

SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

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January 10, 2019 ~ 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm
W.A.C. Bennett Library Room 7200

Attendees: W. Parkhouse (Chair), M. Crouch, E. Elle, R. Khan Hemani, P. Kingsbury, C. Murray,
K. Nordgren (secretary), K. Oldknow, S. Poyntz, S. Rhodes, S. Spector, N. van HoutenC. Murr.t.t.t.t.t .2 (.t

1. Approval of the Agenda

Introductions were made for the benefit of the new SCUS members, P. Kingsbury

There were additions and deletions to the agenda as follows:

A standing agenda item at the top of the agenda was added to discuss any t
curriculum review or simplification;

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2. Approval of the Minutes of December 6, 2018

The minutes were approved as presented.

3. Open Discussion of Curriculum Review/Simplification

The Chair explained the intent of this standing agenda item is to discuss a t
whether a particular topic should be referred to a SCUS subcommittee; e.g.
simplification of/streamlining curriculum.

All agreed, with a concern raised about the definition of “simplify/streamli
would be a more appropriate term, as the former implies a watered down o

The Chair added that an example is the revision of the Scheduling Policy; v
separate meeting.

Discussion continued with a focus on the complexity of curriculum and the
disciplines may not be well known to incoming students. The students need

Additional concerns noted were the increased course loads for students in their graduating year;

NEW COURSE PROPOSALS

a. Faculty of Environment (SCUS 19-02)

1. School of Resource and Environmental Management

Motion 2

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

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the New Course Proposal: REM 202W-3, Technical Communication for Environmental Professionals and Planners with W designation effective Fall 2019.”

CARRIED

(ii) New Course Proposals:

PLAN 200-3, Introduction to Urban and Regional Planning
PLAN 300-4, Methods for Planning Analysis
PLAN 302-0, Planning Internship 1
PLAN 319-3, Environmental and Planning Law
PLAN 400-4, Planning Theory and Policy Analysis
PLAN 402-0, Planning Internship 2
PLAN 406-4, Rural Planning and Development
PLAN 408-4, Environmental Planning for Sustainable Communities
PLAN 443- 4, Public Engagement, Mediation and Conflict Resolution in Planning
PLAN 495-4, Professional Planning Capstone

The PLAN new course proposals from REM were withdrawn. P. Kingsbury provided a brief overview of this agenda item and explained that once consultations are complete and details finalized, this agenda item will come forward to a future SCUS meeting for approval.

2. Department of Geography

Motion 3

It was moved by P. Kingsbury and seconded by C. Murray

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the New Course Proposal: GEOG 364-4, Cities and Crisis effective Fall 2019.”

CARRIED

b. Faculty of

All agreed the rationale and description require revisions due to redundant wording in the major and honours programs. This agenda item was tabled until language is revised and representation from the Faculty of Science is present to answer any questions from the committee members.

PROGRAM NAME CHANGES

a. Faculty Environment (SCUS 19-06)

1. Department of Geography

Motion 8

It was moved by P. Kingsbury and seconded by C. Murray

“that SCUS approve and recommend to SCUP the:

Share change of name of Department of Geography to Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences

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b. SCUS Meeting Format for 2019