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**To:** Senate  
**From:** Dr. Herman van den Berg, Dean of Orillia Campus  
**Re:** Recommendations from the Provost's Task Force on Orillia Campus  
**Date:** November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013

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At its meeting held on October 16th, the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies affirmed its support for the following resolutions:

Resolved: The Department of Interdisciplinary Studies concurs with the recommendation of the Provost's Task Force that two new departments be created out of the current Department of Interdisciplinary Studies. One of these departments will retain the name of Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, will have responsibility for the HBASc majors in Interdisciplinary Studies, Media Studies, and Criminology, and will report to the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities. The other department will be named the Department of Environmental Sustainability [or some other name to be chosen by members of this department], will have responsibility for the HBASc major in Environmental Sustainability, and will report to the Dean of the Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies.

Resolved: The Department of Interdisciplinary Studies concurs with the recommendation of the Provost's Task Force that the HBASc majors in Anthropology, English, and Geography, currently the responsibility of the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, will become the responsibility of the Departments of Anthropology, English, and Geography, respectively.

Resolved: The Department of Interdisciplinary Studies concurs with the recommendation of the Provost's Task Force that faculty appointed to the current Department of Interdisciplinary Studies be given a choice of appointment in either the new Department of Environmental Sustainability [or some other name to be chosen by members of this department] or in the new Department of Interdisciplinary Studies.

Resolved: The Department of Interdisciplinary Studies concurs with the recommendation of the Provost's Task Force that faculty members in the current Department of Interdisciplinary Studies who are cross-appointed to another department be given the option to retain that cross-appointment, or to drop it. Faculty requesting sole appointment to a disciplinary department should contact their Dean and follow established procedures.'

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**To:** Senate  
**From:** Dr. Andrew. P. Dean, Dean of Science and Environmental Studies  
**Re:** Proposal for a New Department of in the Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies  
**Date:** November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013

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*Resolved:* **The Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies** concurs with the recommendation of the Provost's Task Force that two new departments be created out of the current Department of Interdisciplinary Studies. One of these departments will retain the name of Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, will have responsibility for the HBASc majors in Interdisciplinary Studies, Media Studies, and Criminology, and will report to the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities. The other department will be named the Department of Environmental Sustainability [or some other name to be chosen by members of this department, approved by Faculty Council of SES and Senate], will have responsibility for the HBASc major in Environmental Sustainability, and will report to the Dean of the Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies.

*Resolved:* **The Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies** concurs with the recommendation of the Provost's Task Force that the HBASc majors in Anthropology, English, and Geography, currently the responsibility of the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, will become the responsibility of the Departments of Anthropology, English, and Geography, respectively.

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*Resolved:* **The Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies** concurs with the recommendation of the Provost's Task Force that faculty members in the current Department of Interdisciplinary Studies who are cross-appointed to another department be given the option to retain that cross-appointment, or to drop it. Faculty requesting sole appointment to a disciplinary department should contact the respective dean of the Faculty of SSH or SES and follow established procedures.

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**To:** Senate  
**From:** Dr. Gillian Siddall, Dean of Social Sciences and Humanities  
**Re:** Proposal for a New Department of in the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities  
**Date:** November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013

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The Provost's Task Force report, submitted this September, makes a number of recommendations regarding academic structure and governance between the Orillia and Thunder Bay campuses. One of these recommendations is the establishment of two departments in Orillia that would replace the current Department of Interdisciplinary Studies. The recommendation is that one of the two departments would be called the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies and would include responsibility for the IS Major, Media Studies and Criminology, and that it would become part of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities. The Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities supports this recommendation. The Department of Interdisciplinary Studies and the Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies are also bringing forward motions in support of the Task Force's recommendations.

**Motions:**

Moved that a new Department of Interdisciplinary Studies be created at the Orillia campus that would include responsibility for the IS Major, Media Studies, and Criminology. This new department would become part of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities and would report to the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities. Faculty members currently appointed to the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies would choose whether to be appointed to the new Department of Interdisciplinary Studies or to the new Department of Environmental Sustainability (IS and the Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies are both bringing forward a proposal to create a new department of Environmental Sustainability that would be part of the Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies).

Moved that the HBASc major in English, currently the responsibility of the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, will become the responsibility of the Department of English, and that any new disciplinary majors offered at the Orillia campus will be the responsibility of the respective disciplinary department.

Moved that the content of the disciplinary specializations for the HBASc Interdisciplinary Studies major, currently the responsibility of Interdisciplinary Studies, will become the responsibility of the respective disciplinary departments in the context of the proposed Program Coordinating Committee.