Simon Fraser University  
Senate Committee on Continuing Studies  
Wednesday, October 22, 2008  
2:00pm, WMC 1361, Burnaby Campus  

MINUTES  

In attendance:  
Joan Collinge, Continuing Studies (Chair)  
Lynn Copeland, Bennett Library (ex-officio)  
Martin Laba, Communication  
D’Arcy Warner, At-large Member  
Brent Seal, Student  
Jim McArthur, Convocation Senator  
Brad Bart, Computing Science  

Regrets:  
Jason Chan, Student  
Benjamin Lee, Student  

Guests:  
Susan Burgess, Continuing Studies  
Dr. Liz Elliott, Associate Professor, School of Criminology  
Joanna Ashworth, Continuing Studies  

Introductions & Welcome to New Members  
The Chair welcomed new members to the SCCS: Brent Seal, Student, Jim McArthur, Convocation, and Jason Chan, Student (unable to attend).  

Approval of the Agenda  
The agenda was unanimously approved.  

Approval of the April 30, 2007 Minutes  
The minutes of the spring 2007 meeting were approved.  

Chair’s Report  
J. Collinge briefed members on the Phase 2 Task Force on Academic Structure and its recommendation of a proposed College of Experiential and Lifelong Learning. While Jon Driver is interested in following through on this initiative, there are no timelines at this time.  

The search for the new Dean of Continuing Studies will proceed even though the college initiative has not been finalized.  

Restructuring within C.S. is to create communities of practice. A discussion on the breakdown of the clusters and how well accepted this new structure is being received by staff.  

The Associate Dean position is up for renewal. It is not public knowledge as of yet, however Dr. Collinge will request that Tom Nesbit remain to act as a facilitator for the transition for the new Dean and future
Associate Dean.

SFU NOW is up and running. There has been a great response to the programs with 14 courses running this semester and 18 expected for next. Yvonne Tabin has moved onto the Director of the Centre for Online and Distance Education (CODE) and Neil Mathur has taken over as Director of SFU NOW.

Dr. Collinge also spoke to some new initiatives taking place in C.S. Michal Fedeles is to receive further funding to work on the second phase of the Aboriginal Health Program. Our City Program also has a new program that UNBC may grant 12 credits to complete the degree there.

Dr. Alan Aberbach has had some initial discussions with Jon Driver re: possibility for some stipend support for the facilitators which will in turn reduce the costs for the seniors.

Finally, Dr. Collinge spoke to the financial challenges facing C.S. She explained that C.S. is currently in the midst of reviewing the 3-year plan to see what changes may need to be made. This would allow for sound financial decisions for the future. Trying to elevate revenues and C.S. has hired a new marketing director to assist with this.

Annual Report to Senate
The report had a motion to accept was from Lynn Copeland and was seconded by Martin Laba. Unanimously passed - all in favor.

Approval of Continuing Studies Non-credit Certificate & Diploma Graduates
The list of non-credit certificate and diploma graduates was presented to the Committee for approval. D. Warner moved to approve; J. McArthur seconded the motion. There was unanimous agreement to approve.

Proposal for Certificate in Restorative Justice (SCCS.1.08-10)
S. Burgess and L. Elliott remained to brief the members on the above proposal. There will initially be 3 courses with L. Elliott working on the first one and the second two to follow shortly. It is expected to be 42 hours each beginning in the Spring 2009. A fourth course may eventually be added.

B. Bart moved to approve the proposal; M. Laba seconded the motion. There was unanimous agreement to approve the Restorative Justice Certificate.

Proposal for Certificate in Dialogue and Civic Engagement (SCCS.1.08-11)
J. Ashworth remained to brief the members on the above proposal. This certificate will be designed to facilitate those individuals working full time. There will be roughly 120 hours of classroom hours with varied sets of times available. It is hoped that this can be done over a couple of years.

D. Warner moved to approve the proposal; L. Copeland seconded the motion. There was unanimous agreement to approve the Dialogue and Civic Engagement Certificate.

Other Business
There was no other business for the committee.

Adjournment
J. Collinge thanked the members for their time and participation. The meeting adjourned at 3:45pm; the next meeting of the SCCS will be scheduled April of 2009.