Appendix 2

To the Chair and Vice Chair of UPC,

I am writing as UPC coordinator for the Department of Sociology. I am contacting you in attempt to rectify an error in our UPC submission of last year that will have negative consequence for student registration this year.

Background:
As part of our UPC deliberations, our Department passed a motion last September 11/2011. This motion read: Moved that 2F60 be offered as a context credit for Social Science. Rationale: More second year context credits are needed to add flexibility to students degrees and allow them to more easily fulfill their first year program requirements.

The motion was passed unanimously. SOCI 2F60 is listed in the new calendar as follows:
SOCI 2F60 Foundations for Community Engagement
Interdisciplinary examination of philosophies, social histories and politics of community service, combined with experiential learning and field trips in community settings, and practices of self reflection on community engagement.
Lectures, seminar experiential learning activities, 3 hours per week
NOTE: major credit will not be granted to Sociology majors. Transportation and additional cost is the student's responsibility. Completion of this course will replace previous assigned grade and credit obtained in SOCI 1F99.

Error and Extenuating Circumstances:

Unfortunately in the on-line UPC submission, the request for this new course to be added to the calendar did NOT include the additional request that this be accepted as a Social Context credit. As a result, this request did not go through UPC last year. This oversight has significant implications for upcoming student registration.

Given this situation, on behalf of the Department, I would like to ask the UPC committee to conduct an electronic vote on our request to have this course listed as a context credit for Social Science as soon as possible. If this can be held and is successful, I would then ask that the vote be forwarded to the Chair and Vice Chair of the Governance Committee of Senate for their approval. I very much appreciate you considering this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require additional information/documentation.

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e-mail sent June 15, 2012
Hi Caroline,
I support listing Sociology 2F60 as a social sciences context credit course.
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