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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION	Senate	DATE	March 6, 2015
FROM	Gordon Myers, Chair	PAGES	1/1
	Senate Committee on		
	Undergraduate Studies		
RE:	Faculty of Science (REVISED SCUS 15-04a)		

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gordon Myers", is written over the signature line of the memorandum.

For information:

Acting under delegated authority at its meeting of March 5, 2015 SCUS approved the following curriculum revision effective Fall 2015.

1. Department of Statistics

(i) Credit change to STAT 341, 342



COURSE SUBJECT NUMBER TITLE

INSTRUCTIONS (OVERALL):

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3. Indicate term = Fall, Spring, Summer

TYPE OF CHANGES RECOMMENDED

Please check appropriate revision(s):

☐ Course number ☒ Credit ☐ Title ☐ Description ☐ Prerequisite ☐ Deletion

WORDING/DESCRIPTION EDITS

4. Indicate deleted or changed text using strike through.
5. Indicate added or new text using underline.
6. Equivalent courses: preclusion statement should read:
 - a. Students with credit for x cannot take y for further credit.

SAMPLEPOL 223 ~~Canadian~~ American Political Economy (3)

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This course is identical to CNS-280 and students cannot take both courses for credit.

Students with credit for CNS 280 cannot take POL 223 for further credit.

~~Recommended~~ Pre-requisite: POL 100 or 101W.

Breadth – Social Sciences.

RATIONALE

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EFFECTIVE TERM AND YEAR, FOR CHANGES

Fall, Spring, Summer and year

Fall 2015

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We therefore propose to re-assign the units to the two half-courses as 2-units each, 341-2 and 342-2. We will then offer only these two courses and not offer 340-3 (or a revised 340-4). We will make the appropriate changes to our undergraduate program once the new course definitions are accepted.

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