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**ATTENTION** Senate  
**FROM** Bill Krane, Chair  
Senate Committee on Undergraduate  
Studies  
**RE:** Faculty of Science (SCUS 11-16)

**DATE** March 4, 2011  
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A handwritten signature in blue ink, likely of Bill Krane, is written over the signature line.

**For information:**

Acting under delegated authority at its meeting of March 3, 2011, SCUS approved the following curriculum revisions effective Fall 2011:

1. Semester in Dialogue

- (i) Description and prerequisite change for DIAL 460 and 461

Senators wishing to consult a more detailed report of curriculum revisions may do so on the Web at [http://www.sfu.ca/senate/Senate\\_agenda.html](http://www.sfu.ca/senate/Senate_agenda.html) following the posting of the agenda. If you are unable to access the information, please call 778-782-3168 or email [shelley\\_gair@sfu.ca](mailto:shelley_gair@sfu.ca).



**TO:** Bill Krane, Chair, SCUS

**FROM:** Rolf Mathewes, Associate Dean  
Faculty of Science

**RE:** Change in prerequisites for  
DIAL: 460, 461

**DATE:** February 21, 2011

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The Faculty of Science has approved the following, which must now be considered by SCUS.

Please place these items on the agenda of the next SCUS meeting.

**Centre for Dialogue**

Change in prerequisites for DIAL: 460, 461

The DIAL courses are offered through the Centre for Dialogue, but the administrative home for these courses is the Faculty of Science. The DIAL 460 and 461 courses have not been used before, largely due to the restrictive prerequisites, but the Centre for Dialogue have had considerable interest from students in offering 460 and 461, especially from students who would like to engage in dialogue and public issues through coursework but are not able to take the full 15-credit Undergraduate Semester in Dialogue (DIAL 390, 391, 392). The Centre for Dialogue and the School of Communications (Zoe Druick chairs their Undergraduate Curriculum Committee), don't think the CMNS prerequisites are necessary, and that students with 45 credit hours would be sufficiently advanced to take either 460 or 461.

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R. Mathewes

Enclosure

c. J. Hinchliffe, C. Cupples

**SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY**  
**Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies**  
**Course Change/Deletion Form**

Existing Course Changes Recommended:  
Please check appropriate revision(s)

Course Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Hour: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Description: X Prerequisite: xx State number of hours for:  
Lect ( ) Sem ( 4 ) Tut ( ) Lab ( )

Course deletion: \_\_\_\_\_

FROM: TO  
Course Number Course Number

No change: DIAL 460-4

Credit Hour Credit Hour

No change

Title:  
Long title for calendar/schedule no more than 100 characters including spaces and punctuation

FROM TO

No change:  
Seminar in Dialogue and Public Issues

(2) Short title for enrolment and transcript no more than 30 characters including spaces and punctuation

FROM TO

No change:  
Seminar in Dialogue and Public Issues

Description

FROM:

Focuses on the practical tools and conceptual approaches used in dialogue, with comparisons of the role and impact of dialogue among community, government, corporate, union, First Nations, legal-regulatory, advocacy groups and organizations. Emphasis is on interaction among interest groups and stakeholders, cultures of negotiation and decision-making, techniques of facilitation, and strategies for effective outcomes. Prerequisite: 75 units including either at least two of CMNS 332, 347, 425, 432, 437, 447 or DIAL 390, 391, 392.

**TO:**

**Focuses on the practical tools and conceptual approaches used in dialogue, with comparisons of the role and impact of dialogue among community, government, corporate, union, First Nations, legal-regulatory, advocacy groups and organizations. Emphasis is on interaction among interest groups and stakeholders, cultures of negotiation and decision-making, techniques of facilitation, and strategies for effective outcomes. Prerequisite: 45 credit hours and permission of instructor.**

**RATIONALE:**

**The intention of DIAL 460 has been to offer a seminar course that uses dialogue to connect public issues, and that is open to upper-level students across the university. The change in prerequisites will make the course more accessible, and increase our ability to engage students with public issues. There is no need for the CMNS prerequisites, and CMNS has no objection to the change. By retaining permission of instructor as a prerequisite, we can insure students have appropriate backgrounds.**

**Does this course replicate the content of a previously approved course to such an extent that students should not receive credit for both courses? If so, this should be noted in the prerequisite. NO**

**Effective semester and year September 2011**

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**Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies**  
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**Please check appropriate revision(s)**

**Course Number:**\_\_\_\_\_ **Credit Hour:**\_\_\_\_\_ **Title:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Description:** X **Prerequisite:** xx **State number of hours for:**  
**Lect** ( ) **Sem** (3 ) **Tut** ( ) **Lab** ( )

**Course deletion:**\_\_\_\_\_

**FROM:**

**Course Number**

**No change:**

**DIAL 461-3**

**Credit Hour**

**No change**

**Title:**

**FROM**

**No change:**

**Field Placement in Dialogue**

**FROM**

**No change:**

**Field Placement in Dialogue**

**Description**

**FROM**

**Students work under faculty supervision in a placement where dialogue is planned or where dialogue occurs. Arrangements are the responsibility of the student, and enrolment is limited. Prerequisite: 75 units including CMNS/DIAL 460, and permission of instructor.**

**TO:**

**Students work under faculty supervision in a placement where dialogue is planned or where dialogue occurs. Arrangements are the responsibility of the student, and enrolment is limited. Prerequisite: 45 units and permission of instructor.**

**RATIONALE:**

**The intention of DIAL 461 has been to offer a research course that uses dialogue to connect public issues, and that is open to upper-level students across the university. The change in prerequisites will make the course more accessible, and increase our ability to engage students with public issues. There is no need for the CMNS prerequisite, and CMNS has no objection to the change. By retaining permission of instructor as a prerequisite, we can insure students have appropriate backgrounds.**

**Does this course replicate the content of a previously approved course to such an extent that students should not receive credit for both courses? If so, this should be noted in the pre-requisite. NO.**

**Effective semester and year September 2011**