

Minutes of a meeting of the APC Subcommittee on Courses and Teaching Programs (SCTP) held **Thursday, September 18, 2008** at 3:00 p.m. in Room M-48, Faculty of Dentistry Council Room, Strathcona Anatomy and Dentistry Building.

**PRESENT:** John Hobbins, Ryan Luther, Mary MacKinnon, Morton J. Mendelson (Chair), Bruce Minorgan, Caroline Riches, David Ronis, Yixin Shao, Cindy Smith (Secretary)

**REGRETS:** Fiona Lees, Charlotte Légaré

**GUESTS:** Dean Chandra Madramootoo, Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences  
Associate Dean (Academic) Will Hendershot, Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

All members were returning, with the exception of the new SSMU student representative, Mr. Ryan Luther. Introductions were made and the Chair welcomed SCTP members to the new academic year.

**LEGEND:**

APC [formerly APPC] = Academic Policy Committee of Senate

ES = Enrolment Services

CGPS = Council of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

GPSO = Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies Office

MELS = Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport

PGSS = Post-Graduate Students' Society

SSMU = Students' Society of McGill University

01.01 The Agenda was approved as circulated.

01.02 The Minutes from the meeting of May 15, 2008 were approved with the following change:  
- item 11.07, Faculty of Engineering [07-SCTP-05-57], **General Engineering** (30-31 cr.) – first sentence should have read “Professor Shao ... be taken by Freshman or U0 students ...”

01.03 **BUSINESS ARISING**

(a) Faculty of Medicine – 07-SCTP-05-56REVISED

School of Physical and Occupational Therapy

The following revised course revision proposals were reviewed by SCTP and approved:

PHTH 550 PT Orthopedic Management (7 cr.);

PHTH 560 Integrated Orthopedic Management (7 cr.); and

PHTH 561 Integrated Neuro Rehabilitation (5 cr.).

*Secretary's note:* Revisions/additional information requested by SCTP, or changes made by the Faculty, were received for the following previously submitted proposal(s), reviewed by the Chair, and approved on behalf of SCTP.

Faculty of Medicine

- revised program **B.Sc.(Physical Therapy); Non-Practicing** (90 cr.) [Minor Changes; May 15, 2008].

01.04 **FACULTY OF AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES – 08-SCTP-09-01**

Faculty-Wide Departments/School

Dean Madramootoo and Associate Dean Hendershot joined the meeting to present, and respond to questions about, the major program revisions and proposals for new Specializations. Dean Madramootoo briefly reviewed the process of the Faculty-wide exercise that reviewed current programs and outlined the steps taken, who was consulted, and who participated in the lengthy exercise. The first priority identified was to reduce the number of Majors offered by the Faculty – from 12 to five [SCTP has only received four of the revised Major proposals; a fifth proposal will come in the near future]. Along with the major revisions to the Majors, new Specializations are being introduced. These Specializations fit a Minor program definition, but complement the Majors, so the

term “specialization” was deemed to be more appropriate. Although some Specializations are designed to go with specific Majors, each will be available to students in any Major.

The following revised programs were approved; they will be reported to APC for approval:

**B.Sc.(Ag.Env.Sc.); Major in Agro-Environmental Sciences (90 cr.);**  
**B.Sc.(Ag.Env.Sc.); Major in International Agriculture and Food Systems (90 cr.);**  
**B.Sc.(Ag.Env.Sc.); Major in Environmental Biology (90 cr.);**  
**B.Sc.(Ag.Env.Sc.); Major in Life Sciences (Biological and Agricultural) (90 cr.); and**  
**B.Sc.(Ag.Env.Sc.); Specialization in Agricultural Economics (24 cr.).**

SCTP’s requested changes:

- in the Major programs, indicate in the program layout what is required by students – number of credits for each category of courses to be chosen, specify the Specialization requirement, and list most appropriate Specializations available to each Major.

**NOTE:** The Faculty has confirmed that program retirements will be submitted in the future for the obsolete Majors and the Minor that has become the Specialization in Agricultural Economics.

The following new Specializations were approved; they will be reported to APC for approval:

**B.Sc.(Ag.Env.Sc.); Specialization in Animal Biology (24 cr.);**  
**B.Sc.(Ag.Env.Sc.); Specialization in Animal Health and Disease (24 cr.);**  
**B.Sc.(Ag.Env.Sc.); Specialization in Animal Production (24 cr.);**  
**B.Sc.(Ag.Env.Sc.); Specialization in Applied Ecosystem Sciences (24 cr.);**  
**B.Sc.(Ag.Env.Sc.); Specialization in Ecological Agriculture (24 cr.);**  
**B.Sc.(Ag.Env.Sc.); Specialization in Entomology (24 cr.);**  
**B.Sc.(Ag.Env.Sc.); Specialization in Health and Nutrition (24 cr.);**  
**B.Sc.(Ag.Env.Sc.); Specialization in International Agriculture (24 cr.);**  
**B.Sc.(Ag.Env.Sc.); Specialization in Molecular Biotechnology (24 cr.);**  
**B.Sc.(Ag.Env.Sc.); Specialization in Microbiology (24 cr.);**

**B.Sc.(Ag.Env.Sc.); Specialization in Agriculture and Food Systems (Multidisciplinary) (24 cr.);** SCTP requested: revise the rationale so that it is more academically appropriate; for expedited approval by SCTP Chair; *Secretary’s note:*

revised rationale was reviewed and approved by the SCTP Chair; reference to IDS was deleted;

**B.Sc.(Ag.Env.Sc.); Specialization in Environmental Biology (Multidisciplinary) (24 cr.);**  
**B.Sc.(Ag.Env.Sc.); Specialization in Life Sciences (Multidisciplinary) (24 cr.);**  
**B.Sc.(Ag.Env.Sc.); Specialization in Plant Biology (24 cr.);**  
**B.Sc.(Ag.Env.Sc.); Specialization in Plant Production (24 cr.);**  
**B.Sc.(Ag.Env.Sc.); Specialization in Plant Protection (24 cr.);**  
**B.Sc.(Ag.Env.Sc.); Specialization in Professional Agrology (21 cr.);**  
**B.Sc.(Ag.Env.Sc.); Specialization in Soil and Water Resources (24 cr.); and**  
**B.Sc.(Ag.Env.Sc.); Specialization in Wildlife Biology (24 cr.).**

The new courses and course revisions associated with these program revisions and new programs will be incorporated in the Report of Approvals from Enrolment Services, to be submitted to SCTP in the near future.

#### 01.05 OTHER BUSINESS

None.

The meeting ended at 4:05 pm.