1. Approval of the Agenda

Susan Rhodes added an agenda item under Other Business regarding recent updates from the Ministry of Education.

The Agenda was approved as amended.

2. Approval of the Minutes of July 9, 2015

The minutes were approved as presented.

3. New Business

a. Beedie School of Business [SCUS 15-30]

Motion 1

It was moved by J. Pulkingham and seconded by A. Clapp

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the title and description change for BUS 464 effective Fall 2016.”

CARRIED

Motion 2

It was moved by J. Pulkingham and seconded by A. Clapp

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the admission requirement changes to the Major and Joint Major programs effective Fall 2017.”

DEFERRED
The question was posed regarding the effective date of this agenda item. Discussion ensued with concerns of contradicting calendar language and deadlines as the Fall 2016 recruiting material has already been published. It was agreed that this would be deferred to September pending a review with L. Legris, Director Admissions to be sure the content was correct.

**b. Faculty of Science (SCUS 15-31)**

1. Science Year One & Life Sciences Year Two (SCUS 15-31a) [For Information Only]

   (i) Closure of Science Year One and Life Sciences Year Two at Surrey

   C. Lowenberger responded to questions from the SCUS committee members. He anticipates that course enrollment will increase but what Science was finding is that students were not interested in the non-credit aspect of the cohort programs. Other committee members expressed concern that students were in fact seeking cohort program as there are not enough and, Surrey campus is known for its smaller, more intimate teaching environment.

   C. Lowenberger reiterated that Science is not abandoning Surrey, only modifying the format of the course offerings.

2. Department of Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology (SCUS 15-31b)

   **Motion 3**

   It was moved by C. Lowenberger and seconded by M. Lechner

   “that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information title and description change for BPK 207 effective Summer 2016.”

   **CARRIED**

   **Motion 4**

   It was moved by C. Lowenberger and seconded by E. Park

   “that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the admission requirement changes to the Behavioural Neuroscience Honours program effective Summer 2016.”

   **CARRIED**

   **Motion 5**

   It was moved by C. Lowenberger and seconded by A. Clapp

   “that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the removal of BPK 461 from the Behavioural Neuroscience Major and Honours programs effective Summer 2016.”

   **CARRIED**
3. Department of Chemistry [SCUS 15-31c]

**Motion 6**  
It was moved by C. Lowenberger and seconded by M. Lechner  

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the continuance requirement changes to the Chemistry Major programs effective Summer 2016.”

CARRIED

C. Lowenberger explained the rationale for raising the continuance minimum GPA requirement for Chemistry Majors to 2.2 which is above the university standard of 2.0. The department feels it is necessary to set and maintain an academic standard in students graduating with a Chemistry Major degree as it will make our students more competitive in the workplace and increase the quality of the Chemistry Major program at SFU. Students who do not meet the requirement will be moved into either undeclared status or they can be declared into a double minor program. Question was raised about whether moving students into double minors will become a practice across campus.


**Motion 7**  
It was moved by C. Lowenberger and seconded by A. Clapp  

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the prerequisite change for EASC 205 & 207 effective Summer 2016.”

CARRIED

5. Department of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry [SCUS 15-31e]

**Motion 8**  
It was moved by C. Lowenberger and seconded by E. Park  

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the • Title change for MBB 491  
• Title, description and prerequisite change for MBB 481, 482, 483  
• Title change for MBB 490, 496 effective Summer 2016.”

CARRIED

6. Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science [SCUS 15-31f]

**Motion 9**  
It was moved by C. Lowenberger and seconded by M. Lechner  

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the • prerequisite change for STAT 270, 300W, 305  
• description change for STAT 285

CARRIED
7. Department of Mathematics [SCUS 15-31g]

Motion 10
It was moved by C. Lowenberger and seconded by A. Clapp

“That SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the Upper and lower division requirement changes to the Mathematics and Computing Science Joint Major program effective Summer 2016.”

Deferred

This agenda item was tabled until the Faculty of Applied Sciences’ curriculum committee meet to review the documents.

Motion 11
It was moved by C. Lowenberger and seconded by A. Clapp

“That SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the description and prerequisite change to MATH 125 and 126 effective Fall 2016.”

CARRIED

4. Other Business

Susan gave an overview of the formal directive from the Ministry with regard to program proposal approvals.

She explained that the Ministry is taking a more hands-on approach in reviewing proposals. They are particularly looking for details regarding labour market demand and employment potential, program overlap, and evidence that colleagues from other institutions have been actively consulted with. The Ministry would also like to see how new programs fit in with the strategic plan of the institution. She stressed that the more detailed information in your proposal, the better to avoid unnecessary delays in approval.

A template will be placed on the SCUS website as a guideline on how what a proposal should look like.

S. Rhodes indicated that there were no problems identified with programs already submitted by SCUS.

Meeting adjourned at 3:23 pm
Minutes prepared by R. Balletta