SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

MINUTES

November 3, 2022 ~ 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Strand Hall Room 3101

Attendees: E. Elle (Vice-Chair), K. Nordgren (Secretary), M. Crouch, A. Eigenfeldt, N. Hawkins, P. Kingsbury, M. MacDonald, K. Masri, L. Masri, C. Murray (L. Campbell), T. Nault, A. Parmar, J. Sutherland, N. van Houten

Absent: J. Nagy
Regrets: E. Park

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The following amendments were made to the agenda:
- Applied Sciences – not a Full Program Proposal – memo outlining the forthcoming new program
- Education: FAL X99 (Fall 2023) tabled and will be brought forward next month along with FAN
- Additional item Under Other Business regarding Final Exam Schedule

The Agenda was approved as amended.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of October 13, 2022

Revisions made to clarify context regarding synchronous and asynchronous courses.

The Minutes were approved as amended.

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

There was business arising from the October SCUS minutes regarding a question raised of how many courses at SFU are offered online, blended or CODE. After consulting with S. Birnie, the Vice-Chair noted that 4% of courses are blended and 6.5% of courses offered are either online or CODE.

The Vice-Chair provided an update on the General Education project, noting that consultations are closing down November 15 and the committee will be making changes in response to the feedback received. Information will be brought to SCUS for review before it goes to Senate for information.

There was a question raised regarding a timeline of the general education project. The Vice-Chair explained that they are hoping to begin the recertification process early Spring 2023.

The Vice-Chair provided information about a new project

COURSE CHANGES (SCUS 22-66)

The following course changes, effective Summer 2023, were approved by delegated authority, except for those noted as *TABLED*.

a. Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

1. Department of Economics

   (i) Prerequisite change for ECON 331
   (ii) Title and description change for ECON 455W

2. Global Asia Program (Fall 2023)

   (i) Description change for GA 101
   (ii) Title and description change for GA 202
   (iii) Course deletion for GA 200 and 201

3. Department of History (Fall 2023)

   (i) Title, description and equivalent statement change for HIST 276
   (ii) Title and description change for HIST 359 and 441
   (iii) Description change for HIST 102W, 146 and 255

4. School for International Studies

   (i) Description change for IS 322
   (ii) Course number and equivalent statement change for IS 439

5. Department of Linguistics (Fall 2023)

   (i) Course number and equivalent statement change for LING 290
   (ii) Prerequisite change for LING 323 and 350

6. Department of Philosophy125 -1.G (t)-2 (m)8 (e)-1 ((0 (l)3 (l)-2 (7(l)-2 (2)5 (023))t87 (e)1 ( )5 (f)5 (o)2 (r H)4j(BI

c. Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

1. School of Communication

   (i) Prerequisite change for CMNS 359

d. Faculty of Science

1. Department of Biological Sciences

   (i) Temporary withdrawal of BISC 406 and 435

NEW COURSE PROPOSALS

a. Faculty of Applied Sciences (SCUS 22-67)

1. School of Computing Science

Motion 5
It was moved by E. Elle and seconded by A. Parmar

> "that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the New Course
> Proposal: CMPT 476-3, Introduction to Quantum Algorithms, effective Summer 2023."

<div align="right">CARRIED</div>

It was suggested to revise the title to clarify that this course is not an introduction to Computing Science but to the course topic.

b. Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (SCUS 22-68)

Motion 6
It was moved by C. Murray and seconded by L. Masri

> "that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the following New
> Course Proposals, effective Summer 2023."

<div align="right">CARRIED
11 approved
2 abstentions</div>

C. Murray provided background of the new course proposals with more attention to URB 499. She explained that URB 499 was initially developed for an undergraduate accelerated degree program and subsequently now collaborating with the Faculty of Environment and the Department of Geography, in introducing a forthcoming major.

C. Murray explained that there is currently a Letter of Intent stating that an MOU will be established but since the election, change in council and mayor, negotiations are still in progress.

J. Sutherland reminded everyone, when moving through negotiations related to MOUs, to include the Office of the University Curriculum and Institutional Liaison and the Office of the Provost and Vice-President Academic in the correspondence and discussions, as MOUs require Provost approval. She also reminded the committee members that until any new course proposals or new programs are approved by the Ministry of Education, there should be no posting or public communication about them until that approval is received.

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- Computing Science Second Degree
- Computing Science and Linguistics Joint Major
- Information Systems in Business Administration and Computing Science Joint Major
- Computing Science Minor
- Certificate in Computing Studies

b. Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (SCUS 22-70)

Motion 8
It was moved by C. Murray and seconded by N. van Houten

"that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the following program changes, effective Summer 2023, except for those noted as *tabled*."

<div align="right">CARRIED</div>

1. Cognitive Science Program (Fall 2023)

   (i) Upper division requirement changes for the:
   - Cognitive Science Honours
   - Cognitive Science Major
   - Cognitive Science Minor

2. School of Criminology (Fall 2023) *TABLED*

   (i) Graduation requirement changes to the:
   - Criminology Major
   - Anthropology and Criminology Joint Major
   - Sociology and Criminology Joint Major
   - Criminology and Psychology Major
   - Criminology and Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies Joint Major
   - Criminology Minor
   - Legal Studies Minor
   - Police Studies Minor
   - Criminology Extended Minor
   - Certificate in Correctional Studies
   - Certificate in Forensic Studies
   - Certificate in Legal Studies
   - Certificate in Police Studies
   - Certificate in Criminology General
   - Post Baccalaureate Diploma in Criminology
   - Post Baccalaureate Diploma in Legal Studies
   - Post Baccalaureate Diploma in Police Studies
   - Criminology Honours

There was much discussion regarding the proposed graduation requirement changes for the School of Criminology. The main concern was the calculation of CGPA and the language used to define the graduation requirement changes.

J. Sutherland clarified that the University calculates program GPA on the requirements for the program not every course completed within that acronym. She noted that for most students, this makes no difference as overall it minimally affects their program cgpa but for honour students and for students on the cusp of meeting the minimum graduation requirement of 2.25, it often skews them lower which takes them longer to increase their program cgpa.

C. Murray provided information on the rationale of this agenda item which is in response to the over enrollment of this program, explaining that the intent is to streamline this process of degree completion and clearly define graduation requirements for students.

5. Department of History

   (i) Upper and lower division requirement changes to the:
   - History Major
   - History Honours

6. Department of Indigenous Studies

   (i) Upper division requirement changes to the:
   - Indigenous Studies Major
   - Indigenous Studies Minor
   - Indigenous Studies Post Baccalaureate Diploma

   (ii) Admission requirement changes to the Certificate in Indigenous Studies Research

It was suggested that if a core component is changing for a certificate or program, the title should also be changed to reflect and align with its content.

7. School of International Studies *TABLED*

   (i) Requirement changes to the:
   - International Studies Honours
   - International Studies Major
   - International Studies Minor
   - World Literature and International Studies Joint Major
   - Certificate in International Studies

   This agenda item was also tabled as it relates to the same concern as for the School of Criminology.

8. Department of Linguistics (Fall 2023)

   (i) Lower division requirement changes to the Certificate in Linguistics of Speech Science

9. Department of Philosophy (Fall 2023)

   (i) Admission and upper division requirement changes to Philosophy Honours *TABLED*
   (ii) Addition of the Concentration in Law and Philosophy in Philosophy Honours (**For Discussion**)

There was concern regarding the gpa requirement for admission to the Philosophy Honours program. The concern was the gpa requirement seems too high thus creating an unnecessary barrier for students, similar to the SIAT's admission discussion at the SCUS October meeting.

It was suggested to mirror what SIAT has done to its webpage, providing an external link containing more information about admission and requirements.

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