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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION Senate
FROM Wade Parkhouse, Dean of Graduate
Studies
RE: Faculty of Health Sciences

DATE 10 July 2014
No. GS2014.23

For information:

Acting under delegated authority at its meeting of July 7, 2014, SGSC approved the following curriculum revisions effective Summer 2015:

Faculty of Health Sciences

Proposal and calendar entry for concurrent admission to a Bachelor's program and Master's program



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TO: Senate Graduate Studies Committee
FROM: Craig R. Janes, Associate Dean, FHS
RE: Proposal to establish a concurrent Bachelor's/Master's degree program in FHS

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. R. Janes", is positioned to the right of the recipient information.

On behalf of the Graduate Studies Committee, Undergraduate Studies Committee, Faculty Executive Committee, and the full Faculty Council of FHS, I submit a proposal to establish a concurrent Bachelor's/Master's degree program in FHS. All relevant committees, and the full faculty complement, have reviewed and indicated their support of the proposal.

The accompanying document includes a proposal, prepared according to Graduate Studies guidelines and regulations, calendar copy, and from-to text that indicates where the new calendar language should be inserted.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Proposal for Concurrent Admission to a Bachelor's program and Master's program

General admission requirements and guidelines for concurrent admission can be found here:
<http://www.sfu.ca/dean-gradstudies/future/academicprograms/ConcurrentAdmission.html>

1. Faculty/Department/School

Faculty of Health Sciences

2. Degree programs

Bachelor's (BA/BSc) and Master's (MSc/MPH) programs

3. Proposed date of implementation

May 2015

4. Rationale

The principal rationale for the proposed concurrent admission to a bachelor's program and master's program in Health Sciences is to encourage and recruit more highly qualified SFU undergraduates into our graduate programs. A secondary rationale is to recruit promising new undergraduate students (international, secondary, college transfers) into FHS. Thirdly, we have experienced a great deal of variability in master's degree admissions from year to year, especially in the research track (MSc). A concurrent admission process may provide more stability/predictability in both numbers and quality over time.

5. Projected enrolment/student demand

Based on our past experience recruiting highly qualified undergraduate HSCI majors into our MSc and MPH programs, we expect that approximately 6 students per year will be admitted concurrently. At present about 4 students per year from our BA/BSc programs matriculate in our graduate programs (a total of 21 students matriculate from 2010-2013). This would be our baseline. About 25 students per year are eligible to apply based on having a CGPA of 3.67 or above after 90 credits. We expect a modest increase in demand over baseline given the attractiveness of the 4+1 program. As with other programs like this, we expect that the primary benefit of the 4+1 program will be to recruit highly qualified undergraduate students into the Faculty.

6. Advising structure for students

During the BA/BSc completion phase the advising staff within the FHS undergraduate program will advise students. During the MSc/MPH completion phase students' senior supervisors will provide advising. For students applying to the MSc program, a senior supervisor will be appointed on admission. For students applying to the MPH program, senior supervisors are generally appointed during the first term of the master's completion phase.

7. Capacity to provide financial and supervisory support to students, once their bachelor's degree is complete, based on the estimate number of students being concurrently admitted to a bachelor's and master's programs.

Concurrent admission will impose a slightly higher workload on faculty by adding an additional admissions review cycle in October of each year. However, we do not anticipate that the number of

applicants will be large. Concurrent admission will not add any additional students to our graduate enrollment numbers, so no additional workloads in regard to teaching or supervision are anticipated. No additional budget or resources are required.

8. Admission requirements in addition to the minimum SFU requirements

None

9. Specific time-lines (e.g. when undergraduates may apply; when each of the milestones needs to be accomplished; expected completion, if needed or is it open)

Students may apply for admission to the master's program upon completing 90 undergraduate credits with an overall CGPA of 3.67 or better. The Graduate Studies Committee will entertain applications twice per year early in the Fall and Spring terms (typically October 1 and February 1, respectively). Concurrent admission is not guaranteed and will be based on additional criteria including evaluation of references, evaluation of a research plan in the case of the MSc, and evidence of commitment to population and public health practice in the case of the MPH.

Time to completion expectations are the same as specified in the relevant SFU Graduate General Regulations.

10. Description of any proposed changes to existing programs (e.g. undergraduate courses that cannot be substituted by graduate courses; graduate courses that cannot be used towards the undergraduate program)

No changes to current undergraduate majors are proposed or contemplated as a result of this concurrent admission. Students may use the concurrent courses for satisfying existing upper division elective or optional requirements for the BA or BSc, but concurrent courses may not be used in lieu of core undergraduate requirements as specified in the calendar.

Proposed Calendar Text:

NOTE: Students admitted concurrently to a bachelor's degree program and a master's degree program within the Faculty of Health Sciences may apply a maximum of 10 graduate course units, taken while completing the bachelor's degree, towards the requirements of the master's degree. These graduate courses must be passed with a grade of B (3.0) or better in order to be used towards the requirements of the master's degree. For more information go to:

<http://www.sfu.ca/dean-gradstudies/future/academicprograms/ConcurrentAdmission.html>

This calendar text should be added as a note in the following places within the calendar:

- after the upper division program requirements for the BA (major/honours) program in Health Sciences
- after the upper division program requirements for the BSc (major/honours) program in Health Sciences
- after the concentration requirements for the Master of Public Health in Health Sciences
- after the program requirements for the Master of Science in Health Sciences