



SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

MINUTES

April 2, 2020 ~ 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Bluejeans Virtual Meeting

Attendees: W. Parkhouse (Chair), E. Elle (Vice-Chair), K. Nordgren (Secretary), S. Birnie, J. Chou, M. Crouch, D. Hik, P. Kingsbury, M. MacDonald, K. Masri, C. Murray, E. Park, A. Parmar, K. Pathania, P. Pasquier, N. van Houten, K. Whittle

Guests: K. Verkerk, Associate Registrar, Student Recruitment Admissions & Financial Aid and Awards
M. Peragine, Director, Undergraduate Admissions

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

There were additional items added to the agenda as CLOSED SESSION discussions. The Chair reminded everyone to treat the discussions as confidential; the Open Discussion item was moved to the Closed Session.

The Agenda was approved as amended.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of

1. Department of Linguistics and First Nations Languages Program

Motion 3

It was moved by C. Murray and seconded by A. Parmar

“that SCUS approve and recommend to SCUP the Full Program Proposal for the Minor in Indigenous Languages.”

CARRIED

C. Murray provided background of this agenda item. Name change will come forward to the next SCUS meeting.

COURSE CHANGES (SCUS 20-30)

The following course changes, effective Spring 2021, were approved under delegated authority.

a. Faculty of Applied Sciences

1. School of Computing Science

- (i) Prerequisite and equivalent statement change for CMPT 295
- (ii) Prerequisite change for CMPT 371, 379 and 433
- (iii) Deletion of CMPT 150, 250, 261, 301, 401 and XX1
- (iv) Temporarily withdraw CMPT 126, 170, 305, 408 and 461

2. School of Engineering Science

- (i) Deletion of ENSC 304, 374, 472 and 489
- (ii) Prerequisite change for ENSC 220, 225, 320, 324, 380, 386 and 470

3. School of Mechatronics Systems Engineering (MSE)

- (i) Deletion of MSE 400, 401 and 411W
- (ii) Prerequisite change for MSE 222, 223, 250, and 280

4. School of Sustainable Energy Engineering (SEE)

- (i) Prerequisite change for SEE 225, 230, 251 and 351

b. Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

1. Courses to be Deleted

- BUEC 433 Forecasting in Business and Economics (Inactive)
- CHIN 185 Intensive Mandarin Chinese in the China Field School
- CRIM 333 Gender, Law and the State
- CRIM 334 Law and Human Reproduction
- CRIM 336 Corporate Crime and Corporate Regulation
- CRIM 384 Crime and Literature
- CRIM 440 Correctional Administration and Planning
- CRIM 450 Techniques of Crime Prevention II
- EAS 101 English Language Fundamentals for the Arts and Social Sciences
- ECON 353 Economic History of Canada
- ECON 388 Introduction to Law and Economics
- ECON 404 Methodology of the Social Sciences
- FNST 402 The Discourse of Aboriginal Peoples
- GERM 104 German for Reading Knowledge I
- GSWS 334 Law and Human Reproduction
- HUM 152 Ancient Greek II

- HUM 321 The Humanities and Critical Thinking
- IS 209W Latin America: the National Period
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(i) Deletion of ARCH 335

3. The School of Environmental Science

- (i) Temporarily withdraw EVSC 399 and 499
- (ii) Title and prerequisite change for EVSC 490W

4. Department of Geography

- (i) Deletion of GEOG 422, 426, 466 and 468
- (ii) Temporarily withdraw GEOG 362, 381, 417 and 455
- (iii) Title and description change for GEOG 356

d. Faculty of Health Sciences

- (i) Temporarily withdraw:
 - HSCI 140 - Complementary and Alternative Medicine (3)
 - HSCI 215 - Perspectives on Disability and Injury (3)
 - HSCI 439 - Pathogenesis of Human and Animal Viral Infectious Diseases (3)
 - HSCI 458 - Prevention and Management of Cardiovascular Disease (3)
 - HSCI 460 - Population and Public Health Advocacy (3)

NEW COURSE PROPOSALS

a. Faculty of Environment (SCUS 20-31)

1. The Environmental Science Program

Motion 4

It was moved by P. Kingsbury and seconded by K. Masri

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the New Course Proposal: EVSC 489-4 Environmental Science Thesis 1 effective Spring 2021.”

CARRIED

PROGRAM CHANGES

a. Faculty of Applied Sciences (SCUS 20-32)

1. School of Engineering Sciences

Motion 5

It was moved by E. Park and seconded by K. Pathania

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the following program changes effective Spring 2021.”

CARRIED

(i) Requirement changes for internal transfers from another Simon Fraser University program for the:

Major, Engineering Science, Computer Engineering Option Bachelor of Applied Science
Major, Engineering Science, Electronics Engineering Option Bachelor of Applied Science
Major, Engineering Science, Systems Engineering Option Bachelor of Applied Science
Honours, Engineering Science, Biomedical Engineering Option Bachelor of Applied Science
Honours, Engineering Science, Computer Engineering Option Bachelor of Applied Science
Honours, Engineering Science, Electronics Engineering Option Bachelor of Applied Science
Honours, Engineering Science, Engineering Physics Option Bachelor of Applied Science
Honours, Engineering Science, Systems Engineering Option Bachelor of Applied Science

(ii) Core course requirement changes for the:

Major, Engineering Science, Computer Engineering Option Bachelor of Applied Science
Major, Engineering Science, Electronics Engineering Option Bachelor of Applied Science
Major, Engineering Science, Systems Engineering Option Bachelor of Applied Science
Honours, Engineering Science, Biomedical Engineering Option Bachelor of Applied Science
Honours, Engineering Science, Computer Engineering Option Bachelor of Applied Science
Honours, Engineering Science, Electronics Engineering Option Bachelor of Applied Science
Honours, Engineering Science, Engineering Physics Option Bachelor of Applied Science
Honours, Engineering Science, Systems Engineering Option Bachelor of Applied Science

2. School of Mechatronic Systems Engineering

(i) Requirement changes to the Mechatronic Systems Engineering Major and Honours programs

3. Sustainable Energy Engineering

(i) Requirement changes to the Sustainable Energy Engineering Major program

b. Faculty of Environment (SCUS 20-33)

1. School of Environmental Science

Motion 6

It was moved by P. Kingsbury and seconded by E. Park

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the following program

- Applied Biology concentration
- Environmental Earth Systems Concentration
- Envirometrics Concentration
- Water Science Concentration

2. Department of Geography

- (i) Upper division requirement changes to the Global Environmental Systems Major and Honours Programs
- (ii) Admission and upper division requirement changes to the Geographic Information Science Major and Honours programs

4. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Transfer Credit and Admission

M. Peragine provided an explanation of the process for transfer students and admissions amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The Admissions office will be evaluating transfer students with a minimum 50% of their Spring semester courses with a letter grade (i.e. no more than 50% graded 'P' or Pass grades). A passing grade with a minimum of 'D' or better is transferrable to SFU, so it's expected that the impact on students will be minimal. SFU's internal transfer and external transfer students must have at least 50% graded courses, although exceptions will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

FIC transfer students have the option to use the P grade equivalent to a C- or D for pathways. After the fall term, students will not be admitted if they don't meet the admissions requirements. A few SCUS members did not agree with this process as it creates a two-tiered system. M. Peragine responded that the intent is to deter students from taking P grades for most courses.

M. Peragine added that Douglas College is not adopting a P grade and Langara College has approved the option of 'NG' or No Grade to replace a Fail or Incomplete, but students will not receive credit for the course.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm
Minutes prepared by R. Balletta