SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES
MINUTES
April 3, 2014 ~ 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Strand Hall ~ Room 3171

Attendees: G. Myers (Chair), G. Agnes, A. Chinnery (S. Richmond), P. Gallilee, A. Gemino, M. Gotfrit, J. Hinchliffe (secretary), M. Lechner, L. Legris, J. Pulkingham, E. Park, S. Rhodes

Regrets: A. Clapp, S. Richmond

1. Approval of the Agenda

The Chair added items to the agenda under Other Business related to calendar language and business practices.

The agenda was approved as amended.

2. Approval of the Minutes of March 6, 2014

The minutes were approved as presented.

3. Old Business

a. Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (SCUS 14-10)

1. Department of English (REVISED SCUS 14-10b)

Motion 1
It was moved by J. Pulkingham and seconded by M. Gotfrit

“that SCUS approve and recommend to SCUP the Full Program Proposal: Undergraduate Certificate in Performance Studies.”

CARRIED

S. Rhodes reminded everyone that External Reviews occur every 7 years not 6. Since this is a shared certificate, Susan inquired as to the administrative home for this certificate as external reviews are conducted from the home department. J. Pulkingham stated that the home shall be the Department of English. There was a suggestion to delete the sentence at the bottom of page 1 as to not create confusion.
4. New Business

a. Revisions to Terms of Reference of the Senate Appeals Board and Elimination of the Committee to Review University Admissions (SCUS 14-12)

J. Hinchliffe spoke to this agenda item. The committee has had very few cases to consider over the past couple of years and believed that the work could be done within the revised terms of reference proposed for the Senate Appeals Board.

Motion 2
It was moved by M. Gotfrit and seconded by J. Pulkingham

“that SCUS approve and recommend to Senate Elimination of the Committee to Review University Admissions.”

CARRIED

b. Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (SCUS 14-13)

1. School for the Contemporary Arts (SCUS 14-13a)

Motion 3
It was moved by M. Gotfrit and seconded by L. Legris

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the
- Description and Prerequisite change to FPA 210
- New Course Number and Description change to FPA 184 effective Spring 2015.”

CARRIED

Motion 4
It was moved by M. Gotfrit and seconded by M. Lechner

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the changes to the Upper Division requirements for the Honours Program in Film effective Spring 2015.”

CARRIED

Motion 5
It was moved by M. Gotfrit and seconded by M. Lechner

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the Requirement changes to the Major in Visual Art effective Spring 2015.”

CARRIED
2. School of Communication [SCUS 14-13b]

Motion 6
It was moved by M. Gotfrit and seconded by M. Lechner

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the Description, and/or title and/or pre-requisite change to CMNS 310, 324, CMNS 331, CMNS 333, CMNS 410, CMNS 431, CMNS 432, CMNS 445 effective Spring 2015.”

CARRIED

There were a few editorial suggestions to shorten the descriptions for clarity.

c. Faculty of Science [SCUS 14-14]

1. Department of Math (SCUS 14-14a)

Motion 7
It was moved by G. Agnes and seconded by A. Gemino

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the Upper Division requirement changes to the Mathematics Major and Honours Programs effective Spring 2015.”

CARRIED

Motion 8
It was moved by G. Agnes and seconded by M. Lechner

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the description change to MATH 157 effective Spring 2015.”

DEFERRED

This item deferred until consultation determines that the course change serves the students the course services.

Motion 9
It was moved by G. Agnes and seconded by M. Lechner

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the description and prerequisite change to MACM 203, 204 effective Spring 2015.”

CARRIED
2. Department of Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology [SCUS 14-14b]

Motion 10
It was moved by G. Agnes and seconded by J. Pulkingham

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the
• Title and description change to BPK 304W
• Prerequisite and/or description and/or title change to BPK 496, 497, 498 effective Spring 2015.”

CARRIED

Motion 11
It was moved by G. Agnes and seconded by M. Lechner

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the New Course Proposal: BPK 458-3, Prevention and Management of Cardiovascular Disease effective Spring 2015.”

CARRIED

Motion 12
It was moved by G. Agnes and seconded by J. Pulkingham

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the Program Continuance changes to the Behavioral Neuroscience Major and Honours Programs effective Spring 2015.”

CARRIED

Motion 13
It was moved by G. Agnes and seconded by J. Pulkingham

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the Addition of BISC 202 to the Lower Division requirements in the Major and Honors Biomedical Physiology Program effective Spring 2015.”

CARRIED

3. Department of Biological Sciences [SCUS 14-14c]

Motion 14
It was moved by G. Agnes and seconded by J. Pulkingham

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the New Course Proposal: BISC 113 -3, Biology in Everyday Life with a Breadth-Science designation effective Spring 2015.”

CARRIED
G. Agnes gave a brief overview of this course which is an existing course with the lab portion removed making it more suited as an on-line course. Lectures have remained the same.

**Motion 15**

It was moved by G. Agnes and seconded by (ii) J. Pulkingham

> “that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the Prerequisite change to BISC 100, 101, 102 effective Spring 2015.”

CARRIED

4. **Department of Chemistry [SCUS 14-14d]**

**Motion 16**

It was moved by G. Agnes and seconded by L. Legris

> “that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the Prerequisite change to CHEM 482 effective Spring 2015.”

CARRIED

**d. Faculty of Health Sciences [SCUS 14-15]**

**Motion 17**

It was move by M. Lechner and seconded by G. Agnes

> “that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the New Course Proposal: HSCI 458-3, Prevention and Management of Cardiovascular Disease effective Spring 2015.”

CARRIED

5. **Other Business**

1. **SCUS considerations associated with the Faculty Allocation Model [dollars following students]**

The Chair explained what the phrase ’dollars following scholars’ means. A Faculty budget increases based on the number of students taught by the faculty [WAFTE]. This implies that departments may need to be vigilant about overlap and vectoring of courses i.e. relationship of units to contact hours and the instructional format.

2. **University Credential Language**

Discussion ensued regarding this agenda item beginning with concern about the joint language not being clear enough. Where does the 45 credits come from? Still not clear about and proposed language is needed, with regard to Joint Major and Honours. Does it matter from where the 60 credits come from? The chair will bring forward to a future SCUS meeting with R. Cameron’s version of the credential language for further discussion. The chair mentioned the debate in Senate regarding the
reduction of the honours requirements from 132 to 120 and read an email to the members of SCUS with those concerns. There was much discussion. The chair will look into what other universities do and will share that information with the members of SCUS at a future meeting. It was also pointed out that the Calendar already has language that defines the difference between the two degree designations.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30
Minutes prepared by R. Balletta