MINUTES

In Attendance:

John LaBrie, Chair, Continuing Studies
Barry Honda, Molecular Biology & Biochemistry
James McArthur, Lay Member
D’Arcy Warner, At Large Member
Peter Williams, Resource & Environmental Management
Nicole Rogers, Recording Secretary

Guest:

Robert Anderson, Communications
Joanna Ashworth, Continuing Studies
Susan Burgess, Continuing Studies
Judy Denham, Continuing Studies
Andrew Gemino, Business Administration
Tom Nesbit, Continuing Studies

Regrets:

Jim Budd, SFU Surrey
Lynn Copeland, Librarian
Rob Gordon, Criminology
Titus Gregory, Student Member (Alternate)
Shawn Hunsdale, Student Member
Jamie Kathleen Scott, Molecular Biology & Biochemistry

Approval of the Agenda
The agenda was approved.

Proposal for a Diploma in Dialogue & Negotiation
Joanna Ashworth & Robert Anderson joined the meeting to introduce the proposal and field questions and comments.

Peter Williams moved to approve the proposal; D’Arcy Warner seconded the motion. There was unanimous agreement to approve the new non-credit diploma without any changes.

Approval of November 7th Minutes
D’Arcy Warner moved to approve the minutes of November 7, 2005; Peter Williams seconded the motion. All were in favour and the minutes were approved.

Chair’s Report
a) Mid-term Review of the Continuing Studies Three-year Plan:
The Dean presented the Mid-term Review of the CS Three-year Plan. Commissioned last fall, the working group, consisting of various Continuing Studies staff members and D’Arcy Warner, was charged to review the Continuing Studies 2004-07 Three-year Plan. The completed report was distributed to all staff in late December of 2005.
b) Continuing Studies Planning Document:
Using the above document as a benchmark, the Continuing Studies management group worked to review where Continuing Studies was in terms of our three-year plan and determine new priorities for the unit as we approach the end of a planning cycle. This planning document was presented to all staff in March 2006.

c) Continuing Studies Program Advisory Committees:
John presented his plans for further development of our program advisory committees, as this practice is critical to relationship building between Continuing Studies, the community and the institution.

Peter Williams suggested the development of initiatives with the faculties to draw talent by better demonstrating the value and benefit of teaching and participating in the work of Continuing Studies. For example, revenue sharing models, partnerships in the scholarship of engagement or other research initiatives that would draw on our program directors’ connections to the communities—locally, nationally and internationally—outside academia, incentives tied to the tenure process for faculty, etc. Currently, John is working to make CS/Faculty relationships more explicit by gaining adjunct/associate status for our program directors with terminal degrees.

d) Aboriginal Initiatives at CS:
Currently, SFU’s relationship with the Chief Dan George Centre is being revisited at the VPA’s level. This was the main thrust of our work with First Nations and it’s in question now; however, we are hoping to develop other initiatives in this area. John is committed to moving forward and looks forward to Lisa Sterling’s pan-university strategic plan for First Nations students and academic programming.

Approval of Continuing Studies Non-credit Certificate and Diploma Graduates
Peter Williams moved to approve the list of non-credit graduates; D’Arcy Warner seconded the motion and all were approved.

Proposal for a Diploma in Advanced Project Development & Management: Managing the Project Environment
Andrew Gemino, Judy Denham and Susan Burgess joined the meeting to introduce the proposal and field questions and comments.

Barry Honda moved to approve the proposal; Peter Williams seconded the motion. There was unanimous agreement to approve the new non-credit diploma without any changes. John thanked Susan and Judy their work on an initiative that connected two program areas. Judy and Susan thanked Andrew for his participation and commitment to the proposal.

Other Business
The Dean thanked the members of the committee for their work and support of Continuing Studies activities.

Next Meeting
The next meeting of the Senate Committee on Continuing Studies will be scheduled for November of 2006.

Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 2:45pm.