## CAPILANO UNIVERSITY

## SENATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING
Friday, June 13, 2025     12:30 pm
VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

## MINUTES

**PRESENT:**     Deb Jamison (Chair), John Brouwer, Julia Black, Graham Cook, Shanaz Darayan, Caroline Depatie, Hiliary Duke, David Geary, Urmila Jangra, Harb Johal, Bethany Peterkin, Tracy Penny Light, Cass Picken, Alisha Samnani, Caroline Soo, Dominique Walker, Recorder: Mary Jukich

**REGRETS:**     Cindy Fairbank, Chloe Miller, Sofia Hughes, Ramin Shadmehr, Danielle Wilson

**GUESTS:**     Claire Carolan, Thomas Flower, Heather Chappells, Diana Twiss, Stephen Evans

*Land Acknowledgement*

*Capilano University is named after Chief Joe Capilano (1854–1910), an important leader of the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nation of the Coast Salish Peoples. We respectfully acknowledge that our campuses are located on the unceded territories of the səlilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh), shíshálh (Sechelt), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) Nations.*

1.     **Welcome**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm.

The Curriculum team will be updating the course outline template on Frontlines to include the new Land Acknowledgement, and faculty are expected to download and use the updated template. If the Curriculum team receives requests with the old course outline template, faculty will be requested to update their course outline using the updated template. Any items approved at today's meeting will need to include the new Land Acknowledgement, as well as any course outlines moving forward.

Deb Jamison announced that she will be retiring on August 31, 2025, and she was acknowledged and thanked for her work and contributions to the committee and to the University.

Cass Picken was also acknowledged and thanked for his work on the committee.

2.     **Approval of the Agenda**

Item #7(b), August 22 Meeting Mode, was added under New Business.

*Julia Black moved and  Caroline Soo seconded:*
To adopt the amended agenda.                                                              **CARRIED**

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3. **Approval of the Minutes**
   *Caroline Soo moved and Dominque Walker seconded:*
   To adopt the May 16, 2025 minutes.                                      **CARRIED**

4. **BIOLOGY**
   BIOL 231 – Ethnobiology
   *Presented by: Thomas Flower*

   BIOL 231 – Ethnobiology is a new 2$^{nd}$ year lab science course with an interdisciplinary and Indigenous focus. This course will be a valuable and readily accessible credit for students in a wide range of degree programs and supports the mandate of the University to make more available courses that bring forward Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Indigenous Perspectives. It will specifically support Capilano University's Language & Culture Certificates.

   During the discussion, it was suggested that the presenter consider replacing the word "acknowledge" from the learning outcomes, as well as streamlining the wording (i.e., "identify and explain" could be replaced with "document" and some of the learning outcomes could be split into separate outcomes).

   There was also discussion regarding the fact that this is a 4.0-credit course and that there eventually needs to be university-wide consideration respecting a protocol for determining how many credits to assign to various courses.

   Committee members indicated consensus to approve the course as presented; however, the presenter was requested to bring the course back to SCC with the updated learning outcomes as an information item.

   *Caroline Soo moved and Dominque Walker seconded:*

   **25/42** The new course, BIOL 231 – Ethnobiology, as well as Science       **CARRIED**
   designation, Lab Science designation and Cap Core designation       **1 Opposed**
   under the headings *Self & Society* and *Science & Technology*, be
   recommended to Senate for approval.

5. **GEOGRAPHY**
   GEOG 225 – Introduction to Geographic Information Systems
   GEOG 325 – GIS Applications in Natural Resource Management

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*Presented by: Heather Chappells*

SCC was requested to approve the following prerequisite revisions:

- GEOG 225 – Introduction to Geographic Information Systems
  - Current: GEOG 112, 212 or 221, or permission from the instructor
  - Proposed: None

- GEOG 325 – GIS Applications in Natural Resource Management
  - Current: 45 credits of 100-level or higher coursework and GEOG 225
  - Proposed: 45 credits of 100-level or higher coursework and one of the following courses: GEOG 225, COMP 115, STAT 101 or STAT 205

  *Graham Cook moved and Urmila Jangra seconded:*

  **25/43** The prerequisite revisions to GEOG 225 – Introduction to Geographic Information Systems and GEOG 325 – GIS Applications in Natural Resource Management be recommended to Senate for approval.    **CARRIED**

6. **INFORMATION ITEMS**
   (a)  POL 102 – Comparative Government;
        POL 209 – Introduction to the European Union;
        POL 222 – Regional Comparative Politics;
        POL 330 – The Political Economy of Globalization
        - FALL 2025: Course Revisions (long title, short title, calendar description, required text, learning outcomes, course content, evaluation profile).

7. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

   (a) **Chair Election**

       Committee members were requested to indicate if they wished to put their name forward to serve as chair of the committee. Julia Black nominated herself (and her nomination was endorsed by Deb Jamison and Caroline Depatie) and, as there were no further nominations, Julia Black was acclaimed as the chair of the committee for a two-year term commencing in the 2025-26 academic year.

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**(b)     Mode of the August Meeting**

The meeting on August 22, 2025, at 12:00 p.m., will take place in person in LB 321.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Friday, August 22, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. – In Person**