## MINUTES OF SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PRIORITIES

Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 2:00 PM 3:00 PM via Zoom Video Conferencing

Attendees: G. Bird, T. Brennand, G. Chapman, C. Dauvergne (Chair), G. Agnes (on behalf of J.

Derksen), E. Fiume, D. Laitsch, C. Liu, G. Myers, T. Nault, H. Pahou, W.

Parkhouse, A. Parmar, J. Pulkingham, S. Spector, C. Walsby, J. Sutherland, M. Grahame

Regrets: D. Murphy

Absent: K. Fong, B. Malott, Z. Naqvi

Prior to beginning the meeting, the Chair thanked outgoing members K. Verkerk and M. Roman. It was noted that K. Fong would be joining SOUP as the Chief Information Officer pro tem.

The Chair welcomed back re-elected Faculty Senators: D. Laitsch and C. Walsby; and Student Senator: A. Parmar.

The Chair also welcomed the new Registrar, T. Nault; new Faculty Senators: C. Liu and D. Murphy; and Student Senators: B. Malott and H. Pahou.

The committee was reminded the next SOUP meeting is scheduled for September and the first meeting of each month is planned to be held in person, subject to change based on public health requirements.

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted.

2. Approval of the Minutes from June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 meeting

The minutes were approved as submitted.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes of June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 (for July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Senate Meeting)

Termination of the Multimedia Computing Specialist Major SCUP 21-20
Full Program Proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Business Analytics SCUP 21-21
Full Program Proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Digital Innovation SCUP 21-22

4. Business Arising from October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Withdrawal of the Full Program Proposal for a MA in Terrorism, Risk and Security Studies from the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training.

SCUP 19-34

A committee member asked whether this information had been communicated to Senate. A memo will be sent to Senate for information to ensure accurate records.

Open Session

5. Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology: Dissolution of the Centre for Policy Research on Science and Technology (CPROST)

Guest: Adam Holbrook, CPROST Associate Director SOUP 21-23

The Chair asked

A committee member asked about student demand for the program. M. Ortabasi explained there is already some overlap between French and World Literature majors with up to 20% of World Literature majors or minors completing French courses. It is expected a joint major may encourage students to pursue both disciplines and estimate 10-12 students per year to enroll in the joint major.

A committee member asked if the 2.00 minimum grade point average was too minimalistic. It was noted 2.00 is the standard within FASS and that they do not anticipate students choosing a joint major to have any issues. However, it will be taken into consideration while developing the full program proposal.

The Chair called for further comments and questions. Hearing none the motion was called.

Motion: Carried, with A. Parmar abstaining

7. Faculty of Applied Sciences: Full Program Proposal for an Honours Program in Sustainable Energy Engineering

Guest: Mehran Ahmadi SCUP 21-25

The Chair welcomed M. Ahmadi and asked he introduce the item.

M. Ahmadi explained the proposal for an honours program was initiated after the student advising unit

indicated having the option for students to do an honours or thesis work at the undergraduate level is common practice in Engineering Science programs and an important offering to have.

The motion was read:

Motion: That SCUP approve and recommend to Senate the full program proposal for the Bachelor of Applied Science in Sustainable Energy Engineering (Honours) in the School of Sustainable Energy Engineering within the Faculty of Applied Sciences.

Moved: S. Spector Seconded: G. Chapman

The Chair opened the floor to comments and questions.

The committee discussed documentation and appendices submitted and what needs to be included.

T. Nault asked whether the units for the Thesis proposal course should be one or three units. M. Ahmadi confirmed it should be three units for the proposal and nine units for the thesis for a total of 12 units.

G. Chapman asked whether the honours program would increase degree completion time. M. Ahmadi explained the intention is the proposal would take one term and the thesis one term for a total of two additional terms. It was noted this may be optimistic, and G. Chapman asked if they had considered putting in a research co-op or NSERC.

A committee member noted that honours programs are no longer required to be above 120 units and asked whether the program needs to be 132 units. It was darified that because of engineering accreditation the honours program must be a minimum of 132 and cannot be contained within the first 120 units.

The Chair called for further comments and questions. Hearing none the motion was called.

Motion: Carried

Meeting adjourned at 3:20pm.