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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION Senate DATE

June 19, 2013

FROM

RE:

Jon Driver, Vice-President, Academic and

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Provost, and Chair, SCUP

Faculty of Applied Sciences: Suspension of Admission to the Multimedia Computing Specialist

Major (SCUP 13-19)

At its June 19, 2013 meeting, SCUP reviewed and approved the proposal to suspend admission to the Multimedia Computing Specialist Major Program in the School of Computing Science within the Faculty of Applied Sciences, effective Spring 2014.

Motion:

That Senate approve the suspension of admission to the Multimedia Computing Specialist Major Program in the School of Computing Science within the Faculty of Applied Sciences, effective Spring 2014.

c: R. Cameron



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ATTENTION Senate Committee on University March 8, 2013

Priorities

FROM Gordon Myers, Chair PAGES

Senate Committee on Undergraduate

Studies

RE: Faculty of Applied Sciences (SCUS 13-10c)

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

Motion

That SCUP approve and recommend to Senate the Suspension of Admission to the Multimedia Computing Specialist Major 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 – Multimedia Computing Specialist Major

The School of Computing Science proposes to suspend admissions to the Multimedia Computing Specialist Major Program, as a first step in phasing out this program. This option is almost unused, with zero graduates in 2012, and is considered difficult to achieve due to the number of courses required and the lack of offerings of these courses. Given the on-leave status and probable resignation of Dr. Moller, one of only two faculty members in graphics, this situation will not improve.

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 Multimedia Computing Specialist Major
- 2. Campus: Burnaby Campus
- 3. Offered by: Faculty of Applied Sciences, School of Computing Science.
- 4. Proposed date for suspension: September 1, 2013.
- 5. Reason for suspension: this program is little used and hard to achieve, and is a maintenance burden.
- 6. Plan for suspension:
 - (a) Student notification will initially take place through student representatives on the School of Computing Science undergraduate curriculum committee as well as the Faculty of Applied Sciences liaison committee. Once initial consultations have taken place, further notifications will be provided through the Computing Science Student Society and the cmpt-majors mailing list.
 - (b) Faculty notification: general notification will be provided through School curriculum committee meetings. All Faculty teaching software engineering courses will be individually notified.
 - (c) The 2 existing students in the program will be notified, with a plan to allow normal completion within a two-year provision, followed by a further two years for completion by special arrangements.
 - (d) As a concentation within the Computing Science major, no other units are affected.
- 7. Calendar text for the 2013-2014 calendar.
- 8. Normal admission to the Multimedia Computing Specialist Major has been suspended effective September 1, 2013. Admission appeals will be considered until December 31, 2013. Students are still able to take the same classes, but no special certification will be available.
- 9. Institutional contact: Dr. Robert D. Cameron, Associate Dean of Applied Sciences, 778 782 7573, cameron@sfu.ca.