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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 Applied Sciences: Suspension of Admission to the Software Engineering Specialist Program in the School of Computing Science (SCUP 13-57)		

At its November 20, 2013 meeting, SCUP reviewed and approved the proposal to suspend admission to the Software Engineering Specialist Program in the School of Computing Science within the Faculty of Applied Sciences, effective Summer 2014.

The motion in regards to a potential dissolution of the Software Engineering Specialist Program was not approved at the November 20, 2013 meeting. It has been tabled to a future meeting.

Motion:

That Senate approve the suspension of admission to the Software Engineering Specialist Program in the School of Computing Science within the Faculty of Applied Sciences, effective Summer 2014.

c: R. Cameron

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MEMORANDUM

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 Applied Sciences (SCUS 13-52b)		

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 suspension of admission to the Software Engineering Specialist Program in the School of Computing Science within the Faculty of Applied Sciences.

Motion 2:

That SCUP approve and recommend to Senate the dissolution of the Software Engineering Specialist Program in the School of Computing Science within the Faculty of Applied Sciences.

The relevant documentation for review by SCUP is attached.

Faculty of Applied Sciences Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
Suspension of Admissions and Program Termination – Software Engineering Specialist Program

The School of Computing Science proposes to suspend admissions and terminate the Software Engineering Specialist program of the Computing Science Major, as a first step in phasing out this program in favor of the more modern Software Systems Major offered at the SFU Surrey Campus.

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

1. **Impacted credentials:** Bachelor of Science with Computing Science Major, Software Engineering Specialist.
 2. **Campus:** Burnaby Campus
 3. **Offered by:** Faculty of Applied Sciences, School of Computing Science.
 4. **Proposed date for suspension:** May 1, 2014. **Proposed date for termination:** September 1, 2014.
 5. **Reason for suspension:** this program conflicts with the more modern software engineering curriculum offered through the Software Systems Major program at the SFU Surrey Campus.
 6. **Plan for suspension:**
 - (a) Student participation in discussions to phase out the program have taken place through student representatives on the School of Computing Science undergraduate curriculum committee as well as the Faculty of Applied Sciences liaison committee over the last three years. Only 13 existing students remain in the program; they will be individually notified.
 - (b) Faculty notification: general notification has been provided through School curriculum committee meetings and School-wide discussion. All Faculty teaching software engineering courses will be individually notified.
 - (c) Course offerings will be maintained for two years to allow normal completion for existing students, after which a further two year-period for completion by special arrangements will be allowed.
 - (d) Resources associated with the program will be made available to meet increased demand in the Software Systems program as well as the Computing Science major generally.
 - (e) As a specialization within the Computing Science major, no other units are affected.
 - (f) The Software Systems program will continue as the focus for advanced study in software engineering.
 - (g) Notifications to be complete by January 1, 2014. Suspension of admissions: May 1, 2014. Program termination: August 31, 2014.
- Calendar text for the Summer 2014 calendar.
Normal admission to the Software Engineering Specialist program has been suspended effective May 1, 2014. Admission appeals will be considered until August 31, 2014.
Students interested in software engineering are urged to consider the more modern Software Systems Major offering a comprehensive systems and software engineering curriculum.
7. **Institutional contact:** Dr. Robert D. Cameron, Associate Dean of Applied Sciences, 778 782 7573, cameron@sfu.ca.