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ATTENTION Senate

FROM Bill Krane, Chair
Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

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RE 2006-2007 Annual Report of Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies
(SCUS Reference 07-44)

DATE November 6, 2007

I am pleased to submit to Senate the 2006-2007 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 Committee to Review University Admissions.
6. To consider and recommend to Senate policy recommendations from the Diverse Qualifications Adjudication Committee.
7. To consider and recommend to Senate policy recommendations regarding the WQB requirements.

This report covers the period October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007, during which SCUS held 10 meetings.

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 reviewed

- Dual Degree program in Business Administration (NOI)
- Major, Honors and Minor program in Regional Development(NOI)
- Bachelor of General Studies (Education)(NOI)
- Integrated Studies program in Liberal and Business Studies in Kitimat
- Science Year One and Year Two Life Sciences in the Cohort Science Programs at Surrey

New programs approved and recommended:

- Major, Minor and Honors in World Literature
- Mechatronics program
- Certificate in Earth Sciences
- International Experiential Learning Certificate
- Cognitive Science Minor program
- Police Studies Concentration
- Joint Computing Science and Philosophy program

Admissions; approved and recommended:

- revisions to the literacy admissions criteria
- changes to the criteria for admissions from B.C. and Yukon College and University Colleges
- revisions to admissions transfer credit requirements
- changes to admission requirements reducing the number of courses for students coming from high school from five to four and harmonizing the English Language Requirement and the Literacy Requirement
- changes to the Canadian High School admission requirements to mirror the requirements from leading universities in each province

Undergraduate Academic Standing and Continuance Policy

- reviewed and recommended exemptions to existing Standing and Continuance policies to permit the establishment of the "Student Success" program as a pilot project

Curriculum Changes Approved

Program changes	New Courses	Courses deleted	Courses changed
52	146	85	255

Note: numbers are approximate

SCUS members during 2006-2007 were:

B. Krane	Chair (Associate Vice-President, Academic)
D. Moore, M. Kiai	Student Services, (Registrar designate)
K. Ross	Student Services, Registrar
G. Bird, M. Crouch	Library (University Librarian designate)
J. Jones	Applied Science
M. Gillies	Arts and Social Sciences
M. Fizzell	Business Administration
D. Paterson	Education
N. Haunerland, K. Corbett	Health Sciences
R. Mathewes	Science
D. Harder, K. Harding	
A. van Baarsen	Undergraduate Student at Large
S. Dench	Director, University Curriculum
J. Hinchliffe	Secretary, and Assistant Registrar
R. Sunner, R. Balletta	Recording Secretary