

Motion for Senate
November 22, 2011
Deferred to January 24, 2012 Senate meeting

On Wednesday November 9, The Faculty of Arts and Science sent out an email to all Bachelor of Fine Arts Students informing them that admissions to the program for the 2012-2013 Academic Year will be suspended.

This decision was made with no previous consultation with either Bachelor of Fine Arts students or student government representatives.

There has emerged genuine concern about setting a precedent where formal consultation is circumvented, thereby precluding the inclusion of additional relevant perspectives and a careful consideration of the short and long term impact of program suspension cancellation. In this context, and in recognition that decisions of approval and cancellation of programs necessarily must be reviewed by Senate, and finally, that there is no clear policy in place for how to go about suspending programs and/or suspending admission to programs,

I therefore move:

That Senate task the Senate Committee on Academic Development (SCAD) to create a policy document which outlines a formal procedure for the suspension of academic programs and/or suspension of admissions to academic programs. This policy shall incorporate consultation with those faculty members and students in the program being considered and come before the appropriate governance bodies.

That SCAD then propose such policy to be approved by Senate at the February meeting.

Respectfully submitted,