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**MEMORANDUM** ATTENTION DATE Senate January 6, 2022

Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

RE: 2020-2021 Annual Report of Senate Committee on

**Undergraduate Studies** 

Wade Parkhouse, Chair

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I am pleased to submit to Senate the 2020-2021 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (SCUS).

The Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies is charged by Senate with the following terms of reference:

- 1. Taking into consideration the need for coordination and development of undergraduate programs within the University, SCUS shall:
  - a) review and make recommendations to Senate on curriculum changes of a major nature and general matters affecting the curriculum.
  - b) under delegated authority, review and approve, where appropriate, all proposed new courses, course deletions, course changes and program revisions of a minor nature. These changes shall be reported in summary form to Senate.
  - c) review and make recommendations to SCUP regarding new programs and credentials.
- 2. To recommend to Senate grading, examination, standing and continuance policies.
- 3. To recommend to Senate policies on undergraduate admissions, re-admissions, and credit transfer and where necessary, to provide general direction to the Registrar's Office in the interpretation of such policies.
- 4. To consider and decide on policy recommendations concerning undergraduate course registration and course withdrawal procedures and on the administration of undergraduate student records.
- 5. To consider and recommend to Senate policy recommendations from the Diverse Qualifications Adjudication Committee.
- 6. To consider and recommend to Senate policy recommendations regarding the WQB requirements.
- 7. The Committee quorum shall be eight voting members.
- 8. In the event that the representative from a Faculty is unable to attend a meeting of SCUS, the Faculty is authorized to appoint a faculty member replacement.
- 9. The Committee may establish sub-committees.
- 10. With a two-thirds majority vote, SCUS may delegate some of its powers to such sub-committees, or to the Chair/Vice-Chair. Undergraduate students must be represented on all sub-committees.

This report covers the period September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021 during which SCUS held 12 meetings (including a Special Meeting on January 21, 2021).

SCUS reviewed, recommended, approved and submitted to SCUP and Senate curriculum changes related to the addition, deletion and modification of programs and courses, as well as revisions of relevant regulations.

### **Programs:**

Name Change: Major in Music and Sound Name Change: Honours in Music and Sound Name Change: Minor in Music and Sound

Name Change: Minor in Sustainable Development

Notice of Intent: Minor in Climate Change and Society Notice of Intent: Joint Major in French and World Literature

Notice of Intent: Minor in Public Policy

Notice of Intent: Honours in Sustainable Energy Engineering

Notice of Intent: Bachelor of Applied Science in Sustainable Energy Engineering (Second Degree)

Suspension of admission: Certificate in Creative Writing

Termination: Extended Minor in Asia-Canada

Termination: Major in Multimedia Computing Specialist

### **Policies:**

Admissions - English Language Requirement:

- SAT/ACT ((Scholastic Assessment Test/American College Testing) examination now optional
- Removed TOEFL CBT (Test of English as a Foreign Language Computer-Based test) removed from the list of accepted examinations
- Extended Duolingo English Test pilot to Fall 2023
- Added SFU Continuing Studies English Language and Culture (ELC) Low Advanced Level

#### Admissions Requirements:

 Bachelor of Arts (BA) Grade 12, List A admission requirements within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

Elective Grading Scheme (Pass/Credit/No Credit – P/CR/NC) pilot, with updates to the following policies as a result:

- Academic Standing and Continuance Policy
- Limits on Course Repeat Policy

Withdrawal Deadline extended to week eight (pilot)

# New programs approved and recommended

Honours in Sustainable Energy Engineering

# **Curriculum Changes Approved**

Program changes	New Courses	Courses deleted	Courses changed
242	69	69	368

# **SCUS Membership during 2020-2021:**

- W. Parkhouse, Chair (Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-Present, Academic)
  E. Elle, Vice-Chair (Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President, Learning and Teaching)
- K. Verkerk (Registrar pro tem)
- T. Nault (Registrar)
- J. Sutherland; K. Whittle (Director, University Curriculum & Institutional Liaison)
- E. Park, Applied Sciences
- L. Campbell, Arts and Social Sciences
- K. Masri, Beedie School of Business
- P. Pasquier, Communication, Art and Technology
- M. MacDonald, Education
- P. Kingsbury, Environment
- N. van Houten, Health Sciences
- D. Hik, N. Science
- M. Crouch (University Librarian designate)
- S. Bains, A. Kandikova, G. Liosis, N. Modi, A. Parmar, M. Pinter-Collett (Student Representatives)
- K. Nordgren (Secretary, Assistant Registrar)
- R. Balletta (Recording Secretary)

# Faculty Delegates

March/April 2021: M. Niikura, Health Sciences (for N. van Houten)