggests a suitable substitution, and subject to approval by the program director or program advisor.

Calendar notes:

* only one of the two courses may be used towards the FNST Major

† Preferably in the same language in both courses

** FNST 301-3 may be offered as a W-course when option becomes available

FPP notes:

†† Unit value change (FNST 363, 383 and 433 reduced from 5 units to 4 units; FNST 442 from 3 units to variable) proposed 9 October 2009; awaiting approval. Eff: 1107/Fall 2010

Appendix B - Budget

The program can be implemented with existing faculty positions, space and equipment.

Appendix C - Related programs in other British Columbia post-secondary institutions

UBC offers an interdisciplinary Major in First Nations Studies within the Faculty of Arts. Students in that program may take courses in Anthropology, Art History, Creative Writing, English, First Nations Languages, History, Interprofessional Health and Human Services, Linguistics, Natural Resources Conservation, Political Science, Theatre, and Women's Studies. The University of Victoria offers an interdisciplinary B.A. program in Indigenous Studies, a Certificate as well as a MA in Indigenous Governance Program. Other universities such as the University of North BC and Vancouver Island University offer a First Nations Studies Program. Selkirk College and Nicola Valley Institute of Technology offer an Associate Degree of Arts in First Nations Studies. Langara and College of New Caledonia offer related certificate, diploma or courses on Aboriginal or First Nations Studies.

Appendix D - Notice of Intent

See next page

Appendix E – Library Report

No courses were proposed for the First Nations Studies Major. All courses (except the future proposed FNST 208 and FNST 353) have been approved for normal program offering. The Library Assessment Report for the most recently approved courses may be found at: <http://www.lib.sfu.ca/collections/course-assessments/arts-social-sciences>.