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OFFICE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT, ACADEMIC AND PROVOST

MEMO

ATTENTION: Senate

FROM: Jonathan Driver, Vice-President, Academic & Provost, and Chair, SCUP

RE: Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences: Full Program Proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Latin American Studies in the Latin American Studies Program (SCUP 09-09)

DATE: March 17, 2009

At its February 25, 2009 meeting SCUP reviewed and approved the full program proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Latin American Studies in the Latin American Studies Program from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

Motion

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors, the proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Latin American Studies in the Latin American Studies Program from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

encl.

c: E. Hershberg

MEMO

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TO Senate Committee on University Priorities

TEL

FROM Wade Parkhouse, Dean, Graduate Studies

RE Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences: Graduate Certificate in
Latin American Studies [GS2008.41]

CC P. Budra

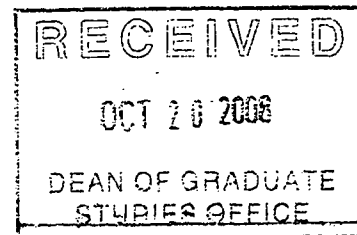
DATE January 29, 2009

For Information:

At its meeting of 8 December 2008, SGSC reviewed the proposal for a
graduate certificate in Latin American Studies and is recommending it to
SCUP. [GS2008.41]



FACULTY OF
ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES



MEMO

TO: Wade Parkhouse, Dean, Graduate Studies

FROM: Paul Budra, Chair, FASS Graduate Studies Committee

RE: Graduate Certificate in Latin American Studies

DATE: October 20, 2008

On Thursday, October 16, 2008, the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Graduate Studies Committee approved the attached proposal for a new graduate certificate program in Latin American Studies.

Would you please place this item on the agenda of the next meeting of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee.

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Att.

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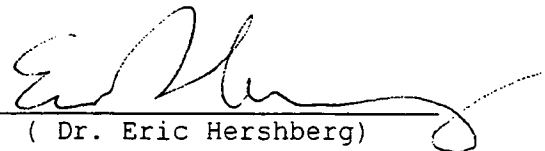
TO: Mary Ann Gillies, Chair FROM: Dr. Eric Hershberg,
Faculty of Art & Social Director
Sciences Curriculum Committee Undergraduate Curriculum
Committee

SUBJECT: Curriculum Changes DATE: May 9, 2008

At its meeting of February 21, 2008, the Program in Latin American Studies approved the attached:

- 1) Program Proposal for the Graduate Certificate in Latin American Studies.

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


(Dr. Eric Hershberg)



SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
PROGRAM IN LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES
GRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

PROGRAM PROPOSAL

1. Certificate Name: Certificate in Latin American Studies

2. Justification:

The Latin American Studies Program at Simon Fraser University wishes to establish a Graduate Certificate in Latin American Studies. The certificate is designed to recognize demonstrated LAS expertise in the context of a related program of study at SFU, at both the MA and PhD levels. It is not a stand-alone program and is intended to complement graduate study in another academic discipline, which may be located in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences or other units on campus (e.g. Faculty of Health Sciences, Faculty of Education, Faculty of Business Administration, etc.). Prospective students will be encouraged to work with the LAS Graduate Director to determine how best to incorporate the LAS curricula into that of the Department or Program in which they are pursuing a graduate degree. Students earning the certificate will be better situated to secure employment in public, private or non-profit agencies engaged with Latin America.

3. Agreement from departments to admit students from other programs to courses designated as certificate courses:

Courses with content appropriate to this certificate already exist, often taught by members of the Latin American Studies Steering Committee. Typically, required courses will be offered in LAS or in the student's home departments such that they will enjoy priority access. Where registration is contingent on available spaces, students may access the courses based on availability.

4. Approval by relevant faculty graduate program committee(s):

This certificate is designed to attract those students at SFU already pursuing graduate research related to Latin America in other disciplines. Offering a certificate will broaden

the range of internationally-oriented career opportunities available to graduates of Simon Fraser, and is expected to increase student involvement in Latin America-related activities around campus. Because requirements will be satisfied through existing course offerings, creation of the Certificate entails no significant outlay of resources or time from faculty or administrators and therefore, in no way impacts other faculty graduate programs. The Latin American Studies graduate program committee has approved assigning priority enrolment for students pursuing the Certificate.

5. Calendar entry:

Requirements for the certificate include completion of two core courses -- LAS 815 and LAS 835 -- with a minimum grade of B, either LAS 800 or a graduate research methods course offered through another department, and one additional elective Latin America-related course; and demonstration of research and language proficiency. There is no application process for the Certificate, which is awarded at time of graduation from SFU.

LAS Certificate Requirements

Two core courses	LAS 815-4 Theories of Latin American Development LAS 835-4 Social and Political Change in Latin America
Plus	LAS 800-4 Approaches to Research in Latin American Studies or other Research Methods course
Breadth Requirement	One additional course to be drawn from Latin America-focused courses offered in other departments
Language Proficiency	By exam or B grade in third year Spanish or Portuguese equivalency

Courses must be taken for credit, and not graded S/U.
Courses may not be selected from a diploma program.

6. Steering Committee composition for first two years:

The Steering Committee will be made up of members from the Latin American Studies Program. Dr. E. Hershberg -- Political Science, Dr. A. Hira -- Political Science, Dr. A. Dawson - History, Dr. H. Wittmam -- Sociology and Anthropology, Dr. M. Gates -- Sociology and Anthropology.

7. Space and Resources:

The program requirements can be fulfilled with existing space and resources as students will be taking already established courses.

8. Estimated Demand:

Numerous students from across university faculties have expressed keen interest in the new Certificate, and several graduate advisors have indicated that their programs include students who may be well suited to pursue this course of study.



SENATE COMMITTEE ON
GRADUATE STUDIES

Request for Annual Admission for the Graduate Program in Latin American Studies.

The Latin American Studies Program has begun to admit M.A. students on an annual basis, rather than every other year. This change, approved by Dean Pierce during the spring of 2007 and endorsed subsequently by the Dean of Graduate Studies, reflects a number of factors, including:

- demand from prospective students, who are keen to begin the program following completion of their undergraduate degrees;
- the 2006 revision of the LAS MA curriculum, which provides for three LAS graduate courses (800, 815 and 835) to be offered once per year, thus ensuring availability of core requirements;
- the expansion in the number of Associate Faculty, now totaling 15, many of whose courses can be taken by LAS MA students for credit toward their degrees;
- growing opportunities for funding graduate students, reflected in the experience of the 2007 cohort, all four of whose members have secured substantial funding from external or internal sources;
- the agreement between the new Director of the Program and the FASS Dean's office on a target enrollment of 5-10 students per year.

The proposed change will bring the program in line with conventional practice in Masters-level degree offerings throughout North America.