



SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

MINUTES

April 4, 2024 ~ 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Strand Hall Room 3101

Attendees: P. Hall (Chair), K. Magnusson (acting Vice-Chair), K. Nordgren (Secretary), M. Abu-Samhan, M. Crouch, A. Eigenfeldt, N. Hawkins, K. Masri, L. Masri, T. Nault, M. Ortabasi, A. Parmar, A. Salomon (P. Kingsbury), M. Sjoerdsma (E. Park), J. Sutherland, N. van Houten, R. Williamson

Guests: Dr. Maria Hubinette, Acting Associate Dean, Academic and Faculty Development, and Special Advisor to the Provost
S. Birnie, Director of Strategic Projects and Analysis

The Chair welcomed everyone and provided an overview of the SCUS Agenda.

A question was asked if a vote in absentia would be accepted for the Full Program Proposal for the Medical Doctor (MD) Program. The Chair responded that depending on discussions, arrangements can be made to accommodate those committee members that may be absent from the special SCUS meeting on April 18, 2024.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of March 7, 2024

The minutes were approved as presented.

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

a. SFU Medical School Initiative (SFUMS (SCUS 24-45))

(i) Full Program Proposal: Medical Doctor (MD) Program (SCUP) (*Summer 2026*)

Dr. Hubinette provided an overview of the Medical Doctor Program with focus on Curriculum/Program Content and Admissions, and answered questions from the committee members.

K. Magnusson and S. Birnie were in attendance as resource persons.

There was much discussion.

QUESTIONS/FEEDBACK:

Please explain the term “Indigenous Views or Teaching”.

- Embedded in the content are Indigenous teachings, values, ways of caring for patients and family members – not about Indigenous medicine, but embracing Indigenous perspectives within the program.

It would be helpful to have a glossary in the documents clarifying what it means by “Indigenous Views and Teaching”.

Impressed with the vision to be inclusive with Indigenous ways of understanding health.

At what degree are Indigenous advisors involved in the curriculum development?

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4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Faculty of Applied Sciences

1. School of Engineering Science

Motion 1

It was moved by M. Sjoerdsma and seconded by J. Sutherland

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the units and description change for ENSC 204, effective Fall 2024.”

CARRIED

M. Sjoerdsma provided a brief overview of the changes to ENSC 204.

5. OLD BUSINESS

COURSE CHANGES

a. Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

1. Department of Psychology (SCUS 24-29b)

Motion 2

It was moved by M. Ortabasi and seconded by N. van Houten

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the title and description change for PSYC 386, effective Fall 2024.”

CARRIED

PROGRAM CHANGES

a. Faculty of Environment (SCUS 24-39)

1. School of Resource and Environmental Management

Motion 3

It was moved A. Salomon and seconded by N. Hawkins

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the requirement changes to the Planning Stream within the Resource and Environmental Management Major, effective Fall 2024.”

CARRIED

Due to time constraints, the remaining agenda items were deferred to the May 2nd SCUS meeting

1. CHAIR'S REPORT

a. Generative Artificial Intelligence Policy (SCUS 24-46)

2. NEW BUSINESS

COURSE CHANGES (SCUS 24-47)

a. Faculty of Applied Sciences

1. School of Computing Science

