

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

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**PRESENTED BY:** Roy Dobson, Chair, Academic Programs Committee of Council

**DATE OF MEETING:** June 20, 2013

**SUBJECT:** College of Arts and Science - Termination of the BA Four-year and Honours in Community Planning and Native Studies

**DECISION REQUESTED:**

*It is recommended:*

That Council approve the termination of the BA Four-year and Honours in Community Planning and Native Studies.

**PURPOSE:**

University Council approves terminations of academic programs.

**SUMMARY:**

This degree program was approved three years ago but students have not enrolled in it because it does not meet certification requirements for community planners. The college is developing a certificate program as a replacement.

**REVIEW:**

The Academic Programs Committee discussed this termination at its June 10, 2013 meeting with program director Alexis Dahl and agreed to recommend approval.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Memo and Report Form for Program Termination



**MEMORANDUM**

**COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE**

**DIVISION OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**

TO: Cathie Fornssler, Secretary, Academic Programs Committee

FROM: Linda McMullen, Acting Vice-Dean (Social Sciences)

DATE: May 21, 2013

RE: Deletion of the B.A. 4-year and Honours programs in Community Planning & Native Studies

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

The proposal to terminate the program was submitted to the College Course Challenge in March 2013, and was approved by the Academic Programs Committee (Social Sciences) on March 18, 2013. The proposal was approved by the Divisional Faculty Council (Social Sciences) on May 8, 2013.

No students have ever graduated from this program, nor are there any students who have declared this program as their major. Students interested in this area of study, without exception, have chosen the Regional & Urban Planning program, which is accredited by the Canadian Institute of Planners and the Association of Professional Community Planners of Saskatchewan and allows students to earn full membership in the Canadian Institute of Planners (MCIP) in significantly less time than students graduating from a program which is not accredited. The Division will look carefully at opportunities to develop a Certificate of Proficiency in Indigenous Community Planning, which would offer added value for students in a number of areas, but especially Native Studies and Regional & Urban Planning.

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Linda McMullen



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## Report Form for Program Termination

**Program(s) to be deleted:**

**Bachelor of Arts Four-year and Honours in Community Planning & Native Studies**

**Effective date of termination: September 2013**

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

The program to be deleted is the Bachelor of Arts in Community Planning and Native Studies. This was a program developed collaboratively by the departments of Geography & Planning and Native Studies. It has been in existence for about 3 years but has not had any students. There have been a number of students, mainly in Regional & Urban Planning, who had expressed interest in the program, but since this major does not fulfill the requirements to obtain certification as planners, students did not elect to choose this option. (Many planning students do take Native Studies courses.) In response, both departments feel that replacing this major with a Certificate in Indigenous Community Planning, offered jointly by both departments, will have a much greater success in making this information available to students in a format that is useful in the context of certification and eligibility for job opportunities.

**2. Technical information.**

2.1 Courses offered in the program and faculty resources required for these courses.  
No courses are unique to this program.

2.2 Other resources (staff, technology, physical resources, etc) used for this program.  
Faculty in the Departments of Geography & Planning and Native Studies offer the core courses for this program.

2.3 Courses to be deleted, if any.  
None.

2.4 Number of students presently enrolled.  
None.

2.5 Number of students enrolled and graduated over the last five years.  
None.

**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?  
No student has ever opted to take this program.

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

None.

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

None.

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?

The Departments of Geography & Planning and Native Studies intend to develop a certificate in Indigenous Community Planning. No degree program is anticipated.

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?

No.

### Other

3.12 Are there any other relevant impacts or considerations?

No.

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

See College Memo.