

SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

MINUTES

December 5, 2013 ~ 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Strand Hall Room 3171

Attendees: G. Myers (chair), G. Agnes, R. Cameron, A. Clapp, P. Gallilee, A. Gemino,
M. Gotfrit, J. Hinchliffe (secretary), L. Legris, Y. Lu, J. Pulkingham,
S. Rhodes, S. Richm - Policy Development

G. Myers – SCUS Practice

J. Pulkingham - Special Temporary Topics

G. Agnes – Honours Programs and credits

The agenda was approved as amended.

2. Approval of the Minutes of November 7, 2013

The minutes were approved as presented.

3. Old Business

a. Motion: 120-Credit Honours Degree for SFU Credentials (SCUS REVISED 13-43)

The Chair gave a brief history of this agenda item and explained why it was presented once again at this SCUS December meeting. The language in the motion regarding the changes needed to be clearer. As the motion now reads, it does not mention the required 60 units of upper division work in the calendar language. The point is the calendar language is misleading and requires editing to make it clearer. Discussion ensued with many suggestions to better improve the language of this proposal. All agreed to modify the document to read to reduce the amount of minimum units from 132 to 120. Jo will research the history of 60 unit minimum.

Motion 1

It was moved by A. Clapp and seconded by G. Agnes

“that Senate approve and recommend to Senate the requirements for an SFU honours degree be modified to reduce the minimum number of required units from 132 to 120 as follows:

An honours degree is comprised of a minimum of 120 units in a specified honours program including approximately 48-52 units in specified upper division courses in the honours subject or field.

This to take effect in Fall 2014.”

CARRIED

b. Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (SCUS 13-51)

1. School of Criminology (SCUS 13-51f)

(i) Pre-requisite changes for admission to the Undergraduate Programs (DEFERRED)

2. Department of History (SCUS 13-51h)

(i) Title, description and prerequisite change to HIST 363 (DEFERRED)

3. School for International Studies (SCUS 13-51j)

(i) Requirement changes to the IS Major (DEFERRED)

4. New Business

a. Associate Degrees – SFU input (S. Rhodes/L. Legris) (SCUS 13-47)

For Information: SFU does not offer associate degrees but does accept them. There were a few points of interest to the committee regarding changes to the existing associate degrees that may have implications for admission to SFU.

1. SFU already provide students entering with an associate degree a CGPA reduction – 60 units – includes breadth in either arts or sciences
2. A new associate of applied studies degree is being proposed.
3. Also the BCCAT review committee was recommending doing away with the lab science requirement for the Associate of Arts degree because most university Arts programs do not require a lab science specifically (just a science for breadth), and it made it difficult for some smaller institutions to offer the AAD because they didn't have lab facilities.

Note that these are recommended changes, they have not been approved yet by the Ministry, BCCAT was looking for institutional feedback.

b. Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (SCUS 13-51)

1. Department of Linguistics (SCUS 13-51k)

Motion 2

It was moved by J. Pulkingham and seconded by L. Legris

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the Requirement changes to the Teaching ESL Linguistics Certificate and Linguistics of Speech Science programs effective Fall 2014.”

CARRIED

Minor language changes were suggested.

Motion 3

It was moved by J. Pulkingham and seconded by L. Legris

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the description change for LING 110 and the course deletion for LING 406 effective Fall 2014.”

CARRIED

2. Department of Sociology and Anthropology (SCUS 13-51l)

Motion 4

It was moved by J. Pulkingham and seconded by A. Clapp

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the course deletion for SA 404 effective Fall 2014.”

CARRIED

3. Latin American Studies Program (SCUS 13-51m)

Motion 5

It was moved by J. Pulkingham and seconded by M. Gotfrit

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the course deletion for LAS 300 effective Fall 2014.”

CARRIED

4. Department of Humanities (SCUS 13-51n)

Motion 6

It was moved by J. Pulkingham and seconded by A. Gemino

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the title and description change for HUM 331, 350, 360 effective Fall 2014.”

CARRIED

5. Department of Political Science (SCUS 13-51o)

Motion 7

It was moved by J. Pulkingham and seconded by L. Legris

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the course deletions for POL 426, 435 and 471 effective Fall 2014.”

CARRIED

c. Faculty of Applied Sciences (SCUS 13-52)

1. General Studies Program (SCUS 13-52a)

Motion 8

It was moved by R. Cameron and seconded by G. Agnes

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the Program requirement changes to the General Studies Program effective Fall 2014.”

CARRIED

2. Mechatronics Systems Engineering (REVISED SCUS 13-52c)

Motion 9

It was moved by R. Cameron and seconded by A. Gemino

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the New Course Proposals:
MSE 352-4, Digital Logic and Microcontrollers
MSE 353-4, Power Electronics and Electric Machinery
MSE 426-4, Introduction to Engineering Design Optimization
MSE 427-4, Finite Element Analysis effective Fall 2014.”

CARRIED

Motion 10

It was moved by R. Cameron and seconded by L. Legris

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the Prerequisite change to MSE 320, 450 effective Fall 2014.”

CARRIED

Motion 11

It was moved by R. Cameron and seconded by S. Richmond

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the Requirement changes to the Mechatronic Systems Engineering Major, Honours, Double Degree Programs effective Fall 2014.”

CARRIED

d. Faculty of Health Sciences (SCUS 13-54)

Motion 12

It was moved by J. Pulkingham and seconded by M. Gotfrit

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

- x Temporarily Withdrawn Courses: HSCI 329, 443
- x Course deletions of HSCI 303, 421 effective Fall 2014”

CARRIED

e. Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (SCUS 13-55)

1. Publishing Program (SCUS 13-55a)

Motion 13

It was moved by M. Gotfrit and seconded by L. Legris

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

- x New Course Proposal: PUB 456-4, Institutional and International Event Planning and Management
- x Title change for PUB 212 effective Fall 2014.”

CARRIED

Motion 14

It was moved by M. Gotfrit and seconded by A. Gemino

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the Upper Division requirement changes to the Publishing Program effective Fall 2014.

CARRIED

2. School of Interactive Arts & Technology (SCUS 13-55b)**Motion 15**

It was moved by M Gotfrit and seconded by A Gemino

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the Prerequisite change to IAT 110 and B-Hum Designation effective Fall 2014.”

This item was deferred until the members have more time to review for any course overlap.

(ii) Requirement changes to the Human Resources Concentration
This agenda item was also DEFERRED as it relates to the previous item.

Motion 21

It was moved by A. Gemino and seconded by L. Legris

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the changes to the Business lower division requirements effective Fall 2014.”

CARRIED

A question was posed by J. Pulkingham with regard to New Course Proposals. The form asks for names of CFL faculty who are able to teach the course. Her understanding was that relying on session instructors would not allow the course to go forward. J. Hinchliffe to research that item.

5. Other Business

a. SCUS Annual Report (SCUS 13-57)

(i) Policy Development – Advisors

J. Hinchliffe spoke to this agenda item. The Enrollment Management Coordinating Committee (EMCC) does not have the mandate to develop policy but a(n s)- -19/91.981 7.14 - oave t a((

(ii) The Chair's agenda item will be discussed at a future SCUS meeting with regard to SCUS documents.

(iii) G. Agnes asked the committee members if there are any Honours programs with a graduate requirement above university standard. The members discussed their