



SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE CODED (RG3.7 (DU)-

Guest: Dr. Nick Blomley, Professor, Department of Geography

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Chair welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

There was one additional item added under Other Business regarding micro credentials.

The Agenda was approved as amended.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of September 9, 2021

The minutes were approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Course Units – Update

E. Elle asked the committee for feedback, questions or concerns regarding the course-units audit and the status of discussions within their faculties. Most reported that they had not yet met with their UCC committees; most were supportive of the project.

All agreed to bring forward feedback to the November SCUS meeting.

b. Faculty of Environment (REVISED SCUS 21-58)

1. Department of Geography

Motion 1

It was moved by P. Kingsbury and seconded by A. Parmar

“that SCUS approve and recommend to SCUP the Full Program Proposal for the Climate Change and Society Minor.”

CARRIED

P. Kingsbury provided an update the FPP for the Climate change and Society Minor, addressing questions raised at the previous meeting. He answered additional questions from the committee and brief discussion ensued. J. Sutherland advised on the process if Ministry approval is required.

4. NEW BUSINESS

NEW PROGRAMS

a. Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (SCUS 21-65)

1. Urban Studies Program

Motion 2

It was moved by L. Campbell and seconded by P. Pasquier

“that SCUS approve and recommend to SCUP the Notice of Intent for the Bachelor of Arts Major and Minor in Urban Communities and Society.”

CARRIED

L. Campbell provided an overview of the Notice of Intent and answered questions from the committee members. She will follow-up with K. Tairyn in Health Sciences to ensure there is no overlap of courses.

b. Faculty of Environment (SCUS 21-66)

1. Department of Geography

Motion 3

It was moved by P. Kingsbury and seconded by M. MacDonald

“that SCUS approve and recommend to SCUP the Notice of Intent for the Bachelor of Arts Major and Minor in Urban Change.”

CARRIED

P. Kingsbury provide an overview of the Notice of Intent and introduced N. Bromley, resource person from the Department of Geography.

Concern was raised that the proposals from FASS and the one from FENV will appear too similar to the Ministry and one may be approved over the other, even though the courses offered are distinctive. Discussion ensued with focus on potential options to re-structure the proposals to create individual programs.

There was also concern raised regarding available resources, since these programs may be competing for the same students internally or with other programs in the province.

Some suggestions were to:

- change the titles, to make clearer the differentiation between the programs
- offer as a joint program
- offer a broader joint program with two streams
- offer a double minor

There was much discussion and it was decided that SCUS approve and forward the proposals to SCUP for their recommendations.

The Chair thanked P. Kingsbury and L. Campbell for the hard work and effort that went into developing these proposals.

COURSE CHANGES (SCUS 21-67)

The course changes, effective Summer 2022, were approved under delegated authority

The Chair added that anyone who wishes to put forward a proposal, to submit them directly to his office by October 29th.

For more information, see: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021AEST0060-001869>

The meeting was adjourned at 4:17 pm

Minutes prepared by R. Balletta