

## MINUTES for the SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PRIORITIES

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

STRAND HALL 3101

Attendance: Gwen Bird, Tracy Brennand, Glenn Chapman, Jeff Derksen, Naomi Krogman, Daniel

Lynn Masri,

Absent:

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### 3. Business Arising from the Minutes of March 8, 2023 (items were sent to the April 3, 2023 Senate Meeting)

- Program Name Change for Theatre (Performance Stream), Major and Honours SCUP 23-07
- Program Name Change for the Certificate in Creative Technologies in Digital Journalism SCUP 23-08
- Renewal Extension for the Institute for Black and African Diaspora Research and Engagement SCUP 23-09
- General Education CurriculumneeeeeewSCUP 23

The Chair noted that this item was mistakenly sent to Senate without SCUP approval. The item has now been submitted to SCUP in order to correct this oversight.

The Chair read the motion and asked for it to be moved.

**Motion:** That SCUP approve and recommend to Senate the program name change from the Master of Science in Professional Computer Science to the Master of Science in Big Data in the Faculty of Applied Science, effective Fall 2023.

Moved: J. Derksen  
Seconded: S. Spector

The Chair opened the floor for questions.

A committee member noted that a number of courses have been removed from the program and asked about the reason for this change. J. Derksen, Dean of Graduate Studies, commented that the previous iteration of this program was highly directive for students and that these changes, along with the name change, are intended to bring more flexibility for students.

A committee member asked if there are options for students who do not want to study big data. J. Derksen noted that these changes have been highly requested by students and the Ministry. There are other programs available at SFU for those students wanting to study a different subject area.

A committee member noted that pages 3-6 of the document should be removed from what is submitted to Senate since SCUP is only approving the name change. The Chair affirmed this change.

Hearing no further questions, the Chair asked for the motion to be called.

**Motion: Carried**

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.