

SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

MINUTES

February 7, 2019 ~ 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm
W.A.C. Bennett Library Room 7200

Attendees: W. Parkhouse (Chair), M. Crouch, E. Elle, N. Gajdamaschko, D. Hik, P. Kingsbury, C. Murray, K. Nordgren (Secretary), K. Oldknow, S. Poyntz, S. Rhodes, S. Spector, N. van Houten

The Chair asked everyone to introduce him or herself before the meeting began.

agenda item added under Other Business to discuss updates for the IAUPP program.

The agenda was approved as amended.

2. Approval of the Minutes of January 10, 2019

Amendments were made

5. New Business

COURSE CHANG CH(IN)-CHf

e. Faculty of Science

1. Department of Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology

(i) Description change for BPK 105, 205, 208 and 417

2. Department of Earth Sciences

(i) Prerequisite change for EASC 411

3. Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science

(i) Prerequisite change for STAT 285

NEW COURSE PROPOSALS

a. Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (SCUS 19-09)

1. Publishing

b. Faculty of Environment (SCUS 19-11)

1. Department of Geography

Motion 4

It was moved by P. Kingsbury and seconded by S. Poyntz

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the upper and lower division requirement changes to the BENV Global Environmental Systems Major effective Fall 2019.”

CARRIED

There was brief discussion regarding the omission of the capstone project and substituting with courses that some members felt were not equal to capstone requirement or experience. P. Kingsbury provided a response and all were satisfied with the rationale.

c. Faculty of Science (SCUS 19-12)

Motion 5

It was moved by D. Hik and seconded by K. Oldknow

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the following program changes effective Fall 2019:

1. Department of Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology

- Requirement changes to the Behavioural Neuroscience Major and Honours programs
- Admission procedure change to the BPK Major and Minor programs
- Admission requirement changes to the Biomedical Physiology Major and Minor programs

2. Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science

(i) Requirement changes to the STAT Major and Honours program

CARRIED

6. Other Business

a. Update on Exam Policy

K. Nordgren spoke to this agenda item and gave a brief overview of the policy and its intent to revise the Terms of Reference to reflect policy for all university exams.

The Chair provided some history and the reasons for the changes to the exam policy where the main issue was overlap of the midterm and final exams. The Chair further explained additional language will include input from the Scheduling department and once finalized would like to bring forward to SCUS for further discussion and approval.

All agreed and suggested to also address and discuss at that time, the take home exams.

b. Update on the IAUPP program – procedure for student records

The Chair approved, under delegated authority, the IAUPP Interim Pilot program and procedure. If there are any formal changes made, the Chair will bring back to SCUS for discussion and approval.

C. Murray provided history and an overview of this agenda item. She thanked R. Khan Hemani, S. Birnie and the SCUS committee for their input and support throughout this process. R. Khan Hemani spoke to this agenda item providing the highlights of the changes to the IAUPP in terms of procedure for student records. She explained that procedure was modified to fully support a student entering the IAUPP program and answered questions from the members. Discussion ensued with focus on the modifications, procedures and the withdrawal process. The Chair requested a memo of agreement between faculties regarding the splitting of the FAL and FAN courses and the no-repeat policy.

R. Khan Hemani and K. Nordgren will investigate policy for academic standing to reflect calendar language accordingly. The SCUS group was supportive of this program.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm
Minutes prepared by R. Balletta