

Documents were sent electronically to SCUS members prior to the meeting and the Chair asked the members to review and start thinking about this proposal and asked that any feedback, comments and concerns to be forwarded to him.

The Chair briefly spoke about the process going forward which began when he took the issue to the Dean's Council and indicated that SCUS would be discussing the proposal at the June meeting. The next step was to meet with the Scheduling Group lead by M. Sharpe, then present to SCUS, speak to students to get their feedback and then back to Scheduling to prepare a more detailed proposal to discuss with the SCUS subcommittee who will eventually bring forward once again to SCUS as a probable Notice of Motion. There will also be focus groups involving departmental scheduling staff.

There was much discussion about the various scenarios and the different scheduling patterns that students deal with in order to navigate through their program.

The Chair explained the proposed scheduling patterns and how they will reduce or eliminate conflict students currently deal with.

Many members understood and agreed with the intent of this new change but were not convinced it could be easily implemented.

d. Faculty of Science

1. Department of Chemistry

(i) Description change to SCI 191

2. Department of Mathematics

(i) Title, description and prerequisite change for MATH 302, 303 and 304

3. Department of Physics

(i) Prerequisite change for PHYS 102

Suggestions were made to make clearer the rationale for PHYS 102.

(ii) Prerequisite and course number change for PHYS 332

NEW COURSES (SCUS 17-26)

a. Faculty of Applied Sciences (SCUS 17-26a)

1. School of Mechatronic Systems Engineering

Motion 2

It was moved by K. Oldknow and seconded by M. Lechner

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the New Course Proposal: MSE 429-3, Advanced Kinematics for Robotic Systems effective Spring 2018.”

CARRIED

b. Beedie School of Business (SCUS 17-26b)

Motion 3

It was moved by S. Spector and seconded by L. Legris

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

- BUS 330-3, Income Taxation for Individuals
- BUS 331-3, Corporate Taxation
- BUS 465-3, Business Systems Development effective Spring 2018.”

CARRIED

c. Faculty of Science (SCUS 17-26c) (DEFERRED)

These items were deferred to the next meeting in the absence of a Faculty of Science representative.

1. Department of Chemistry

c. Faculty of Health Sciences (SCUS 17-27c)

Motion 6

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

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the Upper division requirement changes to the Health Sciences Major and Honours programs effective Spring 2018.”

CARRIED

d. Faculty of Science (SCUS 17-27d) (DEFERRED)

These items were deferred to the next meeting in the absence of a representative from the Faculty of Science.

1. Department of Physics

- Upper division requirement changes to the
 - Biological Physics Major and Honours programs
- Requirement changes to the
 - Chemical Physics Major and Honours programs
 - Requirement changes to the Applied Physics Major and Honours programs
 - Requirement changes to the Mathematical Physics Honours program
- Lower division requirement changes to the Physics Major and Honours programs

2. Department of Statistics and Actuarial Sciences

- (i) Lower division requirement changes to the STAT honours and major programs

NEW PROGRAMS

a. Faculty of Environment (SCUS 17-28)

1. Department of Archaeology

- (i) Full Program Proposal for the Certificate in Biological Anthropology (SCUS 17-28a)

Motion 7

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

“that SCUS approve and recommend to SCUP the Full Program Proposal for the Certificate in Biological Anthropology.”

CARRIED

(ii) Notice of Intent for the Minor in Classical Archaeology (SCUS 17-28b)

Motion 8

It was moved by A. Clapp and seconded by K. Oldknow

“that SCUS approve and recommend to SCUP the Notice of Intent for the Minor in Classical

5. Other Business

a. Course Scheduling (For Discussion Only)

Discussion continued as time permitted.

The Chair continued with an overview of this proposal and stated that SFUFA initiated this change and have been very cooperative and reasonable. It was noted that Course scheduling is not in the collective agreement.

The members gave their feedback and expressed concerns regarding this proposal in particular not seeing the benefits of this change especially without first changing the academic culture, being that there is an equity issue among faculties.

Questions about who drives the schedule? Faculty, students or the institution. Are we shifting pedagogy for non-pedagogical reasons? There is a need for a supply of larger classrooms. Request was made for "heat maps" and the space utilization rate.

The Chair reiterated that these discussions are very preliminary and will need several meetings and consultations with various groups before this proposal comes back as a Notice of Motion. The Chair will bring forward to the next SCUS meeting further data for discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm

Minutes prepared by R. Balletta