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MEMORANDUM

**FROM** 

ATTENTION Senate

Peter Hall & Paul Kingsbury, Co-Chairs

Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

RE: 2023-2024 SCUS Annual Report

on Undergraduate Studies (SCUS).

DATE May 29, 2025

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We are pleased to submit to Senate the 2023-2024 Annual Report of the Senate Committee

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 Senateon 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, 2023 to August 31, 2024 during which SCUS held **12** 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:**

Suspension of admission to the Geographic Information Science Major and Honours programs

Termination of the Latin American Studies Minor

Termination of the Post Baccalaureate Diploma (PBD) in Police Studies

Suspension of Admission to the Teacher Education (PQP) Professional Qualification Program

Name change for the French Language Proficiency Certificate

Termination of the Indigenous Studies and Linguistics Joint Major

Termination of the Latin American Co-operative Education Program

Suspension of admission to the Archaeology and Indigenous Studies Joint Major

Suspension of admission to the Philosophy Double Minor program

### **Policies:**

Guidelines for Courses in the Event of a Labour Dispute

Sustainable Energy Engineering program (SEE) is optional for undergraduate high school admission

SAT/ACT Admission Requirement Elimination

FAN X99 and FAL X99 - Integral Credit Revision

Spring 2025 High School admissions requirement change for the Beedie School of Business

Pan-university working group to investigate generative Artificial Intelligence usage and develop associated policy

Discontinuing the exploration of a revised Elective Grading System

Two-year extension of the Duolingo English Test pilot for the Spring 2025 through to Fall 2026

Revised calendar definitions re: Writing, Quantitative, and Breadth Requirements

Addition of the terms *stream* and *concentration* to undergraduate credential definitions

Removal of the Language 11 (second language) requirement from the undergraduate admission criteria

Revisions to the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (School of Interactive Arts and Technology; School of Communication) Grade 12 admission requirements, effective Summer 2025

## New programs approved and recommended

Notice of Intent for the Medical Humanities and Social Sciences Minor (MHSS)

Notice of Intent for the Certificate in Data Science in Physics

Full Program Proposal for the Certificate in Sound

Notice of Intent for the Undergraduate Medical Education Program (UGME)

Full Program Proposal for the Medical Doctor (MD) Program

Full Program Proposal for the Certificate in Data Science in Physics

# **Curriculum Changes Approved**

Program changes	New courses	Courses deleted	Courses changed
241	52	40	266

# Writing, Quantitative, and Breadth Requirements - New, Deleted, and Recertifications

New Designations	<b>Deleted Designations</b>	Recertifications
28	6	72

The following courses have been recertified for the next five years after the effective term:

Course	Designation	Calendar Effective Term
CA 140	B-Hum	Fall 2024
CA 142	B-Hum	Fall 2024
GA 101	B-Hum, B-Soc	Fall 2024
GSWS 399	Q	Fall 2024
WL 101	W, B-Hum	Fall 2024
EDUC 211	Q, B-Sci	Spring 2025
EDUC 212	Q, B-Sci	Spring 2025
EDUC 313	Q	Spring 2025
EDUC 375	Q	Spring 2025
EDUC 411	Q	Spring 2025
EDUC 415	Q	Spring 2025
EDUC 475	Q	Spring 2025
ENGL 112	W, B-Hum	Spring 2025
ENGL 113	W	Spring 2025
ENGL 272	B-Hum	Spring 2025
ENGL 398	B-Hum	Spring 2025
ENGL 415	W	Spring 2025
ENGL 439	W	Spring 2025
HUM 101	W, B-Hum	Spring 2025
HUM 102	W, B-Hum	Spring 2025
HUM 105	B-Hum	Spring 2025
HUM 106	B-Hum	Spring 2025
HUM 110	B-Hum	Spring 2025
HUM 121	B-Hum	Spring 2025
HUM 130	B-Hum	Spring 2025
HUM 202	B-Hum	Spring 2025
HUM 203	B-Hum	Spring 2025
HUM 204	B-Hum	Spring 2025
HUM 209	B-Hum	Spring 2025
HUM 211	B-Hum	Spring 2025
HUM 222	B-Hum	Spring 2025
HUM 226	B-Hum	Spring 2025

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Course	Designation	Calendar Effective Term		
HUM 240	B-Hum	Spring 2025		
HUM 275	B-Hum	Spring 2025		
HUM 277	B-Hum	Spring 2025		
HUM 305	B-Hum	Spring 2025		
HUM 309	B-Hum	Spring 2025		
HUM 311	B-Hum	Spring 2025		
HUM 312	W, B-Hum	Spring 2025		
HUM 320	B-Hum	Spring 2025		
HUM 321	W, B-Hum	Spring 2025		
HUM 325	B-Hum	Spring 2025		
HUM 330	B-Hum	Spring 2025		
HUM 331	B-Hum	Spring 2025		
HUM 332	B-Hum	Spring 2025		
HUM 340	B-Hum	Spring 2025		
HUM 349	B-Hum	Spring 2025		
HUM 350	B-Hum	Spring 2025		
HUM 360	B-Hum	Spring 2025		
IAT 103	W	Spring 2025		
IAT 206	W	Spring 2025		
IAT 309	W	Spring 2025		
LING 324	Q	Spring 2025		
LING 400	Q	Spring 2025		
MBB 301	B-Sci	Spring 2025		
PHIL 150	B-Hum	Spring 2025		
PHYS 101	B-Sci	Spring 2025		
PHYS 102	B-Sci	Spring 2025		
PHYS 120	B-Sci	Spring 2025		
PHYS 121	B-Sci	Spring 2025		
PHYS 140	B-Sci	Spring 2025		
PHYS 141	B-Sci	Spring 2025		
PHYS 190	B-Sci	Spring 2025		
PSYC 210	Q	Spring 2025		

### SCUS Membership during 2023-2024:

- P. Hall, (Chair), Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President, Academic (AVPA)
- K. Magnusson, (Co-Chair), Associate Vice-President Learning and Teaching pro tem (AVPLT)
- T. Nault (Registrar)
- J. Sutherland (Director, University Curriculum & Institutional Liaison)
- E. Park, Applied Sciences
- M. Sjoerdsma, Applied Sciences
- M. Ortabasi, Arts and Social Sciences
- K. Masri, Beedie School of Business
- A. Eigenfeldt, Communication, Art and Technology
- R. Williamson, Education
- P. Kingsbury, Environment
- N. van Houten, Health Sciences
- N. Hawkins, Science
- M. Crouch (University Librarian designate)
- M. Gonzalez Palacios (University Librarian designate)
- A. Fung, L. Masri, A. Parmar, M. Abu-Samhan (Student Representatives)
- K. Nordgren (Secretary, Assistant Registrar)
- R. Balletta (Recording Secretary)

### **Faculty Delegates**

September 2023: K. Oldknow, acting Chair (for P. Hall) November 2023: A. Hawryshkewich (for A. Eigenfeldt)

November 2023: N. Blomley (for P. Kingsbury)

November 203: J. Ho (for K. Masri)

November 2023: D. Shafey (for T. Nault)

December 2023: S. Noel, acting Secretary (for K. Nordgren)

February 2024: M. Crouch (for M. Gonzalez Palacios

April 2024: A. Salomon (for P. Kingsbury)

April 2024: M. Sjoerdsma (for E. Park)

May 2024: A. Pataky (for J. Sutherland)