1. Approval of the Agenda
The Agenda was approved as presented.

2. Approval of the Minutes of September 12, 2013
The minutes were approved as presented.

3. Old Business

a. Motion: 120-Credit Honours Degree for SFU Credentials (SCUS 13-43)

Motion 1
It was moved by A. Clapp moved and seconded by S. Richmond

“That SCUS approve and recommend to Senate the change to the 120-Credit Honours Degree for SFU Credentials effective Fall 2014.”

1 abstention
1 opposed
8 approved
MOTION CARRIED

The Chair gave a brief background on this agenda item for the benefit of those not at the last meeting. He explained that this agenda item was brought forward at September’s meeting as a Notice of Motion. The members of SCUS had been asked to bring this item back to their faculty for review, discussion and feedback.

There was much discussion regarding the issues of flexibility and how this might affect the credibility of the Honours degree. G. Agnes explained that despite the fact that other institutions are already using this model, Science is still not in full support of this motion. Some institutions do not count their laboratories as credit, which might skew the data so feedback from Science departments varies. The Chair reiterated that members have the choice to change or maintain their existing program requirements. If approved, this change will be effective Fall 2014.
Question was raised about requiring additional criteria to strengthen the degree. It was agreed that this would complicate the issue and could delay it. Several members were concerned about flexibility and more stringent requirements. Again, the Chair explained, no faculty is pressed to change; you would do whatever is right for your department. R. Cameron explained that the Honours in Engineering requirements are above 120 and believes the upper division courses requirement is what defines an SFU student in terms of being prepared for Graduate School and beyond. The additional 12 credits of courses does not necessarily prepare students for Graduate School.

b. Requirement Term Language Motion Revised (REVISED SCUS 13-42)

Motion 2
It was moved by R. Cameron and seconded by L. Legris

“that SCUS approve the change to the Requirement Term Language effective Fall 2014.”

CARRIED

The language was revised after the last SCUS meeting to include more specific information about what requirement term a student would be placed in once their original one expired. S. Rhodes stated that this agenda item seems to only address issues of students currently here, not those of returning students. Discussion ensued with regard to the current admission process and how it will change with the approval of this agenda item. There were some editorial revisions including the omission of the last paragraph of the from the proposed calendar language.

There were suggestions as to whether or not a student could be notified that they are in their 24th term to reduce the number of student claims. All agreed this should be done if not automatically then by department advisors; being proactive would be beneficial for all concerned.

4. New Business

a. Beedie School of Business (SCUS 13-44)

Motion 3
It was moved by A. Gemino and seconded by A. Clapp

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the Temporary Withdrawal of BUS 451 - Project in International Marketing effective Summer 2014.”

CARRIED
b. Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology [SCUS 13-45]

1. Publishing Program

**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 Title change for PUB 210W effective Summer 2014."

DEFERRED

There was concern regarding the course title (Foundations of Professional Writing: University level skills and practice in writing effectively) as it appeared very similar to the FAL/FAN courses. M. Gotfrit agreed to take this agenda item back to his faculty to discuss an alternative title.

c. Notice of Motion: Faculty of Science [SCUS 13-46]

(i) New Course Proposal: INT 190-3, Special Topics in Interdisciplinarity

G. Agnes introduced this agenda item seeking feedback from other faculties with regard to stimulating cross program teaching. The Chair stated this practice already exists and gave the example of Economics and the Beedie School of Business with the BUEC courses. This proposal was seen as being an incubator type proposal that might be more successful at the upper division level. The question was raised about potential obstacles and what they might be. It was agreed that there was merit to pursuing this. G. Agnes will take feedback to his department for further discussion.

d. Policy Training Module Presentation – Anisha Arora

A. Arora presented her report with regard to plans for training departmental and academic advisors on SIMS and policy issues. Associate Deans were asked to support this initiative as it would be beneficial for departmental advisors to have consistent training and to be fully versed in policy interpretation.

5. Other Business

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm