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# **SIAS, University of Regina expand business transfer credit options**

*Agreement increases options for students*

**October 14, 2009** – The Paul J. Hill School of Business, Faculty of Business Administration, University of Regina and SIAS recently reached a new agreement that lets graduates from SIAS’s two-year Business diploma programs obtain the four-year Bachelor of Business Administration degree in just two years, while graduates from the SIAS one-year Business Certificate program can obtain the Bachelor of Business Administration degree in just three years.

The transfer credit agreement provides full recognition of the SIAS Business Certificate program as well as the SIAS Business Accountancy, Administration, Financial Services, Human Resources, Information Systems and Marketing diploma programs at Palliser Campus.

“This new agreement enables students to benefit from the strengths of multiple institutions while furthering their credentials,” says Dan MacKay, dean of SIAS Business and Entrepreneurial Studies. “Students are able to take advantage of SIAS’s small class sizes and affordable tuition for their first two years of studies. Upon completion of either the certificate or diploma they will have both marketable skills and the option to continue their business education. Plus they gain a greater choice in deciding where to access their first two years of programming. That’s a huge advantage.”

Dr. Anne Lavack, dean of the Paul J. Hill School of Business at the University of Regina says, “We are very pleased to welcome SIAS business graduates to the Bachelor of Business Administration program. This transfer credit agreement will

ease the transition to university for SIAST graduates, enabling them to pursue an advanced education that will provide long-term career benefits.”

SIAST is Saskatchewan’s primary public institution for post-secondary technical education and skills training, recognized nationally and internationally for its expertise and innovation. More than 13,000 students are registered in SIAST programs, which touch every sector of the economy; additionally, the organization draws almost 32,000 individual course registrations. It operates campuses in Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, Regina and Saskatoon, and provides a number of courses and programs through distance education.

The Paul J. Hill School of Business has an enrolment of 1,500 undergraduate students, with majors in accounting, finance, marketing, human resource management, international business, and general management. The school is well known for its co-operative education program and its close ties to the Saskatchewan business community.

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