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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION Senate
FROM Jon Driver, Vice-President, Academic and
Provost, and Chair, SCUP
RE: Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences: Full Program Proposal for a Certificate in Social Justice, Department of
Sociology and Anthropology (SCUP 09-50)

DATE November 17, 2009
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At its October 21, 2009 meeting SCUP reviewed and approved the Full Program Proposal for a Certificate in Social Justice in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology 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 Certificate in Social Justice in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

encl.

c: J. Bogardus

OFFICE OF THE
ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT ACADEMIC AND ASSOCIATE PROVOST

MEMO

To:	Senate Committee On University Priorities	
FROM	Bill Krane, Chair Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies	
RE	Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (SCUS 09-45a, b)	
DATE	October 9, 2009	

Action undertaken by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies at its meeting of September 17, 2009 gives rise to the following recommendation:

Motion

That SCUP approve and recommend to Senate the Full Program Proposal for the Certificate in Social Justice.

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: Certificate in Social Justice (FPP)

DATE: August 25, 2009

On July 23, 2009, the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Curriculum Committee approved the attached full program proposal for a Certificate in Social Justice, submitted by the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. The Notice of Intent was forwarded to SCUP on July 29, 2008.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized, flowing line that starts with a small loop and ends with a long, sweeping tail.

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Att.

FACULTY OF ARTS AND
SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY

MEMORANDUM

TO: Paul Budra, Chair
Faculty of Arts & Social
Sciences Curriculum Committee

FROM: John Bogardus, Acting Chair
Undergraduate Curriculum
Committee

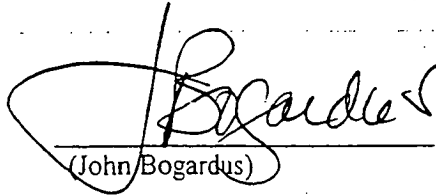
SUBJECT: FPP: Certificate in
Social Justice

DATE: May 27, 2009

At its meeting of Tuesday, May 26, 2009, the Department of Sociology and Anthropology approved the attached:

1. Certificate in Social Justice (FPP)

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



(John Bogardus)



FACULTY OF ARTS AND
SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY

FULL PROGRAM PROPOSAL

CERTIFICATE IN SOCIAL JUSTICE

Executive Summary

The Certificate in Social Justice provides a focus for current undergraduate students and a proposed course of study for incoming students interested in issues of social justice. It offers the opportunity to gain a discipline-based foundation necessary for addressing issues of social justice while enabling students to explore their interests through optional courses in a wide range of disciplines.

The proposed certificate offered by the Department of Sociology and Anthropology (SA) consists of a minimum of 25 units: 3 lower level SA courses regularly offered as required theory, methodology and research methods courses for Sociology and/or Anthropology majors, 1 upper level SA course, 3 courses from a list of 20 optional courses from SA and other disciplines.

The required Sociology and Anthropology courses in theory, methodology and social research will provide students with a consistent and coordinated knowledge and skill base from which to consider the complementary yet distinct outlooks on social justice offered by the other participating disciplines. The Department of Sociology and Anthropology has a long tradition of examining social inequality and the abuse of power in the form of differential perception and practices with respect to specific individuals and groups. The extensive roster of joint majors with other disciplines attests to its interdisciplinary nature and to the transferability of its theoretical, methodological and research skills. In addition, the disciplines of Sociology and Anthropology have provided the undergraduate and graduate training for numerous faculty members who now pursue social justice-related concerns in other social science disciplines as well as in the humanities.

The impetus for the Certificate in Social Justice originated with students who sought recognition on their diplomas of specialized knowledge and related skills pertaining to social justice. They identified both ongoing and emergent employment possibilities in public policy, resource management and environmental sustainability, law, social work, education, medicine and other related fields. The existence of these numerous and diverse professional programs attests to a continuing demand for practitioners with competence in the area of social justice. The certificate provides students with a clearly identified undergraduate platform from which to proceed to these postgraduate career options.

The certificate should be of particular interest to incoming students who participated in the Social Justice 12 elective course introduced into seven BC high schools in September, 2007. As of September, 2008, this relatively small catchment expanded as the Social Justice 12 option became available to all schools in the province. The Certificate in Social Justice builds on this prior experience with a coordinated path of study combining both concentration and breadth.

The interdisciplinary nature of the certificate is highly significant. The option of enrolling in introductory and/or breadth courses in a variety of disciplines will enable students to decide which department is most compatible with their learning objectives. They may elect to pursue

their majors and/or minors from departments other than Sociology and Anthropology as a result. This will expedite the declaration of majors, facilitate time-efficient degree completion, promote greater student satisfaction with their undergraduate education and ensure students are well prepared for post graduate employment, professional training and/or graduate studies in social justice-related areas.

Curriculum

1. Student Outcomes

The Certificate in Social Justice is intended for all Simon Fraser University students interested in pursuing the study of social justice. The certificate develops competence in identifying and examining the causes and consequences of social inequalities and the differential perception and treatment of groups and individuals on the basis of a variety of factors including but not limited to gender, sexual orientation, class, race, ethnicity and religion. Incoming students with a background in Social Justice 12 are considered to be prime candidates for admission to this certificate program as well.

SFU currently offers a range of courses in a variety of departments which address social justice issues. Students may major in a range of areas including but not limited to Art and Culture Studies, Canadian Studies, Communication, Criminology, Economics, First Nations Studies, Gender Studies, Geography, Health Sciences, History, Humanities, International Studies, Latin American Studies, Labour Studies, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology and Anthropology, and Women's Studies.

The Certificate in Social Justice enables these students to deepen and extend their appreciation of the complexity, breadth and topicality of concerns grouped under the rubric of social justice while providing them with a coordinated theoretical perspective, methodology and social research approach appropriate to this study. Finally, the certificate provides students with a clearly identified undergraduate platform from which to proceed to the social justice-oriented professional programs and graduate work required for careers in law, social work, education, medicine and other health-related fields.

2. Curriculum requirements

All of the courses for this certificate currently exist in the SFU Calendar. The proposed certificate, housed in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology (SA), consists of a minimum of 25 units: 3 lower level SA courses regularly offered as required theory, methodology and research methods courses for Sociology and/or Anthropology majors, 1 upper level SA course, 3 courses from a list of 20 optional courses from SA and other disciplines.

3. Course structure and class sizes

The certificate required courses and course options are diverse in format, including lecture-based instruction as well as interactive, discussion-oriented classes and tutorials. Class sizes are equally varied, ranging from relatively large 100-level courses to classes of 30 students or less.

4. Research implications

The ongoing research mandate of existing tenure-track faculty responsible for teaching the certificate-designated courses will inform the course curricula.

5. Additional Comments: Course Substitutions and Transfer Units

Special topics and/or directed readings courses cannot be used towards completion of this certificate. Up to 14 units assigned to specific courses may be transferred to the certificate,

subject to University transfer credit regulations and the coordinator's approval. The upper division course must be completed at Simon Fraser University.

Learning Methodologies

The centrality of both the required and optional courses to the respective disciplines ensures the topicality of subject matter and the relevance of teaching approaches. Diverse learning methodologies such as lectures, interactive classrooms and tutorials will be experienced by the certificate students. In some instances, computer assisted instruction will be the preferred method and distance education delivery may be an option.

Faculty

The certificate program relies upon existing faculty members currently teaching the designated courses from the various disciplines identified. No additional faculty members are required.

Program Consultations and Evaluation

The Notice of Intent was sent to the Undergraduate Curriculum Chairs of those departments whose courses are listed as designated certificate options as well as to all FASS Undergraduate Curriculum Chairs. Without exception, it met with their approval. Appendix D includes a sample response. Once implemented, the certificate will be reviewed and evaluated by the Department of Sociology and Anthropology Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.

Admission

The admission requirements will be the standard SFU requirements. Certificate program approval must be obtained from the SA Academic and Administrative Manager. Students are encouraged to seek approval as early as possible in their academic program.

Appendix A – Proposed Calendar Entry

Description

The Certificate in Social Justice develops competence in identifying and examining the causes and consequences of social inequalities, and the differential perception and treatment of groups and individuals on the basis of a variety of factors including, but not limited to gender, sexual orientation, class, race, ethnicity, and religion.

Certificate Requirements:

Students must complete a minimum of 25 units made up of required and optional courses as follows:

Three courses from the following group:

SA 101 or SA 150, SA 201W or SA 250, and SA 255

Plus three courses from the following list:

CRIM 101-3 Introduction to Criminology

ECON 102-3 The World Economy

FNST 201W-3 Canadian Aboriginal Peoples' Perspectives on History

GDST 200-3 Thinking About Gender

GEOG 100-3 Human Geography

HSCI 160-3 Global Perspectives on Health

HIST 204-3 The Social History of Canada

LBST 101-3 Introducing Labor Studies

LAS 200-3 Introduction to Latin American Issues

PHIL 120W-3 Introduction to Moral Philosophy

POL 100-3 Introduction to Politics and Government

POL 151-3 The Administration of Justice

PSYC 106-3 Psychological Issues in Contemporary Society

REM 100-3 Global Change

SA 203-4 Violence in War and Peace (S or A)

SA 210-4 Introduction to Power and Regulation of Self and Others (S)

SA 260-4 Individual and Society (S)

SCD 201-3 Introduction to Sustainable Community Development

WS 101-3 Introduction to Women's Issues in Canada

WS 102-3 Introduction to Western Feminisms

Students are also required to complete one upper division SA course

Note: Students majoring in Sociology and/or Anthropology are required to include one non SA course among the three optional courses. Special topics and/or directed readings courses cannot be used towards completion of this certificate.

Transfer credit

Up to 12 units assigned to specific courses may be transferred to the certificate, subject to University transfer credit regulations and the coordinator's approval. The upper division course must be completed at Simon Fraser University.

Appendix B – Budget

The program is interdisciplinary and draws from the existing teaching complement of the various departments identified. No additional courses, faculty positions, teaching responsibilities, space, equipment or library resources are required. The SA Undergraduate Curriculum Chair, will supervise the academic content of the certificate. The SA Academic and Administrative Manager and Academic Advisor, will provide administrative support including student advising. These responsibilities are consistent with their current mandate and no additional resources are required.

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

No other British Columbia university or college offers a comparable Certificate in Social Justice. Implementation of the University of Victoria's Minor and Diploma of Social Justice Studies is imminent.

Effective term and year: 2010 to 2011 Calendar (May 1, 2010)

Appendix D – Consultation Example

To: bogardus@sfu.ca
Cc: Christina Lai <chrislai@sfu.ca>, Mark Roseland <roseland@sfu.ca>
Date: Mon, 23 Jun 2008 12:13:56 -0700
Subject: Re: FW: Certificate of Social Justice

Dear John:

I'm following up on my phone message left this morning. Thank you for your email regarding the Certificate of Social Justice, forwarded to me by Mark Roseland. We think that this is a most welcome addition to the FASS program offerings. There are no concerns about course overlap, and we would be happy for you to indicate SCD 201 as an optional course in the proposed certificate. The course is currently offered in-class in the Fall semester (evenings, at Harbour Centre) and by distance in the Spring semester.

Please note the following:

- Appendix A: the current, recently updated, title of SCD 201 is "Introduction to Sustainable Community Development".
- Point 5.3: we don't offer a major in Sustainable Community Development; we offer a Certificate in SCD and a post-bac Diploma in SCD. The Certificate consists of 4 required courses (1 lower, 3 upper), and at least 1 elective.
- we do reserve spaces in SCD 201 for students registered in the Certificate in SCD; if access becomes a problem in future, we would be willing to consider increasing our enrollment levels.

Regards, Peter