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ATTENTION

Senate

DATE

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FROM

Wade Parkhouse, Chair

Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

2019-2020 Annual Report of Senate Committee on

Undergraduate Studies

I am pleased to submit to Senate the 2019-2020 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, 2019 to August 31, 2020 during which SCUS held **11** 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 and Policies reviewed

Name Change: Department of Indigenous Studies Name Change: Indigenous Languages program

Name Change: Certificate in Indigenous Language Proficiency Name Change: Diploma in Indigenous Language Proficiency

Name Change: Indigenous Studies Major

Name Change: Archaeology and Indigenous Studies Joint Major Name Change: Indigenous Studies and Linguistics Joint Major

Name Change: Indigenous Studies Minor

Name Change: Indigenous Studies Research Certificate

Name Change: Indigenous Studies Post Baccalaureate Diploma Name Change: Indigenous Studies Co-operative Education Program

New course acronyms: INDG, INLG

Notice of Intent: Joint Major in First Nations Studies and History

Notice of Intent: Minor in First Nations Languages

Notice of Intent: Minor in Geographic Information Science

Notice of Intent: Major in Computational Physics Notice of Intent: Honours in Computational Physics

Suspension of admission: Minor in Latin American Studies

Suspension of admission: Post Baccalaureate Diploma in Sustainable Development

Classroom and Course Scheduling policy

Established sub-committees: Policy & Regulations and Programs (new programs/processes)

Program GPA policy

Spring 2020 Grading and Withdrawal policy

Withdrawal Date Extension 2020/2021 academic year

New programs approved and recommended

Minor in Creative Writing Minor in Social Data Analytics Certificate in Professional Kinesiology Minor in Geographic Information Science Minor in First Nations Languages

Curriculum Changes Approved

Program changes	New Courses	Courses deleted	Courses changed
308	62	105	369

SCUS members during 2019-2020 were:

W. Parkhouse, Chair (Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-Present, Academic)
E. Elle, Vice-Chair (Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President, Learning and Teaching)

- K. Whittle (Director, University Curriculum & Institutional Liaison)
- K. Oldknow, E. Park, Applied Sciences
- C. Murray, Arts and Social Sciences
- S. Spector, K. Masri, Beedie School of Business
- P. Pasquier, Communication, Art and Technology
- S. Chorney, M. MacDonald, Education
- P. Kingsbury, Environment
- N. van Houten, Health Sciences
- D. Hik, Science
- M. Crouch (University Librarian designate)
- K. Nordgren (Secretary and Assistant Registrar)
- S. Birnie, M. Peragine (Registrar designate)
- A. Parmar, K. Pathania, J. Chou, G. Liosis, N. Modi, M. Pinter-Collett (Student Representatives)

Faculty Delegates

October 2019 – P. Gallilee (for M. Crouch), University Librarian designate October 2019 – C. Stevenson (for S. Spector), Beedie School of Business November 2019 – S. Smith (for S. Chorney), Education February 2020 – S. Spector (for K. Masri) Beedie School of Business

R. Balletta, Recording Secretary