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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION Senate
FROM Jon Driver, Vice-President, Academic and Provost, and Chair, SCUP
RE: Faculties of Environment and Arts and Social Sciences: Suspension of Admission and Dissolution of the Geography and Economics Environmental Specialty BA Joint Major Program (SCUP 12-03)

DATE May 1, 2012
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At its April 11, 2012 meeting SCUP reviewed and approved the proposal to suspend admission to the Geography and Economics Environmental Specialty BA Joint Major Program within the Faculties of Environment and Arts and Social Sciences, effective immediately and dissolve the program effective September 1, 2012.

Motion 1:

That Senate approve the suspension of admission to the Geography and Economics Environmental Specialty BA Joint Major Program within the Faculties of Environment and Arts and Social Sciences, effective immediately.

Motion 2:

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the dissolution of the Geography and Economics Environmental Specialty BA Joint Major Program within the Faculties of Environment and Arts and Social Sciences, effective ~~September 1, 2012~~ Spring 2013.

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c: D. Knowler
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ATTENTION	Senate Committee on University Priorities	DATE	March 2, 2012
FROM	Bill Krane, Chair	PAGES	1/1
RE:	Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies Faculty of Environment (SCUS 12-16b(i,ii))		

Action undertaken by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies at its meeting of March 1, 2012, gives rise to the following recommendations:

Motion¹:

That SCUP approve and recommend to Senate the suspension of admission to the Geography and Economics Environmental Specialty BA Joint Major Program within the Faculty of Environment.

Motion²:

That SCUP approve and recommend to Senate the termination of the Geography and Economics Environmental Specialty BA Joint Major Program within the Faculty of Environment.

The relevant documentation for review by SCUP is attached.



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ATTENTION	Bill Krane, Chair, SCUS
FROM	Duncan Knowler, Associate Dean, FENV
	Paul Budra, Associate Dean, FAS
RE	Faculty of Environment/Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences - Fast Tracking of Deletion of ECON-GEOG Environmental Specialty Joint Major
DATE	February 21, 2012

We would like to request that suspension of admissions and termination of the following program be fast tracked:

Geography and Economics Environmental Specialty BA Joint Major Program

due to a lack of student interest. We have confirmed with the Registrar's Office and SIMS that there are no current students enrolled in the program and no "intended" students planning to declare into the program. The proposal for fast tracking is attached.

The change was approved by the Faculty of Environment (FENV) Curriculum Committee at its meeting of February 9, 2012 after approval by GEOG at a departmental meeting on Oct 21, 2010. The proposed deletion was approved by the Department of Economics Undergraduate Curriculum Committee on May 18, 2011 [as per attached e-mails].

Would you please place fast tracking of the program on the agenda of the next meeting of SCUS.

Associate Dean, FENV

Associate Dean, FASS

Proposal to Suspend Admissions and Terminate the Geography and Economics Environmental Specialty BA Joint Major Program

1. The credential to be affected by terminating the program is the Geography and Economics Environmental Specialty BA Joint Major Program, which combines a BA Economics Major (plus the course ECON 260-3) with the BA Geography Environmental Specialty Major.
2. The program is located in the Departments of Geography (FENV) and Economics (FASS).
3. The program is offered by the Departments of Geography (FENV) and Economics (FASS).
4. We propose to combine suspension of admissions and termination of the program as soon as possible. There are no students currently in the program, nor are there any intended majors.
5. The reason for terminating the program is insufficient enrollments due to lack of student demand. According to SIMS, the recent history of graduations from the program is as follows (with thanks to the Registrar's Office for the data): 7 graduating students total since 2001 - 1 each in 2001, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2 in 2009, and 1 in 2011. This may include some double majors as well, so actual graduates from the joint major be even lower.
6. No special plan for termination of the program is needed as there are no students and no special courses unique to this program. Thus, there will be very little impact, if any, on existing courses and instructors. Evidence of departmental approval for the termination of the program is provided in the attached email correspondence between the respective Undergraduate Chairs (see attached).
7. We propose to insert the following wording or similar for an obligatory period to signal that the program is no longer available:

"Admission to this program has been suspended and the program has been terminated"

This will be followed by removal of the calendar entry from the calendar and any information from the departmental websites.

8. Further details concerning the program and its termination can be obtained from the respective academic deans:

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