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From: Academic Policy Committee

To: Vancouver Senate

Re: Transfer of the Master of Business Administration and Master of Management programs to the Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration (Sauder School of Business)

In the academic year of 2002/2003, the administrative responsibility for the MBA program was transferred from the Faculty of Graduate Studies (FoGS) to the Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration (hereinafter "the Sauder School") on a pilot basis, for what was to be a period of three years. As the transfer was made on an informal pilot basis between the Faculties, it was not forwarded to Senate for approval.

In March 2003, the Master of Management (MM) program was approved, and discussion took place at Senate as to whether this program should also be administered by the Sauder School, as was the MBA, under the pilot. However, no formal action was taken in this regard.

The success of the pilot prompted discussion at the Senate meetings of May 2004, that two additional professional programs (M. Eng. and PharmD) be transferred to their respective disciplinary faculties for administration. At that point, the Senate minutes reflect an understanding that both the MBA and MM had been transferred to the Sauder School. The discussion of the transfer of the M. Eng. and PharmD carried into the September 2004 meeting, where the Senate approved transfer of these programs.

In January 2005, a formal policy for the *Optional Transfer of Professional Graduate Programs from the Faculty of Graduate Studies to the Disciplinary Faculties* was approved by Senate (see: http://senate.ubc.ca/vancouver/policies/transfer-graduate-programs), noting that the MBA, MM, M. Eng. and PharmD had already been transferred in this manner.

At the Senate meeting of May 2005, an *ad hoc* Committee appointed to review Senate noted concern that in some instances, there was no follow-up to Senate business and reports were not made back to Senate at designated times. The report noted that: "A recent illustration of this was the MBA program being transferred from the Faculty of Graduate Studies as a pilot project only; however, no report was brought back to Senate before the change became permanent. "

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In May 2005, the parchment received by MBA and MM graduates began to be signed by the Dean of the Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration, and list that Faculty as the awarding Faculty for the degree.

Under the 2005 Policy, the Academic Policy Committee is tasked with the review of these matters, which are recommended to the Senate by the Provost. After reviewing the history outlined above, we believe it necessary that Senate ratify the transfer of the MBA and MM programs to the Sauder School for their administration.

Motion: "*That Senate approve the transfer of responsibility for the Master of Business Administration and the Master of Management programs from the Faculty of Graduate Studies to the Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration (also known as the Sauder School of Business) effective May 2005.*"

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Harrison, Chair
Academic Policy Committee