

**UNIVERSITY COUNCIL
ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE
REQUEST FOR DECISION**

PRESENTED BY: Len Proctor, Chair, Academic Programs Committee of Council

DATE OF MEETING: December 16, 2010

SUBJECT: **College of Arts & Science: Termination of BA in Prairie Studies**

DECISION REQUESTED:
It is recommended:
That Council approve the termination of the Bachelor of Arts programs in Prairie Studies, effective immediately.

PURPOSE:
University Council approves terminations of academic programs.

SUMMARY:
The Academic Programs Committee discussed this proposed program termination with Vice-Dean Harley Dickinson. It was noted that the program had not been developed as the college intended.

At its November 27 meeting, the Committee agreed to recommend that Council approve this program termination.

ATTACHMENTS:
Report Form for Program Termination

Report Form for Program Termination University of Saskatchewan

Department: Division of Social Sciences
Program(s) to be deleted: Prairie Studies
Effective date of termination: May 2011

College: Arts & Science

1. List reasons for termination and describe the background leading to this decision.

Since its establishment in 2007 this program has not graduated any students. There are currently no students who have declared Prairie Studies as their major. Furthermore, the dedicated courses PRST 200.3 and 400.3 have not been developed. Consultation with the departments involved in the delivery of the program has indicated that there is no commitment or desire to continue offering this program.

2. Technical information.

2.1 Courses offered in the program and faculty resources required for these courses.

No courses are offered which are unique to this program. No faculty resources allocated.

2.2 Other resources (staff, technology, physical resources, etc) used for this program.

None.

2.3 Courses to be deleted, if any.

None. PRST 200 and 400 were never developed.

2.4 Number of students presently enrolled.

No students are enrolled in this program.

2.5 Number of students enrolled and graduated over the last five years.

No students have ever enrolled in or graduated from this program.

3. Impact of the termination.

Internal

3.1 What if any impact will this termination have on undergraduate and graduate students?
How will they be advised to complete their programs?

None. No students enrolled.

3.2 What impact will this termination have on faculty and teaching assignments?

None. No faculty resources allocated to this program.

3.3 Will this termination affect other programs, departments or colleges?

No.

3.4 If courses are also to be deleted, will these deletions affect any other programs?

N/A

3.5 Is it likely, or appropriate, that another department or college will develop a program to replace this one?

No.

3.6 Is it likely, or appropriate, that another department or college will develop courses to replace the ones deleted?

N/A

3.7 Describe any impact on research projects.

None.

3.8 Will this deletion affect resource areas such as library resources, physical facilities, and information technology?

No.

3.9 Describe the budgetary implications of this deletion.

None.

External

3.10 Describe any external impact (e.g. university reputation, accreditation, other institutions, high schools, community organizations, professional bodies).

None.

3.11 Is it likely or appropriate that another educational institution will offer this program if it is deleted at the University of Saskatchewan?

The University of Regina has developed a similar program which was a partner to the program at the University of Saskatchewan (students would have been able to choose courses at the University of Regina, University of Saskatchewan, or First Nations University). They have been consulted and advised as to our recommendation to delete this program at the U of S. They report experiencing similar problems with lack of interest and resources for this program, and are in the process of determining whether their program will continue.

Other

3.12 Are there any other relevant impacts or considerations?

No.

3.13 Please provide any statements or opinions received about this termination.

No statements received.



MEMORANDUM

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE

DIVISION OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

TO: Cathie Fornssler, Secretary, Academic Programs Committee

FROM: Harley Dickinson, Vice-Dean (Social Sciences)

DATE: November 8, 2010

RE: Deletion of the B.A. 4-year and Honours programs in Prairie Studies

This memo confirms that the College of Arts & Sciences supports the deletion of the B.A. program in Prairie Studies.

The proposal to terminate the program was submitted to the College Course Challenge in April 2010, and was approved by the Committee on Academic Programs and Standards for Humanities, Fine Arts and Social Sciences on May 7, 2010. The proposal was approved at the Division of Social Sciences meeting on September 24, 2010.

This program has never been fully developed, and therefore has not actually been available to students. No students have ever graduated from this program, nor are there any students who have declared this program as their major. It is necessary to delete it in order to remove it from the Calendar, where its listing is only misleading rather than hopeful that it will be completed and become the rich program which was envisioned.

Harley Dickinson