SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

MINUTES

July 9, 2015 ~ 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Strand Hall ~ Room 3171

Attendees: G. Myers (Chair), A. Clapp, A. Gemino, M. Gotfrit, J. Hinchliffe (secretary), M. Lechner, L. Legris, C. Lowenberger, E. Park, J. Pulkingham, S. Rhodes

Regrets: A. Chinnery, D. Chong, C. Chu, P. Gallilee

1. Approval of the Agenda

The Chair gave an update on the Senate agenda item regarding the honours degree as it relates to SCUS' delegated authority. There was brief discussion by Senate and they agreed that SCUS has the delegated authority to approve program honours degrees within the overall context of “minimum 120 units” as approved by Senate.

Motion 1
It was moved by C. Lowenberger and seconded by J. Pulkingham

“that SCUS approve the agenda of July 9, 2015 as presented.”

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes of June 4, 2015

Motion 2
It was moved by M. Lechner and seconded A. Clapp

“that SCUS approve the minutes of June 4, 2015 as presented.”

CARRIED

3. Old Business

a. Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences [SCUS 15-25]

1. Department of Linguistics [SCUS 15-25k]
[i] Title, description and prerequisite change for LING 490

Motion 3
It was moved by J. Pulkingham and seconded by A. Gemino

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the title, description and prerequisite change for LING 490 effective Summer 2016.”

DEFERRED

Jo reminded everyone why this item was deferred at the last SCUS meeting. She explained that a process needs to be put in place to address the operational issues related to non-conforming. She reiterated that the intent is not to prevent this type of learning but to have in place a process for the multi-term, one credit or the 2 week course and to determine what the implications are for students for example drop deadlines, financial aid, grades etc. The Chair requested a full list of these concerns to be brought forward to the SCUS subcommittee where they could be readily addressed.

2. Department of Psychology [SCUS 15-25n][Withdrawn]

   (i) Course changes (description and course number):
   PSYC 402/408; PSYC 430/421; PSYC 461/460; PSYC 476/478

4. New Business

a. Beedie School of Business [SCUS 15-26]

Motion 4
It was moved by A. Gemino and seconded by L. Legris

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the requirement changes to the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Certificate effective Summer 2016.”

CARRIED

Motion 5
It was moved by A. Gemino and seconded by J. Pulkingham

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the New Course Proposals:
   o BUS 291-3, Selected Topics in Business Administration
   o BUS 292-3, Selected Topics in Business Administration effective Summer 2016.”

CARRIED
There was discussion regarding overlap and library checks for selective topics. Library representative was not present to comment.

**Motion 6**

It was moved by A. Gemino and seconded by (ii, 4, 5, 6) A. Clapp

> “that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the
> • Prerequisite change for BUS 443
> • Prerequisite change for BUS 474
> • Title change for the Entrepreneurship and Innovation concentration
> • Title and prerequisite change for BUS 439 effective Summer 2016.”

CARRIED

b. Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences [SCUS 15-27]

1. Cognitive Science Program

**Motion 7**

It was moved by J. Pulkingham and seconded by C. Lowenberger

> “that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the Upper division requirement changes to the Cognitive Science Major, Honours and Minor programs effective Summer 2016.”

CARRIED

c. Faculty of Applied Sciences [SCUS 15-28]

1. School of Engineering Science

**Motion 8**

It was moved by E. Park and seconded by A. Clapp

> “that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the description change to the Engineering Science Major program effective Fall 2015.”

CARRIED

There was brief discussion of the issues to be brought forward to the SCUS subcommittee. All the members agreed to bring forward the following three items as coordination and operational issues to be addressed:
• When interdisciplinary submissions are brought forward to SCUS – how are these handled? Which faculty presents the documents? Doubling up of information will only delay the process
• When a change is made to a course that may be a pre-requisite for other courses – how is this communicated?
• Why do minor curriculum changes need approval at the faculty level?

d. Faculty of Health Sciences [SCUS 15-29]

Motion 9
It was moved by M. Lechner and seconded by L. Legris

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the requirement changes for the BSc major and honours programs, Population and Quantitative Health Sciences concentration effective Summer 2016.”

CARRIED

5. Other Business

No other business

Minutes prepared by R. Balletta
Meeting adjourned at 3:08 pm