PRESENT: Kaytlyn Barber, Janelle Bennett (for Ruth Chambers), Lynn Cavanagh (Chair), Christine Crowe, Karen Finnsson, Nick Forsberg, Mary Jesse, Richard Kleer, Bev Liski, Jennifer Love-Green (for Harold Riemer), Nader Mobed, David Senkow (for Glenys Sylvestre), Satish Sharma, Florence Watson, Steve Weild (Recording Secretary)

REGRETS: Annette Revet

GUESTS: Bertrand Lee (CCE - ESL); Bob Kayseas (FNUC); Jason Vogelsang, Annette Marche (Admissions), Donalda Kozlowski (Registrar’s Office – note taker)

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

   Forsberg-Liski

   moved approval of the agenda with the following amendments:

   1. Consider item 5.4 after 5.6. For purposes of these minutes, they will appear in the order of the agenda.
   2. Add 5.8, Repeated Courses

      CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – April 9, 2009

   Mobed - Finnsson

   moved the approval of the minutes of the meeting of April 9, 2009 as circulated with the following amendments:

   1. Add Karen Finnsson to those in attendance
   2. Page 6, Section 5.3, Report from the Faculty of Education, change the wording to “The question was called on the Forsberg–Kleer motion as amended”

      CARRIED

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

   3.1 Discussions on the Undergraduate Course Catalog tabled from last meeting.

   If the concern was that there were no catalogs printed, that issue has now been addressed and there have been a limited number of catalogs printed.

   How do these decisions get made? They should be brought to this committee for discussion. This has been discussed in the Registrar’s Office for at least 3 years. At the time the Course Catalog was separated from the Undergraduate Calendar, it was anticipated that the Course Catalog would not be printed in the future. This message was not clearly conveyed to the university community.

4. OLD BUSINESS

   There was no old business.
5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Report from the Faculty of Arts

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

A. Intercultural Leadership Program

Kleer – Jesse

moved to revise the Certificate in Intercultural Leadership as detailed in Appendix I, pages 2 and 3 of the agenda material and to create a minor in Intercultural Leadership as detailed in Appendix I, pages 3 and 4 of the agenda material.

CARRIED

B. Department on Indian Languages, Literatures and Linguistics

Kleer – Forsberg

moved to revise the BA Majors in Cree/Saulteaux Language Oracy and Literacy and the BA Honours Major in Cree/Saulteaux Language Studies as detailed in Appendix I, pages 4 – 8 of the agenda material.

CARRIED

C. Department of Anthropology

Kleer – Jesse

moved to revise the major and honours major in Anthropology as detailed Appendix I, pages 9 and 10 of the agenda material.

CARRIED

D. Department of Justice Studies

Kleer – Liski

moved to approve an articulation agreement between the SIAST Aboriginal Police Preparation program and the Faculty of Arts.

Are we approving the details within the articulation agreement, or the articulation agreement itself? It is the details within the articulation agreement that are being approved, not the agreement itself.

A friendly amendment was proposed as follows:

MOTION to approve the admissions requirements and details for the articulation agreement between the SIAST Aboriginal Police Preparation program and the Faculty of Arts as detailed in Appendix I, pages 10 – 12 of the agenda material.

The question was called on the Kleer – Liski motion as amended.

CARRIED
ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

The items as detailed in Appendix I, pages 13 to 16 of the agenda material were received for information.

5.2 Report from the Faculty of Business Administration

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Senkow – Watson

moved to remove ADMN 405 as a required course, and to revise “Seven ADMN/BUS electives” to “Eight ADMN/BUS electives” for the BAdmin program.

moved to add INDG 100 as a required course, remove INDG 100 from the list of “5 of” courses, and as a result, reduce the number of electives from 5 to 4.

moved to approve the following addition to the BAdmn program:

Students graduating with the Bachelor of Administration may declare ONE major upon completion of the requirements of the Bachelor of Administration degree. Students not declaring a major will be awarded the Bachelor of Administration with no major declared:

Accounting, Finance, Human Resources Management, International Business, Marketing, or Management.

The course requirements for each major are the same as the corresponding major in the BBA program.

Will students be declaring their major upon completion of their degree? Yes. This is the current practice.

The question was called on the Senkow - Watson motion.

CARRIED

Senkow – Crowe

moved to approve the changes to the Dip Admin program as detailed on Appendix II, page 18 of the agenda material, with the following correction.

Item 1.1 on page 18: Change ADMN 400 to ADMN 405.

CARRIED

5.3 Report from the Faculty of Education

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Forsberg - Jesse

moved that students enrolled in the Four-Year BEd Elementary Program Early Childhood (PreK to Grade 3) must pass ECE 200, ECE 325, ELNG 200 and the first four ECS courses (ECS 100, 110, 200 and 210) before proceeding to pre-internship, effective Fall 2009 entry group.
moved that students enrolled in the Four-Year BEd Elementary Program Early Elementary (PreK to Grade 5) must pass ECE 200, ELNG 200 and the first four ECS courses (ECS 100, 110, 200, and 210) before proceeding to pre-internship, effective Fall 2009 entry group.

moved that students enrolled in the Four-Year BEd Elementary Program Middle Years (Grades 6 to 9) must pass ELNG 200, EMTH 217, EPSY 217 and the first four ECS courses (ECS 100, 110, 200, and 210) before proceeding to pre-internship, effective Fall 2009 entry group.

CARRIED

Forsberg - Jesse

moved that the language requirement for the Middle Years Program be changed from Cree, Dene, French or another indigenous language to a modern language with a note to be added that an indigenous language “like” Cree or Dene is suggested, effective Fall 2009 intake.

Are other First Nations Languages included in modern languages? Yes.

An amendment to the motion to replace “like” with “such as” was proposed.

The question was called on the Forsberg-Jesse motion as amended.

CARRIED

Forsberg – Kleer

moved that PSYC 210 no longer be accepted as an equivalent course for EPSY 350 in the Secondary Program, effective Winter 2010.

Was the Psychology Department consulted to see if they will adjust their courses? No, but this change will only be necessary for two years.

An amendment to the motion was proposed to replace the word “equivalent” with “alternative” and remove the Note from the last line of the template on page 27 of Appendix III of the agenda material.

The question was called on the Forsberg-Kleer motion as amended.

CARRIED

Forsberg – Crowe

moved that the motion for MATH 122 to be replaced by ACSC 116 in the Secondary BEd Program: Mathematics Major (EMTH), effective Winter, 2010 be tabled.

Whether or not this motion is pulled at a later time will depend on decisions by the Math Department.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

The items as detailed in Appendix III, pages 28 - 30 of the agenda material were received for information.
It was noted that, in Item 2.1.1, the word “equivalent” should be changed to “alternative” to match the motion.

**AGREED**

5.4 Report from the Faculty of Fine Arts

**ITEMS FOR APPROVAL**

Chambers - Finnsson

motion to revise the current minor so that students are required to complete 30 credit hours before acceptance in the Minor in Arts Administration for Fine Arts Majors.

motion to revise the current minor in Arts Administration for Fine Arts Majors, as detailed in Appendix III, page 31 of the agenda material and open it to any student who meets the admission requirement.

motion to create a Fine Arts Certificate in Arts Administration as detailed in Appendix III, page 31 of the agenda material.

A document was distributed containing a correction to the 3rd motion. The following was left out of the original agenda material: “Requirement for entrance: Completion of 30 credit hours.”

The Faculty of Business Administration was not aware of this revision prior to the meeting. It was noted by Fine Arts that discussions had been held with the Faculty of Business Administration recently, and that it is only the admission requirement that is being changed.

The following amendment was proposed: “To revise the admissions requirements for the minor in Fine Arts Administration for Fine Arts Majors so that students are required to complete 30 credit hours before acceptance. This also needs to be noted in section 14.16 of the Undergraduate Calendar.

**AGREED**

Chambers – Jesse

moved that these motions be tabled pending further discussion with the Faculty of Business Administration.

**CARRIED**

5.5 Report from the Faculty of Science

**ITEMS FOR APPROVAL**

A. Department of Computer Science

Mobed – Kleer

moved to revise the CS Major and Honours Major programs by adding CS 375 as a major requirement and removing one open elective from each program to account for the addition of CS 375, as detailed in Appendix V, pages 32 and 33 of the agenda material.

**CARRIED**
Mobed – Sharma

moved to revise the Software Systems Development program by removing PHYS 201 as a major requirement and adding on open elective to account for the removal of PHYS 201.  

CARRIED

B. Department of Mathematics and Statistics

Mobed – Kleer

moved to change the requirement in the BSc in Mathematics from MATH 131 or 232 to MATH 231 or 232.  

CARRIED

Mobed – Forsberg

moved to remove the Genetics and Environmental packages from the BSc Combined Major in Biology and Statistics.  

CARRIED

Mobed – Forsberg

moved to exempt MATH 124: The Art and Science of Secret Writing from the Course Sequencing regulation (Section 16.7.1 of the Undergraduate Calendar)

Where would this be changed in the Undergraduate Calendar? Section 16.7.1.

An amendment to the motion was proposed to include the following change in wording to the Undergraduate Calendar: “A 100-level course, with the exception of MATH 124, may not be repeated for credit if credit has been received for a higher level course in the same discipline, nor may a course be repeated or taken for credit if it is a prerequisite for a course in the same discipline for which credit has previously been granted”.

The question was called on the Mobed-Forsberg motion as amended.  

CARRIED

Mobed – Jesse

moved to add CHEM 105 and delete one Open Elective to make room for the additional chemistry course.

moved that GEOL 307 becomes one of the core (compulsory) geology courses, and replaces CHEM 230.

moved to replace STAT 160 with STAT 160 or STAT 100.
Should the motion identify the program being referred to? Yes. All three motions were amended to add at the end “in the BSc Major and Honours programs in Geology.”

The question was called on the Mobed-Jesse motion as amended. CARRIED

Mobed – Crowe

moved to replace CHEM 230 with CHEM 105 in the BSc Combined major in Geology and Geography and BSc Honours Combined Major in Geology and Geography.

Will an open elective have to be deleted to bring credit hours to 120? Yes. The supporting tables will need to be amended.

The question was called on the Mobed-Jesse motion with the table as amended. CARRIED

The motion on page 42 of Appendix V of agenda material, to add GEOL 307 as a prerequisite for GOL 313, 315, 416, and GEOL 473, was changed to an informational item with no further discussion required. AGREED

Mobed – Kleer

moved to change GEOL 396 from a 1.0 credit hour course to a 3 credit hour course and change the grading mode from pass/fail to a numerical grade.

moved to change GEOL 496 from a 2.0 credit hour course to a 3 credit hour course and change the grading mode from pass/fail to a numerical grade.

moved to change GEOL 400 from a 3 credit hour course to a 6 credit hour course and add: “NOTE: This course may be taken in one semester (as GEOL 400AC) or two consecutive semesters (as GEOL 400AA and GEOL 400AB)” to the course description.

These motions, as worded, should be informational items only as changes to prerequisites do not need approval. Does the impact of the change in credit hours, for these courses, to programs require approval? Yes.

The motion was amended as follows:

moved to approve the changes to the program templates, to accommodate changes to credit hours of GEOL 396, 496 and 400 as presented in Appendix V, pages 37 to 41 of the agenda material.
The faculty has approved the removal of one more elective. Why the change in credit hours? Has the course changed? Yes.

The question was called on the Mobed–Kleer motions with the previously noted amendment.

CARRIED

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

The items as detailed in Appendix V, pages 42 - 47 of the agenda material were received for information.

One additional item was noted for information:

Math 217 Prerequisite changed to: MATH 111 and MATH 122 (Removal of the 60% requirement).

5.6 Report from the Centre for Continuing Education

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

The items as detailed in Appendix VI, page 48 of the agenda material were received for information

5.7 Report from Student Affairs - Admissions

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Liski – Crowe

moved that the minimum undergraduate admissions score requirement for International English Language Testing System (IELTS) to be set at an overall band score of 6.5 with no band less than 5.5

There has been an increase in the number of international students plagiarizing material due to their lack of knowledge of the English language. Will this close the door on this? It may help. Studies have found that, once students found out they require Grade 12 English as an entrance requirement, they took only that class, focusing solely on the one subject. This is no longer allowed and they must take a full course load. Taking notice of trends helps us to find and close the loop holes students are finding for entering programs.

The question was called on the Liski-Crowe motion.

CARRIED

5.8 Repeated Courses

Kleer - Crowe

moved to revise the regulation regarding Repeated Courses as detailed in section 5.11 of the Undergraduate Calendar to permit students to count the highest grade earned in their UGPA and PGPA.

The motion was amended to add “effective 201010”.

AGREED
Why was this rule created in the first place? It was probably to discourage frivolous repeating of courses. It was thought that, if students repeated a course, they would do better on the 2nd attempt; however, this is not always the case. It is possible the rule was to ensure mastery of the discipline before proceeding any further. It could be seen as a barrier to further study in the discipline if students have not mastered the material the 2nd time. We should be encouraging students to succeed. We need an effective date that will not be retroactively applicable. Currently, active students should be able to retroactively take advantage of the change in this rule at the discretion of the Faculty. Will this disadvantage some students depending on what each faculty decides? Should the faculties be doing this or should the Registrar’s Office? What was the original intention of this motion? The Faculties would like to be able to apply this rule to students currently enrolled. There is a concern with going back. How far back do we go? The regulation needs to be effective as of a certain date and deal with individual situations as they arise. This may help keep students off RTDs.

If a specific date is not mentioned, it will be effective the first term immediately following senate approval, in this case 201010. It could be applied prior to the printing of the undergraduate calendar. If the effective term is specified as 201020, it would come into effect with the printing of the undergraduate calendar.

The proposed regulation will not impact the term GPA as it includes all grades taken in a term, or the cumulative GPA, which includes all repeated grades.

The question was called on the Kleer-Crowe motion as amended.

CARRIED

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Kaytlyn Barber is the new Students’ Union representative.

This is Lynn Cavanagh’s last meeting. Thanks were extended to her for role as Chair.

Dawn Flood is the incoming Chair.

It was also noted that this is the last meeting for Ruth Chambers and Nick Forsberg. Thanks were extended to them for their service to the committee.

7. CONCLUSION

The meeting concluded at 12:00 noon.