

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Monday, November 23, 2009
Room G1140 at 9 am

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Brian Carr (Chair)
Andrea Sussmann
Colin MacLeod
Heather Hamilton (Recorder)
Jana Kolac
Barbara Maloney
Nicki Pearson
Liz Milliken
Paul Richard
Roshan Cader

REGRETS: Indra Manhas

GUESTS: Kent Mullinix, Director, Sustainable Horticulture and Food
Greg Harris, BIOL Instructor

For the benefit of guests present at the meeting, roundtable introductions were made.

1. Approval of the November 23, 2009 Agenda:

The Agenda dated November 23, 2009 was approved as distributed.

2. Bachelor of Science in Sustainable Agriculture – Kent Mullinix:

The title for this degree is currently *Bachelor of Science in Sustainable Agriculture* but Brian suggested "*Bachelor of Sustainability Science*".

Some of the members present felt that there were issues that needed to be clarified before approval could be granted for the Program Concept; and that not enough time had been allowed for them to distribute the Program Concept to their respective departments.

The Agenda was then varied to consider the Bachelor of Science degrees in general terms.

The resulting debate raised the following points:

- a) How will the degrees be funded relative to instructor employment? What if current instructors do not have the requisite skill sets to teach Years 3 and 4? There was a suggestion to have an extraordinary meeting to discuss issues surrounding funding, course offerings, and faculty.
- b) Should a BSc Ed degree be developed?
- c) Is 2010 a realistic starting date for the proposed degrees?
- d) Is further discussion required at the departmental level on issues surrounding the proposed degrees?

- e) There is no requirement to list courses on a Program Concept; they have been listed as a courtesy to give the committee a sense of what the degree purports to do; and there is a chance some of the courses could change.

Brian offered the following suggestions:

- a) That curriculum members contact their departmental Chair for the latest developments regarding the Richmond campus.
- b) That the degree title be "*Bachelor of Sustainability Science in Sustainable Agriculture*".
- c) That each department review the degree and be prepared to discuss, and vote, on the Program Concept at the January Curriculum Committee meeting.

The Program Concept for the Bachelor of Sustainability Science in Sustainable Agriculture was then discussed and suggestions, and/or revisions, were offered to Kent for inclusion into the document. There was only enough time for a partial review; at the January 2010 meeting the review will commence on page 12 beginning with Item G – Outcomes.

Moved by Andrea Sussmann and seconded by Jana Kolac that further review on the Program Concept for the Bachelor of Sustainability Science in Sustainable Agriculture be deferred to the January 2010 meeting.

CARRIED with 2 abstentions

3. Environmental Protection Technology Program Revision – Paul Richard:

Moved by Paul Richard and seconded by Roshan Cader that the proposed Environmental Protection Technology Program Revision be approved as presented; and that the document be forwarded to the Senate Standing Committee on Curriculum for review and approval.

CARRIED

4. Date of Next Meeting:

Monday, December 7, 2009 in Room D142 at 9 am (please note change of meeting room).

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm