

MINUTES of SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PRIORITIES

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

2:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m.

STRAND HALL 3101

Attendance: Kevin Oldknow(Chair) Jeff Derkse(CChair) Naomi Krogman, Carman Neustaedter, Glenn Chapman, Gordon Myers, Connie Liu, Daniel Laitsch, Tracy Brennand, Vance Williams, Lynn Masri, Stephen Spector, Eric Leung (on behalf of Brian Stewart), Zareen Naqvi, Jill Sutherland, Jocelyn Chapman

Regrets: Wade Parkhouse, David Murphy, Brian Stewart, Ralph Pantalone, John Nault

Absent: Gwen Bird, Dugan O'Neil, Abhishek Parmar, Donovan Arseneault, Samiya Rashmi

Prior to beginning the meeting, the Chair acknowledged Z'Éjinnim (Musqueam), Sw'Ál7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), s'Áa k TsleilWaututh), 'ÁA < š | j • U" Á N | I N

Seconded G. Myers

The floor was opened to questions from the committee.

A committee member noted that the Institute has been awarded a \$15M grant from the B.C. government. The committee member asked if there are concerns for the financial sustainability of the Institute beyond the life of this grant. They also asked if a budget was included in the proposal. V. Farrally commented that the Institute has already attracted a number of grants besides the funding from the province. They feel confident that they will continue to bring in future grants. V. Farrally also noted that the operating costs for the Institute are far less than the current grant funding.

Motion: Carried

5. FASS: Full Program Proposal Japanese Studies Certificate

3:20 p.m. Azadeh Yamini Hamedani, Jia Fei, Naoko Takahashi, and Kenji Furukawa SCUP 224

Motion: That SCUP approve and recommend to Senate the Full Program Proposal for the Certificate in Japanese Studies in the Department of World Languages and Literature within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences effective fall 2023.

Moved: G. Myers
Seconded: D. Laitsch

The Chair welcomed guests and invited A. Yamini Hamedani to say a few words about the certificate. A. Yamini Hamedani noted that the Department of World Languages and Literature was created in 2020 and that they are working on further developing the department now that students have returned to campus after COVID-19. Japanese is the most popular language within the department. Students have shown significant interest in the Japanese Studies Certificate with many already committing to take Japanese courses in anticipation of the Certificate being approved.

The chair acknowledged the great contribution of Japanese students to SFU and to Canada and then opened the floor to questions.

A committee member noted the need to clarify the language outlining required courses with the certificate. The University Curriculum and Institutional Liaison (UCIL) Office will provide standard language recommendations before forwarding the full program proposal to Senate.

A committee member commented that it is unusual to see grading scales included in course descriptions. The UCIL Office will provide standard guidelines for course descriptions. Another committee member asked if all required courses are offered regularly. A. Yamini Hamedani confirmed that they are.

A committee member commented that several of the engineering programs have connections with Japan and encouraged the Department of World Languages and Literature to consider connecting their students with these programs. A. Yamini Hamedani thanked the committee member for this suggestion and confirmed that they are pursuing connections across the university.

Motion: Carried

6. Centres and Institutes Annual Report (for information)

3:30 p.m. Michael Richards

SCUP 225

The Chair invited M. Richards to introduce the item. M. Richards explained that centres are approved by their respective Dean and institutes are approved through the President, Research and International. He also noted that most centres and institutes at SFU are very successful.

The Chair opened the floor for questions and comments.

A committee member noted the inconsistent use of end dates for directors and asked if there are guidelines for the use of this term. Another committee member requested that clarity be added around the Director's renewal dates and the centre/institute renewal date which do not always line up. M. Richards said that he will clarify the procedures around these areas. It was also noted that this item is usually presented to SCUP earlier in the semester and this delay may have affected some of these dates

7. Centres and Institutes Renewal Applications 2022

3:45 p.m. Michael Richards

SCUP 226

Motion 1: That SCUP approve the renewal of the seven Centres numbered 5, 7, 8 above, and the three Institutes numbered 3 above, each for a five-year term.

Moved: V. Williams

Seconded: C. Liu

A committee member asked why some of the centres have different renewal term lengths (e.g., five-year, three-year, two-year). M. Richards commented that this is what each centre has requested this year. Another committee member noted that a shorter renewal term may be recommended for centres or institutes that are experiencing issues. M. Richards confirmed that there are no centres or institutes with significant issues this year.

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Motion: Carried

Motion 4: That SCUP approve the renewal of

Moved:T. Brennanad
SecondedD. Laitsch

It was noted that this Institute was formerly known as the Institute for Diaspora Research and Engagement. This name change has been previously approved by SCUP and by President Johnson. The Terms of Reference for this Institute are currently being revised with this extension allowing them to complete this work. A committee member noted that the name change has not yet been forwarded to Senate but will be submitted alongside the Terms of Reference once the later have been approved by SCUP.

A committee member asked that the extension and date in the motion be clarified. The committee agreed to edit the motion as follows:

That SCUP approve the extension of the renewal date for the Black and African Diaspora Research and Engagement until February 28, 2023.

Motion: Carried

Meeting adjourned at 3:57p.m.