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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION	Senate	DATE	January 15, 2013
FROM	Jon Driver, Vice-President, Academic and Provost, and Chair, SCUP	PAGES	1/1
RE:	Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences: Suspension of Admission to the Explorations in the Arts and Social Sciences Certificate Program, Explorations Program (SCUP 13-01)		

At its January 9, 2013 meeting SCUP reviewed and approved the proposal to suspend admission to the Explorations in the Arts and Social Sciences Certificate Program in the Explorations Program within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective Fall 2013.

Motion:

That Senate approve the suspension of admission to the Explorations in the Arts and Social Sciences Certificate Program in the Explorations Program within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective Fall 2013.

c: P. Budra

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ATTENTION	Senate Committee on University Priorities	DATE	December 7, 2012
FROM	Gordon Myers, Chair Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies	PAGES	1/1
RE:	Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (SCUS 12-52d)		

Action undertaken by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies at its meeting of December 6, 2012, gives rise to the following recommendation:

Motion 1:

That SCUP approve and recommend to Senate the suspension of admission to the Explorations Certificate in Explorations within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

The relevant documentation for review by SCUP is attached.



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ATTENTION	FASS Curriculum Committee	DATE	November 15, 2012
FROM	Alistair Lachlan	PAGES	1/1
RE:	Suspension of Admissions to the Explorations Certificate		

Proposal to suspend admissions:

1. The program to which admissions should be suspended is the Explorations in The Arts and Social Sciences Certificate Program
2. The program is part of the Explorations Program at SFU's Surrey campus.
3. The program is offered in FASS. It draws upon other schools and departments for "a minimum of six units which must be at the 200 division or higher, including three units in arts or humanities disciplines, and three units in social sciences."
4. Proposed date for suspension: September 2013
5. The reason for suspension of admission is lack of student interest. Of the approximately 800 students enrolled in Explorations to date 21 have completed the certificate and between 10 and 15 other students are active.
6. All past and present Explorations students have been emailed about the intention of the Steering Committee to discontinue the Certificate. There have been six replies in all, mainly from students still interested in completing the Certificate. None of the replies protested the Steering Committee's intention. There has been no attempt to contact other faculties and departments because the impact of the suspension will have negligible effect. There will be no adverse impacts on staff or faculty members. All faculty members who teach in Explorations have been consulted. Staff members attend the Steering Committee meetings as non-voting members. No voice has been raised against, or even questioning, the intention to discontinue the Certificate.
7. Draft Calendar entry detailing suspension of admissions to the program: "Admission to this certificate has been suspended."
8. For more information please contact Alistair Lachlan, Director Explorations program, T: 22057, alistair@sfu.ca.