

Minutes of a meeting of the **APC Subcommittee on Courses and Teaching Programs (SCTP)** held Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 3:30 pm via Zoom.

PRESENT: Chris Buddle (**Chair**), Jason Carmichael, Andrea Di Stefano, Darlene Hnatchuk, Sue Laver, Laurent Mydlarski, Josephine Nalbantoglu, Carolyn Samuel, Cindy Smith (**Secretary to SCTP**), Scott Sugden

REGRETS: Alissa Levine, José Londono Velez

GUEST: Professor Nik Luka, Faculty of Engineering

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Introductions were made and the Chair welcomed the newest SCTP member: Mr. Scott Sugden, PGSS student representative.

The Chair requested that SCTP members provide the SCTP Secretary, in writing, any suggested changes to documents in terms of grammatical errors or typos within 24 hours following the meeting so that the meeting Minutes may be completed promptly.

02.01 The Agenda was approved as circulated.

02.02 The Minutes from the last meeting held September 15, 2022 were approved as circulated.

02.03 **BUSINESS ARISING**

None.

02.04 **GRADUATE AND POSTDOCTORAL STUDIES – 22-SCTP-10-03**

Faculty of Engineering/Peter Guo-hua Fu School of Architecture

M.Sc. in Architecture (45 cr.)

Professor Luka joined the meeting to present and respond to questions concerning this new program. Historically, the School offered professional and post-professional non-thesis Master's programs under the M.Arch. degree – this degree designation is used for accredited programs. The non-thesis programs did not allow students to apply for certain government financial aid/funding. This new thesis program will be a research-based program that will not be accredited, so the M.Sc. degree designation is more appropriate. This will harmonize other thesis Master's programs offered by the Faculty. It was noted that the two remaining post-professional non-thesis programs were retired recently [SCTP approved May 5, 2022]. Many academic members within the School conduct applied research, ensuring sufficient research opportunities to be conducted by thesis students. Some of the existing Master's students within the School have indicated their interest in pursuing both the M.Arch. professional and M.Sc. thesis programs concurrently, focusing on specialized research. The School has not requested centrally-funded resources for this new program, which means that APB conducted a streamlined budget review; the Chair noted that the School may not request centrally-funded resources in the future for this program. Professor Luka commented that students in this program will increase enrolment in the complementary courses currently offered by the School.

SCTP requested:

- revise the description so that the last sentence reads "... Original research ... built environment are conducted."

NOTE: The Ministry will need to approve this new program – it may not be offered, advertised, or listed within the eCalendar until final Ministry approval has been received by the University.

New program approved; it will be reported to APC for consideration and approval.

02.05 OTHER BUSINESS

The following document was received by SCTP – there were no queries.

a) **FOR INFORMATION:** 2022-2023 SCTP Annual Report to APC. The Chair noted it was a brief report because there were no other projects initiated by SCTP during the last academic year due to COVID-19 circumstances. SCTP concentrated on course and program approvals, which were reported to APC monthly last year.

The meeting ended at 3:51 pm.