



PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
E-Vote Results

Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 – Tuesday, February 20, 2018

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Item for Approval

1.0 Political Science – New Course Proposal (PDC Form D)

(See document PDC180212-5.9 for more details.)

MOTION: That the following course addition be made:*

45-441. The New Scramble for African Resources

Dr. E. Kustra/Dr. D. Kneale

CARRIED

Background Information:

- At the meeting on February 12, 2018 PDC made changes to the course description for “The New Scramble for African Resources”.
- The wording was as follows: “This course examines the evolving political and economic relationships between countries in Sub-Saharan Africa and the rest of the world. As Africa **emerges from a rising continent** ~~moves from a forgotten continent~~ in the eyes of foreign policy analysts and the global business community, this course re-examines Africa's role in international relations and international security. Through the lens of the “new scramble for Africa”, the course will examine contemporary issues such as land, oil and minerals before focusing specifically on case studies of Africa's changing relations with the world [...]”
- The change was not acceptable to Political Science for the following reasons: *“This course is about changing discourses on Africa and African resources and their impact on political economy. In the 80s, 90s and early 2000s, Africa as a ‘hopeless’ or ‘forgotten’ continent was a common discourse. It was replaced in the wake of the commodity boom of the 2000s with new discourses of a ‘hopeful’ continent or ‘Africa rising’. There are countless examples of popular and scholarly analysis using the term ‘forgotten continent’.*
- Based on Political Science’s response, it was then suggested that quotations be placed around the words ‘forgotten’ and ‘rising’ to address PDC’s concerns with the original wording and Political Science’s concern that these words should be retained. Political Science agreed to this.
- The final revisions were sent to PDC for an E-Vote.