

SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PRIORITIES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
STRAND HALL 3101

Attendance: Dilson Rassier (Chair), Mishael Abu Samhan, Tracy Brennand, Angela Brooks

Regrets: Céile Bullock

Absent: Aaron Fung, Harkirat Singh

MINUTES

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes from the April 10, 2024 Meeting (MIT41r4 3.2 TJ 0 Tc 0 Tw 35.565 0 Td ()Tj EMC

5. Full Program Proposal for Master of Science in Environmental Science
Guest: Christina Giovas, Rebecca Ho

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The Chair asked C. Giovas to say a few words. C. Giovas noted the work that had gone into the proposal.

A committee member noted the work that Environmental Science had put in to attempting to make the program appear different than the Physical Geography program. It is challenging to differentiate these programs as they are very complementary and similar.

A committee member questioned the workload implications considering that faculty members are crossappointed and will run the undergraduate program as well as supervise 2 Masters students per year plus PhD students. C. Giovas responded that all faculty are currently supervising and teaching, this program would begin as their current complement matriculates.

A committee member asked if the supervision will be missed in other programs. R. Ho responded that there had been no concern noted. N. Krogman added that in some cases these professors are supervising students outside of SFU, so it would actually help SFU to have these professors supervise students inside their own program. Environmental Science will also be applying for a faculty lecturer position to increase capacity.

The Chair asked for th

G. Nicholls added that the team has met with the Deans both at the Council and individually to discuss where they stand with their own plans. More than half have current plans or have started to plan. There is some planning fatigue from budget constraints and faculty renewal. The first step for all is to complete the m