

SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

MINUTES

October 3, 2013~ 2:30 pm –4:30 pm

Strand Hall Room 3171

Attendees: G. Myers (chair), G. Agnes, R. Cameron, A. Clapp, P. Gallilee, Gemino, M. Gotfrit, J. Hinchliffe (secretary), M. Lechner, L. Legris, J. Pulkingham, S. Rhodes, S. Richmond

Guest: A. Arora

1. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved as presented.

2. Approval of the Minutes of September 12, 2013

The minutes were approved as presented.

3. Old Business

a. Motion: 120-Credit Honours Degree for SFU Credentials (SCUS 1343)

Motion 1

It was moved by A. Clapp moved and seconded by S. Richmond

“that SCUS approve and recommend to Senate the change to the 120Credit Honours Degree for SFU Credentials effective Fall 2014.”

1 abstention

1 opposed

8 approved

MOTION CARRIED

The Chair gave a brief background on this agenda item for the benefit of those not at the last meeting.

He explained that this agenda item was brought forward at September's meeting. (s)-4()1-4(s) -3()TJ 0184J

Question was raised about requiring additional criteria to strengthen the degree . It was agreed that this would complicate the issue and could delay it.

Several members were concerned about flexibility and more stringent requirements.

Again, the Chair explained, no faculty is pressed to change; you would do whatever is right for your department.

R. Cameron explained that the Honours in Engineering requirements are above 120 and believes the upper division courses requirement is what defines an SFU student in terms of being prepared for Graduate School and beyond. The additional 12 credits of courses does not necessarily prepare students for Graduate School.

b. Requirement Term Language Motion Revised (REVISED SCUS 142)

Motion 2

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

“that SCUS approve the change to the Requirement Term Language effective Fall 2014.”

CARRIED

The language was revised after the last SCUS meeting to include more specific information about what requirement term a student would be placed in once their original one expired. S. Rhodes stated that this agenda item seems to only address issues of students currently here, not those of returning students. Discussion ensued with regard to the current admission process and how it will change with the approval of this agenda item.

There were some editorial revisions including the omission of the last paragraph of the from the proposed calendar language.

There were suggestions as to whether or not a student could be notified that they are in their 24th term to reduce the number of student claims. All agreed this should be done if not a1 - 6 (o

b. Faculty of Communication, Art and TechnologyT