Simon Fraser University  
Senate Committee on Continuing Studies  
Tuesday, April 13, 2010  
9:30 a.m.  
Room 101 Boardroom, Vancouver Campus

MINUTES

In attendance: Tom Nesbit, Continuing Studies (Chair)  
Martin Laba, Communication  
D’Arcy Warner, Senator, Convocation member  
Peter Ruben, Biomedical, Physiology, & Kinesiology  
Christopher Pavsek, School for Contemporary Arts  
Dolores van der Wey, Education  
Ben Lee, Student

Regrets: Lynn Copeland, Library  
Robert Gordon, Criminology  
Evan Tiffany, Philosophy

1. **Introductions & Welcome to New Member(s)**  
The Chair welcomed those in attendance.

2. **Approval of the Agenda**  
The agenda was approved as presented.

3. **Approval of the November 3, 2009 Minutes**  
The minutes of the fall 2009 meeting were approved.

4. **Matters Arising**  
CODE Director – Brian Naicker, an experienced educator from UNISA will assume his position as CODE Director in late May or early June. The Dean proposes that he attend a future meeting of the SCCS Committee to discuss CODE and the future of Teaching and Learning at SFU.

   College Initiative  
The Dean announced that the VP(A) and Registrar are supportive of a pilot plan to allow a certain number of non-credit students to attend credit courses. A selection of introductory courses have had their enrollment extended by 10%. Revenues will be split between the department and CS. Student transcripts will note the course as non-credit.

   Dean’s Search  
D’Arcy Warner reported that the new Dean of Continuing Studies, Helen Wussow comes to SFU with an excellent background and significant experience. She had formerly been Assistant Dean at both New York University and Brooklyn College. She will hold a faculty appointment in the Department of English. Her start date is May 1, 2010 and several welcoming events have been scheduled for her. It was suggested that the SCCS Committee meet with her prior to the May Senate meeting.

5. **Chair’s Report**  
Budget – all areas reporting to the VP(A) were cut by 3.3% while Continuing Studies suffered a cut in excess of 6%. Support for non-credit programming will no longer be provided and all non-credit activities must now be self-financing. As a result of the unplanned cut, several program areas that were in serious deficit were reviewed and certain positions eliminated.
Tuition for Seniors
The new Dean of Continuing Studies will address the decision to no longer provide free tuition for seniors.

Seniors Program
The Seniors Program recently held a launch of their new DVD in conjunction with the BC Government’s launch of their new website for seniors and healthy living.

Interdisciplinary Studies Program
The Dean announced that Yosef Wosk has resigned his position as program director effective April 30, 2010. The Philosopher Café will move into another program area.

SFU News, Continuing Studies Newsletter Spring 2010
The Dean circulated copies of the recent newsletter which highlights a new Aboriginal Bridging Program, an $800,000 grant from HRSDC, CS partnership with Mokwon University in Korea, and the success of the SFU Now program among many other CS programming initiatives.

President Andrew Petter
It was suggested that an event such as a Continuing Studies Open House be held as a welcome to both Helen Wussow and Andrew Petter as well as an introduction to promoting aspects of Continuing Studies programming.

International Learners Week in Canada 2010 booklet
An SFU CS initiative was included in this publication and circulated to the committee. The committee was pleased to note that an SFU initiative had achieved national recognition.

6. Approval of Continuing Studies Non-credit Certificate & Diploma Graduates

Motion: To approve the list of students who successfully completed the requirements of non-credit Certificates and Diplomas offered through Continuing Studies.

Moved: M, Laba
Seconded: P. Ruben
Approved.

7. Other Business
A seminar on Access and Experiences of Non-traditional Students in Higher Education will be held at Harbour Centre on April 14th. All committee members were invited to attend.

8. Next Meeting (Fall 2010)
Date and time of the next SCCS meeting to be determined. It will be held at the Burnaby campus.

9. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.