

SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

MINUTES

March 5, 2020 ~ 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm
W.A.C. Bennett Library Room 7200

Attendees: C. Murray (Acting Chair), E. Elle (Vice-Chair) (via BlueJeans), K. Nordgren (secretary),
S. Birnie, D. Hik (via BlueJeans), P. Kingsbury, M. MacDonald, K. Masri, A. Parmar,
N. van Houten, K. Whittle

Regrets: W. Parkhouse (Chair), M. Crouch

Guest: Claudette Lauzon, Assistant Professor, SCA, Faculty of Communication, Art and Te[(F)1 (a)-1 TJ 0 Tc 0 Tw 2

A question was raised whether some faculties, such as Health Sciences, with fewer WQB courses might have some flexibility for adding new courses. All agreed the moratorium is not restricting programs and exceptions for program requirements would be considered.

Discussion continued regarding hardships that need to be addressed, the need for transparency, and the need for a communication plan. E. Elle explained that a communications plan was in development to ensure there is clear messaging regarding the WQB process.

All agreed to continue with the moratorium unless there is demonstrated need.

b. COVID-19 Discussion

P. Kingsbury began this discussion regarding COVID – 19 and asked whether a university closure was required. He added that University Canada West is moving to online course delivery and shutting down operations for three days for disinfection.

S. Birnie added that he was in conversation with UBC and UVIC, which are planning on moving their Winter term courses on-line to enable students program completion and asked if that was a possibility for SFU. E. Elle replied that SFU does not have the capacity to go fully online, although faculty could use Canvas and videoconferencing. She noted that an emergency committee was mobilized in January who meet daily and has created a wd -0.001 Tw. opee0.001 T Tc -0.00w -44.alA]TJw 4r2 0 Td (s)Tj 0.39 0 Tn0nua8sT(da)-()Tj [(a)-6T-1

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3. Department of English

- (i) Prerequisite change for ENGL 208, 212, 360, 372, 374, 392, 394, 453, 454, 457W, and 492W

4. School of International Studies

- (i) Description change for IS 301 and 350W

5. Department of Philosophy

- (i) Title and Equivalent Statement change for PHIL 315

6. Department of Political Science

- (i) Deletion of POL 231

7. Department of Sociology and Anthropology

- (i) Course number, title, description and equivalent statement change for SA 100W
- (ii) Prerequisite change for SA 203
- (iii) Description and prerequisite change for SA 210
- (iv) Prerequisite change for SA 218, 231, 245, 260 and 275
- (v) Deletion of SA 402 (Spring 2021)
- (vi) Units, description and prerequisite change for SA 499

c. Beedie School of Business

- (i) Deletion of BUS 242

d. Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

1. Publishing Program

- (i) Deletion of PUB 483
- (ii) Temporarily withdraw PUB 401

2. School of Communication

- (i) Temporarily withdraw: CMNS 247

3. School for the Contemporary Arts

- (i) Prerequisite change for CA 236

e. Faculty of Education

- (i) Deletion of EDUC 402 and EDPR 410, 411, 413, 414, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420 and 421

f. Faculty of Environment

1. School of Resource and Environmental Management

- (i) Description change for PLAN 319 and REM 319

g. Faculty of Health Sciences

- (i) Course number, title, description, prerequisite and equivalent statement change for HSCI 306
- (ii) Title change for HSC 427
- (iii) Prerequisite change for HSCI 477, 482

h. Faculty of Science

1. Department of Physics

- (i) Deletion of PHYS 130 and 221

2. Department of Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology

- (i) Deletion of BPK 304, 313, 314, 382, 430 and 458

The Secretary commented that reports have been coming forward regarding temporarily withdrawn courses and apologized that not all documents had been added to this SCUS meeting due to time constraints. Those that were missed will be added to the April agenda.

NEW COURSE PROPOSALS

a. Faculty of Applied Sciences (SCUS 20-16)

1. School of Computing Science

Motion 5

It was moved by E. Park and seconded by A. Parmar

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the New Course Proposals:

- x CMPT 494-3, Software Systems Program Capstone Project 1
- x CMPT 495-3, Software Systems Capstone Project 2 effective Fall 2020.”

CARRIED

b. Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (SCUS 20-17)

Motion 6

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

“that SCUS approve and send to Senate for information the following new course proposals effective Fall 2020.”

CARRIED

1. Cognitive Science Program

(i) New Course Proposal: COGS 315-3, Formal Methods

2. School of Criminology

(i) New Course Proposal: CRIM 326-3, Criminological Analysis of Homicide

It was suggested that the Faculty of Health Sciences speak to the Department of Economics regarding these new courses.

PROGRAM CHANGES

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

Motion 9

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

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the following program changes effective Fall 2020.”

CARRIED

1. School of Computing Science

- (i) Lower division requirement changes to the Computing Science Major and Honours program
- (ii) Upper division requirement changes to the Software Systems Program adding a Capstone Project requirement
- (iii) Admission and upper division requirement changes to the Geographic Information Science Major and Honours program
- (iv) Admission requirement changes to the Computing Science Post Baccalaureate Diploma

2. School of Sustainable Energy Engineering

- (i) Requirement changes to the SEE Major program

b. Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (SCUS 20-21)

Motion 10

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

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the following program changes effective Fall 2020.”

CARRIED

1. Department of English

- (i) Lower division requirement changes to the:
 - x English Major
 - x English Honours
 - x English and Communication Joint Major
 - x English and French Literatures Joint Major
 - x English and Gender, Sexuality and Women’s Studies Joint Major
 - x English and History Joint Major
 - x English and Humanities Joint Major
 - x English Extended Minor
- (ii) Admission and program requirement changes to the Performance Studies Certificate

2. Global Asia Program

xSociology and Communication Joint Major
xSociology and Criminology Joint Major programs

(x)

6. OTHER BUSINESS

No other Business

P. Pasquier thanked the secretary for the work involved in preparing the SCUS meeting materials ensuring that meetings run smoothly with no delays in approving agenda items. All agreed having pre-SCUS meetings has significantly streamlined the approval process for this committee.

Thank you to Catherine Murray for stepping in as Chair for this meeting on short notice.