SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

MINUTES

December 3, 2015 ~ 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Strand Hall ~ Room 3171


Guests: Carol Zachs, Director, International Partnerships and Protocol
Carolyn Hanna, Director (Acting), International Services for Students

1. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved as presented.

2. Approval of the Minutes of November 5, 2015

The minutes were approved as presented.

3. Old Business

a. Faculty of Science

1. Department of Earth Sciences (REVISED SCUS 15-36b)

Motion 1
It was moved by C. Lowenberg and seconded A. Clapp

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the prerequisite change to EASC 405 effective Fall 2016.”

CARRIED

b. IP Grade (REVISED SCUS 15-32b)

Motion 2
It was moved by M. Gotfrit and seconded by L. Legris

“that SCUS approve and recommend to Senate the calendar language change to IP Grades to read as follows effective Fall 2016:
‘An In Progress grade of IP is a temporary grade assigned in the first term of a two term thesis course or to Education 404 (coursework semester). The grade has no numerical equivalent and is not included in the grade point average’.

CARRIED

The Chair gave a brief overview of this agenda item and the reason for the revision which was to update the education part of the calendar language. This item was initially proposed in order to reduce the complexity at the Registrar level when dealing with two semester thesis courses.

4. New Business

a. Beedie School of Business [SCUS 15-41]

Motion 3
It was moved by A. Gemino and seconded by L. Legris

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the New Course Proposals:
• BUS 216-3, Essentials of Business Writing
• BUS 200-3, Business Fundamentals
• B-Soc Designation for BUS 200 effective Fall 2016.”

CARRIED

A. Gemino stated that discussions were had with A. Chinnery and the Faculty of Education regarding any course conflicts or overlap.

Motion 4
It was moved by A. Gemino and seconded by C. Lowenberger

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the Lower division requirement changes to the Business Minor program effective Fall 2016.”

CARRIED

Motion 5
It was moved by A. Gemino and seconded by M. Lechner

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the description and prerequisite change for BUS 311, 340, 341 effective Fall 2016.”

CARRIED
b. Faculty of Science [SCUS 15-42]

1. Department Statistics and Actuarial Science [SCUS 15-42a]

Motion 6
It was moved by C. Lowenberger and seconded by E. Park

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the New Course Proposals:
- STAT 180-1, Career Development Seminar for Statistics and Actuarial Science [effective Fall 2016]
- STAT 240-3, Introduction to Data Science [effective Spring 2017]
  - Q designation for STAT 240
- STAT 440-3, Learning from Big Data [effective Spring 2017].”

CARRIED

2. Department of Physics [SCUS 15-42b]

Motion 7
It was moved by C. Lowenberger and seconded by J. Craig

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the
- Co-requisite change for PHYS 125 and 126
- Description and prerequisite change for PHYS 365
- Prerequisite change to PHYS 384 effective Fall 2016.”

CARRIED

3. Department of Biological Sciences [SCUS 15-42c]

Motion 8
It was moved by C. Lowenberger and seconded by A. Clapp

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the New Course Proposal: BISC 308-3, Environmental Toxicology: An Ecological Perspective effective Fall 2016.”

CARRIED

Motion 9
It was moved by C. Lowenberger and seconded by L. Legris

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the title, description and prerequisite change for BISC 313 effective Fall 2016.”

CARRIED
Motion 10
It was moved by C. Lowenberger and seconded by M. Lechner

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate the Upper and lower division requirement changes to the Environmental Toxicology Minor program effective Fall 2016.”

CARRIED

4. Department of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry (SCUS 15-42d)

Motion 11
It was moved by C. Lowenberger and seconded by J. Craig

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the
- Upper division requirement changes to the Major and Honour programs
- Lower division requirement changes to the Chemistry and Molecular Biology and Biochemistry Joint Major and Joint Honours programs effective Fall 2016.”

CARRIED

Motion 12
It was moved by C. Lowenberger and seconded by A. Gemino

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

CARRIED

Motion 13
It was moved by C. Lowenberger and seconded by L. Legris

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the
- Prerequisite change for MBB 308
- Title, description and prerequisite change for MBB 428 effective Fall 2016.”

CARRIED

5. Department of Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology (SCUS 15-42e)

Motion 14
It was moved by C. Lowenberger and seconded by E. Park

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the New Course Proposal: BPK 495-6, Undergraduate Honours Research Performance effective Spring 2017.”

CARRIED
Motion 15
It was moved by C. Lowenberger and seconded by J. Craig

"that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the
• Course number and description change for BPK 497 effective Fall 2016
• Credit, title, description and prerequisite change for BPK 499 effective Spring 2017."

CARRIED

Motion 16
It was moved by C. Lowenberger and seconded by J. Craig

"that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the
• Upper division requirement changes to the Biomedical Physiology Honours program
• Upper division requirement changes to the Kinesiology Honours program effective Fall 2016."

CARRIED

6. Department of Mathematics (SCUS 15-42f)

Motion 17
It was moved by C. Lowenberger and seconded by J. Craig CARRIED

"that SCUS approve and recommend to SCUP the Notice of Intent for a Joint Major and Honours degrees in Economics and Mathematics."

CARRIED

It was noted by the committee that the student interest and labour market sections should be more robust going forward.

c. Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (SCUS 15-43)

1. School for the Contemporary Arts (SCUS 15-43a)

Motion 18
It was moved by M. Gotfrit and seconded by L. Legris

"that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the requirement changes to the academic continuance policy in the School for the Contemporary Arts, effective Fall 2016."

CARRIED

Motion 19
It was moved by M. Gotfrit and seconded by C. Lowenberger

"that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the:
• Prerequisite change for FPA 232
• Description change for FPA 324
• Prerequisite change for FPA 326, 305
• Description and prerequisite change for FPA 308, 309
• Prerequisite change for FPA 405
• Description and prerequisite change for FPA 408 effective Fall 2016.”

CARRIED

2. School of Interactive Arts and Technology [SCUS 15-43b]

Motion 20
It was moved by M. Gotfrit and seconded by J. Craig

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the New Course Proposal: IAT 499-6, Graduation Project effective Fall 2016.”

CARRIED

5. Other Business

a. SCUS Subcommittee [SCUS 15-32]

1. Notice of Motion

(i) Final Examinations T20.02 (SCUS 15-32c)

The Chair gave a brief overview of this agenda item. He explained the revisions to the Notice of Motion for Final Examinations came out of discussions from the last SCUS meeting. Discussion ensued with further calendar language revisions and all agreed to once again review the proposal and forward any changes and feedback to J. Hinchliffe. J. Hinchliffe will electronically circulate the document to the members for their review.

6. New Business (cont’d)

d. International Services for Students [SCUS 15-44]

Carol Zachs and Carolyn Hanna from International Services for Students spoke to this agenda item. They gave a brief overview of the new course proposal and answered questions from the SCUS members. They explained how this course will not appear in the calendar but is a mechanism to facilitate students to participate in courses beyond the student exchange program and for those students who do not qualify for the exchange program. They further added how the applications are tracked and vetted to ensure appropriate activities and learning outcomes are achieved. All agreed this was a great complement to the exchange program.
Motion 21
It was moved by A. Gemino and seconded by C. Lowenberger

“that SCUS approve under delegated authority and send to Senate for information the New Course Proposal: GLP 200/201-0, Global Learning Program effective Fall 2016.”

CARRIED

7. Other Business (cont’d)

a. SCUS Subcommittee (SCUS 15-32)

2. Notice of Motion

(i) Residency requirements (SCUS 15-32d)
(ii) Post Baccalaureate Diploma Program Transfer Credit (SCUS 15-32e)

Feedback regarding the Residency requirements and the Post Baccalaureate Diploma Program Transfer Credit calendar language was received only by A. Gemino. All agreed to table these items once again for further review and discussion. The Chair suggested to have the documents sent electronically to the members for their review and any feedback so a final motion can be formulated at the February SCUS meeting. J. Hinchcliffe will forward A. Gemino’s feedback to the SCUS group.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm
Minutes prepared by R. Balletta