

MEETING MINUTES of the SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITIES

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

2:00 pm. –4:00 p.m.

STRAND ALL 301

Attendance: Donovan Arseneault, Tracy Brennand, Glenn Chapman, Jeff Derksen, Naomi Krogman,  
Connie Liu, David Murphy, Gord Myers,

jointly between SFU and BCIT. While the joint program was recently suspended, there is still a need for training in this area. Offered as a research-based degree, the Master of Science in Environmental Science will address key environmental issues and train students to be leaders in this field. The program will be interdisciplinary with faculty expertise in ecological restoration, habitat conservation, soil science, geomorphology, climate science, and many others. The goal of the program is to improve education in this field and in British Columbia in order to increase access to this training province-wide and to create well-qualified employees in this field.

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

Motion: That SCUP approve the notice of intent for Master of Science in Environmental Science effective Fall 2024.

Moved: V. Williams  
Seconded: S. Spector

A committee member noted that the document references alignment with the previous Strategic Research Plan and the 2020 Budget and recommended that this be updated to include the current Strategic Research Plan and current Budget.

Further, the member recommended that the program consider working with the Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) to explore opportunities to include environmental health in the full program proposal. K. Kohfeld thanked the committee member for this suggestion and noted that they will connect with the FHS as they move forward.

A committee member asked for clarity regarding the number of faculty members with the program and whether or not the program would be sufficiently resourced. The Chair encouraged the program to further develop the interdisciplinary nature of the program, acknowledging the other departments at SFU that are also working in this and similar areas. K. Kohfeld responded that there

are 45 tenure-track faculty members and several cross-appointed in 6 (u)-(o)-6.6 3 (6 (u)-(.004 Tc ar)-2.8 3 (w)-3.00 y



6. Program Name Change for Theatre (Performance Stream), Major and Honours  
Presenters Arne Eigenfeldt, Ryan Taaat

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The Chair asked for objections to this amendment and, seeing none, approved the amendment by general consent.

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

Motion: That SCUP approve and recommend to Senate the program name change from Certificate in Creative Technologies in Digital Journalism to Certificate in Digitalism within the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology, effective Fall 2023.

Moved: S. Spector

Seconded: R. Pantophlet

