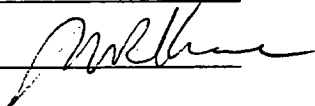


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ATTENTION	Senate	
FROM	Bill Krane, Chair Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies	
RE	Changes to Admission Requirements for BA (SCUS 09-23e)	
DATE	March 24, 2009	

Action undertaken by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies at its meeting of March 5, 2009, gives rise to the following recommendation:

Motion:

That Senate approve the changes to the math admission requirement for the BA program in Health Sciences, effective Spring 2010.



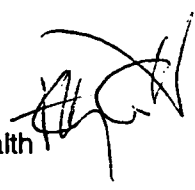
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MEMORANDUM

TO: SCUS

FROM: Kitty Corbett, Director, Undergraduate Programs, Faculty of Health Sciences 

RE: Removing Principles of Math 12 as an admission requirement for the BA program in Health Sciences

DATE: February 24, 2009

cc: John O'Neil, Dean; Craig Janes, Associate Dean

The Undergraduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) unanimously agreed (Dec. 11, 2008) that Principles of Math 12 be removed as an admission requirement for the BA program in Health Sciences. It should remain for admission to the BSc program. FHS is asking SCUS to approve this.

Rationale:

1. The content of the Health Sciences curriculum for Bachelor of Arts majors does not require that students have the knowledge and skills taught in Principles of Math 12 in BC secondary schools, which is a course designed to prepare students for success in science and mathematics courses at the university level. Health Sciences BA students are required to take a course in Epidemiology (HSCI 330) and two courses in Statistics (STAT 201 or 203 plus STAT 302), but the content in those courses does not require content from Principles of Math 12 as a prerequisite.
2. Relaxing this requirement promises to make access to Health Sciences open to more high school graduates. School counselors have communicated to our recruitment staff that we can anticipate an increased number of applications to our program if this requirement is eliminated. In addition, this should assist Health Sciences in efforts to meet Senate-mandated enrolment targets.

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