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**MEMORANDUM**

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**ATTENTION** Senate **DATE** March 14, 2011  
**FROM** Jon Driver, Vice-President, Academic and Provost, and Chair, SCUP **PAGES** 1/1  
**RE:** Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences: Dissolution of the Minor in Gender Studies (SCUP 11-08)

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At its March 9, 2011 meeting SCUP reviewed and approved the proposal to dissolve the Minor in Gender Studies in the Department of Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective Fall 2011.

**Motion:**

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the dissolution of the Minor in Gender Studies in the Department of Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective Fall 2011.

encl.

c: P. Budra



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ATTENTION	Senate Committee on University Priorities	DATE	February 3, 2011
FROM	Bill Krane, Chair	PAGES	1/1
RE:	Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (SCUS 10-58b)		

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Action undertaken by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies at its meeting of February 3, 2011, gives rise to the following recommendations:

Motion:

That SCUP approve and recommend to Senate the deletion of the Minor Program in Gender Studies in Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences effective Fall 2011.

**The relevant documentation for review by SCUP is attached.**



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ATTENTION Bill Krane, Associate Vice President Academic

FROM John Craig, Dean of FASS

RE Admissions to the Minor in Gender Studies

cc. Sarah Dench, Jo Hinchliffe

DATE Jan. 10/2011

FASS will be bringing forward a motion to dissolve the Minor in Gender Studies offered by the Department of Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies. Please halt admissions into that program. Many thanks.

If you have any questions, please direct them to Paul Budra, Associate Dean.

John Craig  
Dean, FASS



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ATTENTION Bill Krane, Associate Vice President Academic

FROM John Craig, Dean Pro Tem, FASS

RE Dissolution of the Minor in Gender Studies

cc. Sarah Dench, Jo Hinchliffe

DATE Jan. 11/2011

Please find attached the documentation for closing the Minor in Gender Studies. The undergraduate curriculum committee of FASS voted in favour of dissolving the program at a meeting on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Your office has already received a request to stop admissions to the program.

If you have any questions, please direct them to Paul Budra, Associate Dean.

John Craig  
Dean, FASS

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### **Degree Program Dissolution Process**

**The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Undergraduate Curriculum Committee has voted in favour of eliminating the Minor in Gender Studies.**

- 1. Impacted credential: Gender Studies Minor**
- 2. Location of the program: Burnaby**
- 3. Faculty(ies), Department(s), or School(s) offering the program: FASS, Department of Women's Studies**
- 4. Anticipated final dissolution date: September 2011**
- 5. Reasons for discontinuance and dissolution of the program: The main reason for the discontinuance of the GDST Minor is primarily a curricular issue. The GDST Minor was started at a time when Gender Studies and Women's Studies were considered to be two methodologically distinct fields, thus necessitating different streams of study. This is no longer the case as reflected by developments in the field in the last decade, which have also impacted the way these issues are taught in the Dept.'s curriculum. Following a recommendation made in the External Review of the Dept. in 2009, the Dept. of Women's Studies has integrated its separate programs under the name of Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies. The formerly separated Women's Studies program and Gender Studies Minor Program will now be administered as one coherent program, offering one major and one minor in GSWS. The Gender Studies Minor program is discontinued in the process.**
- 6. Plan for phasing-out of program:**
  - a. Students and prospective students have been told about this change since the Dept.'s name change was initiated.**
  - b. Instructors and staff were informed of this change when the Dept.'s name change was initiated. No jobs will be impacted.**
  - c. No specific resources are assigned to the Gender Studies Minor so there is no need for re-allocation.**
  - d. Other FASS departments were consulted at the FASSCC meeting on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010. This change has no impact on other faculties.**
  - e. There will be no impact on curriculum in cognate disciplines.**
  - f. Timeline of activities: the chair of SCUS, the Associate VP Academic, received a memo from Dean Pro Tem John Craig on Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011, asking that admissions to the program be suspended. The GSWS advisor is no longer accepting GDST Minor declaration as of the Fall, 2010. We would like to close the program by the fall of 2011.**
- 7. For more information, please contact Paul Budra, Associate Dean, FASS: budra@sfu.ca.**