

SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PRIORITIES

Wednesday,            1 , 2024  
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
STRAND HALL 3101

Attendance:    Dilson Rassier (Chair),

The Chair asked for the motion to be moved.

**Motion:** That SCUP approve and recommend to Senate the Certificate in Data Science in Physics (D)-5.

**Motion:** That SCUP approve and recommend to Senate the establishment of the Global Institute for Agritech for a 5-year term.

Moved: A. Kessler  
Seconded: V. Williams

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

**Motion: Carried**

**6. Establishment of the Centre for Research and Practice in Teacher Education**

Guest: Steve Marshall

SCUP 24-37

The Chair asked S. Marshall to say a few words. S. Marshall noted that the focus of this institute is on research into K-12 teacher education, both pre-service and in-service. There is a strong focus on community engagement on multiple levels including

The Chair asked D. O'Neil to say a few words. D. O'Neil noted that many previous members have resigned from the Centre and now only 1 faculty member remains. The Dean has discussed with the Director and indicated they should not be renewed.

A committee member expressed concern that the package may contain sensitive information. D. O'Neil agreed, and suggested the item be deferred to a future meeting.

The Chair noted that the item will be deferred to a future meeting.

## 8. Suspension of Admission to the Philosophy Double Minor

SCUP 24-39

The Chair asked for the motions to be moved.

**Motion 1:** That SCUP approve and recommend to Senate the addition of the term concentration to undergraduate credential definitions in the Academic Calendar effective Fall 2025.

**Motion 2:** That SCUP approve and recommend to Senate the addition of the term stream to undergraduate credential definitions in the Academic Calendar effective Fall 2025.

Moved: P. Hall

Seconded: A. Kessler

A committee member asked if a program has 3 streams but no general stream, would they need to create a general stream. P. Hall indicated that they would not. J. Sutherland added the language is intended to clarify whether the additional curriculum programs are bundling are called concentrations or streams.

A committee member expressed confusion with the stream definition. P. Hall noted that the language could be confusing, and suggested changing the definition to read "a stream is a program requirement where students select a stream."

A committee member asked if programs with streams could be asked to create a general stream. P. Hall indicated that the purpose of the definition is for program changes moving forward. J. Sutherland added that the definitions were developed by 5 associate deans, and did not want to make major changes where faculties are required to change their curriculum.

A committee member noted that the process for developing concentrations is not clear. Some concentrations are developed and approved without alignment with the faculty and university strategic plans, and so may be evanescent.

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The Chair asked for the motion to be moved.

**Motion:** That SCUP approve and recommend to Senate the Action Plan for the School for International Studies that resulted from its external review

Moved: V. Williams

Seconded: M. OBrien

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