

SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

MINUTES

September 10, 2015 ~ 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Strand Hall ~ Room 3171

Attendees: G. Myers (Chair), A. Chinnery, D. Chong, C. Chu, A. Clapp, P. Gallilee,
A. Gemino, M. Gotfrit, J. Hinchliffe (secretary), M. Lechner, L. Legris,
C. Lowenberger, J. Pulkingham, S. Rhodes

Absent: E. Park

b. Beedie School of Business (REVISED SCUS 15-30)

Motion 2

It was moved by A. Gemino and seconded by C. Lowenberger

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the admission requirement changes to the Major and Joint Major programs effective Fall 2017.”

CARRIED

A. Gemino explained that the language was revised in consultation with L. Legris to ensure there were no discrepancies or overlap of information. It will be piloted on select categories over 2016-2017 and implemented gradually. G. Myers pointed out the need for care about protocol for broad-based admission and that in this case Brenda Taylor (Human Rights Officer) and Li-Jeen Broshko (Legal Counsel) were consulted. This will be a good model for other faculties. A disclaimer will be put on the web site.

c. Faculty of Science (SCUS 15-31)

1. Department of Mathematics (SCUS 15-31g)

Motion 3

It was moved by C. Lowenberger and seconded by L. Legris

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the Upper and lower division requirement changes to the Mathematics and Computing Science Joint Major program effective Summer 2016.”

CARRIED

4. Other Business

The Chair gave a brief overview of the duties and purpose of the SCUS subcommittee.

a. SCUS Subcommittee (SCUS 15-32)

1. Motions

(i) Requisite Definition (SCUS 15-32a)

Motion 4

It was moved by M. Lechner and seconded D. Chong

“that SCUS approve and recommend to Senate the Calendar language change to the requisite definition to read as follows effective Summer 2016:

'Prerequisite – A prerequisite is a requirement which must be satisfied before taking a course.

Co-requisite – A co-requisite is a requirement which must be satisfied before, or while taking a course'.

CARRIED

(ii) N/IP Grades (SCUS 15-32b)

Motion 5

It was moved by C. Lowenberger and seconded by L. Legris

"that SCUS approve and recommend to Senate the Calendar language change to the N Grades to read as follows:

'The letter grade N (incomplete) is given when a student has enrolled for a course, but did not write the final examination or otherwise failed to complete the course work, and did not withdraw before the deadline date. An N is considered an F for purposes of scholastic standing.'

There was much discussion around the definitions of a DE and N grade; whether a DE grade is even required as N and DE grades are quite similar in functionality. All agreed that monitoring would be required as either grade could be used inappropriately and abused and it was decided to reword the motion to better make its definition clearer. The motion was amended as follows:

"that SCUS approve and recommend to Senate the Calendar language change to the N Grades to read as follows effective Summer 2016:

'The letter grade N (incomplete) is given when a student has enrolled for a course, but did not write the final examination or otherwise failed to complete the course work, and did not withdraw before the deadline date. An N is considered an F for purposes of scholastic standing.

To achieve a different evaluation, and subject to the repeat policy (provide link), it is expected that a student who receives a grade of N must repeat the course for credit.

10 AFFIRMATIVE

1 OPPOSED

CARRIED

Motion 7

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

"that SCUS approve and recommend to Senate the Calendar language change to the IP Grades to read as follows effective Summer 2016:

(ii) Post Baccalaureate Diploma Program Transfer Credit (SCUS 15-32e) were deferred until the next SCUS meeting scheduled for October 1, 2015.

3. For Discussion – no documents

(i) Pass/Withdraw Grades

(ii) Coordination Issues

(iii) Educational Goals

4. Updates on Subcommittee Discussion Items

- i. Repeat policy – discussed and will revisit after Jo’s group meeting
- ii. Academic probation policy – this was left as recommendations may be forthcoming from another group.
- iii. Mandatory evaluation timeline – Decided this would not be good practice
- iv. Scheduling policy – A group will be put together to work on this and will come back to SCUS for review and approval
- v. Certificates - Inactive Certificates will be treated and processed the same as inactive courses or temporarily withdrawn courses; Jo will bring forward data for further discussion
- vi. Academic forgiveness – SCUS has discussed this in the past and will be brought forward again after Gordon, Jo and Louise meet to finalize details

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm

Minutes prepared by R. Balletta