



UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

General Faculties Council
Academic Standards Committee
Approved Open Session Minutes

Thursday, November 08, 2018
2-31 South Academic Building (SAB)
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Tammy Hopper, Chair
Karsten Mundel
Angela Bayduza
Akanksha Bhatnagar
Dion Brocks
Jason Carey
Janice Causgrove Dunn
Amy Dambrowitz
Bill Dunn
Rebecca Gokiert
Scott Jeffrey

Nathalie Kermaal
Andras Marosi
Bernadette Martin
Paulin Mulatris
Rebecca Nagel
Shannon O'Byrne
Norma Rodenburg
Remonia Stoddart-Morrison
(delegate)

Regrets:
Radim Barta

Jeff Johnson
Tanya Park
Victoria Ruetalo
Shirley Schipper
Natalie Sharpe

Staff:
Heather Richholt, Coordinator
Marion Haggarty-France,
University Secretary
Meg Brolley, GFC Secretary

OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Jeffrey/Mundel

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of October 18, 2018

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Causgrove Dunn/O'Byrne

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve the Open Session Minutes of October 18, 2018.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Chair (no documents)

The Chair noted that the Transition Committee was currently working on the recommendations of the ad hoc Committee on Academic Governance Including Delegated Authority. She noted that Identifying fragmentation and opportunities to improve the Program Approval Pathways was of particular interest. She informed members that draft Terms of Reference would be coming forward to ASC Subcommittee on Standards, ASC, and Academic Planning Committee in the coming months.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Items Deemed Minor/Editorial

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Omnibus Mover and Seconder: Carey/Marosi

4A. Transfer Credit Approvals and Denials for November 2018, Office of the Registrar

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the transfer credit approvals and denials for November 2018.

CARRIED

4B. Changes to Calendar Language for Registration Information, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (FGSR)

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the proposed changes to calendar language for registration information, FGSR.

CARRIED

4C. Changes to MScSLP/PhD Application Requirements, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine, and FGSR

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, proposed changes to the MScSLP/PhD Application Requirements, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine, and FGSR.

CARRIED

4D. Changes to Application Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Biology, Augustana Faculty

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the proposed changes to application requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Biology, Augustana Faculty.

CARRIED

5. Proposed Non-Credit Certificate in Business Analysis, Faculty of Extension

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Rebecca Gokiart, Associate Dean, Faculty of Extension; Christie Schultz, Assistant Dean, Academic, Faculty of Extension

Purpose of the Proposal: To receive approval for a Non-Credit Certificate in Business Analysis

Discussion:

Dr Gokiart and Dr Schultz gave a high level overview of the proposal and explained the changes.

Motion: Jeffrey/Bhatnagar

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the proposed Business Analysis Certificate as submitted by the Faculty of Extension and as set forth in Attachment 1, to take effect Fall Term 2019.

CARRIED

6. Proposed Changes to Existing Entrance Requirements and Application Deadlines for the MA, MSc, and PhD Degree Programs in Psychology, Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Science and the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Janice Causgrove Dunn, Associate Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research; Anthony Singhal, Associate Chair, Department of Psychology, Faculty of Arts

Purpose of the Proposal: The proposal is before the committee to ensure that all Academic Regulations (entrance/admission requirements, academic standing requirements, and program requirements) for this program are listed in the Calendar.

Discussion:

Dr Causgrove Dunn noted that items 6 to 11 were part of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research's (FGSR) efforts to ensure that all Academic Regulations for Graduate Programs are listed properly in the University Calendar.

Dr Singhal gave a brief overview of the changes.

Motion: Nagel/Mundel

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the proposed changes to existing Entrance Requirements and Application Deadlines for the MA, MSc and PhD degree programs in Psychology, as submitted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, the Faculty of Arts, and the Faculty of Science, and as set forth in Attachment 1, to take effect upon approval and to be published in the 2019-2020 Calendar.

CARRIED

7. Proposed Changes to Existing Entrance Requirements, Application Deadlines and Academic Standing Regulations for the MSc, MEng and PhD Degree Programs in Mechanical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering and the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Janice Causgrove Dunn, Associate Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research; Morris Flynn, Associate Chair, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering

Purpose of the Proposal: The proposal is before the committee to ensure that all Academic Regulations (entrance/admission requirements, academic standing requirements, and program requirements) for this program are listed in the Calendar.

Discussion:

Dr Flynn explained the changes in the proposal and thanked ASC SOS for their feedback.

Members asked about the minimum English Proficiency requirements that would be addressed in Item 16 on the Agenda.

Motion: Carey/Bayduza

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the proposed changes to existing Entrance Requirements, Application Deadlines and Academic Standing Regulations for the MSc, MEng and PhD degree programs in Mechanical Engineering, as submitted

by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research and the Faculty of Engineering, and as set forth in Attachment 1, to take effect upon approval and to be published in the 2019-2020 Calendar.

CARRIED

8. Proposed Changes to Existing Entrance Requirements for the MA and PhD Degree Programs in Economics, Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Janice Causgrove Dunn, Associate Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research; Heather Eckert, Associate Chair, Department of Economics, Faculty of Arts

Purpose of the Proposal: The proposal is before the committee to ensure that all Academic Regulations (entrance/admission requirements, academic standing requirements, and program requirements) for this program are listed in the Calendar.

Discussion:

Dr Eckert gave a brief overview of the changes.

Members asked about the typical pathway and credits granted in the MA Economics Program and about how domestic and international admission GPAs are calculated.

Motion: Mundel/Nagel

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the proposed changes to existing Entrance Requirements for the MA and PhD degree programs in Economics, as submitted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research and the Faculty of Arts, and as set forth in Attachment 1, to take effect upon approval and to be published in the 2019-2020 Calendar.

CARRIED

9. Proposed Changes to Existing Entrance Requirements, Application Deadlines and Academic Standing Regulations for the MA, MMus, DMus, and PhD Degree Programs in Music, Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Janice Causgrove Dunn, Associate Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research; Maryam Moshaver, Associate Chair, Department of Music, Faculty of Arts

Purpose of the Proposal: The proposal is before the committee to ensure that all Academic Regulations (entrance/admission requirements, academic standing requirements, and program requirements) for this program are listed in the Calendar.

Motion: Bhatnagar/Kermoal

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the proposed changes to existing Entrance Requirements, Application Deadlines and Academic Standing Regulations for the MA, MMus, DMus and PhD degree programs in Music, as submitted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research and the Faculty of Arts, and as set forth in Attachment 1, as amended, to take effect upon approval and to be published in the 2019-2020 Calendar.

CARRIED

10. Proposed Changes to Existing Entrance Requirements for the MEd Degree Program in Études en Langue et Culture, Faculté St-Jean and the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Janice Causgrove Dunn, Associate Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research; Samira ElAtia, Director of Graduate Studies, Faculte Saint-Jean

Purpose of the Proposal: The proposal is before the committee to ensure that all Academic Regulations (entrance/admission requirements, academic standing requirements, and program requirements) for this program are listed in the Calendar.

Motion: Jeffrey/Kermoal

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the proposed changes to existing Entrance Requirements for the MEd degree program in Études en langue et culture, as submitted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research and the Faculté St-Jean, and as set forth in Attachment 1, to take effect upon approval and to be published in the 2019-2020 Calendar. **CARRIED**

11. Proposed Changes to Existing Entrance Requirements, Application Deadlines and Academic Standing Regulations for the MAg, MSc and PhD Degree Programs in Resource Economics and Environmental Sociology, Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences and the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Janice Causgrove Dunn, Associate Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research; Scott Jeffrey, Associate Dean, Academic, Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences

Purpose of the Proposal: The proposal is before the committee to ensure that all Academic Regulations (entrance/admission requirements, academic standing requirements, and program requirements) for this program are listed in the Calendar.

Motion: Carey/Mulatris

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the proposed changes to existing Entrance Requirements, Application Deadlines and Academic Standing Regulations for the MAg, MSc and PhD degree programs in Resource Economics and Environmental Sociology, as submitted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research and the Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences, and as set forth in Attachment 1, to take effect upon approval and to be published in the 2019-2020 Calendar. **CARRIED**

12. Proposed Changes to Faculty Regulations in the University Calendar for Programs in the Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Scott Jeffrey, Associate Dean, Academic, Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences

Purpose of the Proposal: The proposal is before the committee because the ALES Calendar entry related to the calculation of graduation GPA and how courses are designated as extra to degree was not clear and did not conform to current practice.

Motion: Mundel/Brocks

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the proposed changes to the Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences (ALES) Faculty Regulations in the University Calendar related to Graduation as set forth in Attachment 1, and as proposed by the Faculty of ALES, to take effect upon final approval.

CARRIED

13. Proposed Changes to Existing Academic Standing Regulations for the BKIN, BScKin, BARST, BKin/BEEd Programs in the Faculty of Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Angela Bayduza, Interim Associate Dean, Undergraduate Programs, Faculty of Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation; Amanda Schwalbe, Academic Programs Manager, Faculty of Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation

Purpose of the Proposal: The proposal is before the committee to ensure that all Academic Regulations related to academic standing requirements for this program are listed in the Calendar, with precision, clarity, and consistency.

Motion: Jeffrey/Marosi

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the proposed changes to existing Academic Standing Regulations for the BKin, BScKin, BARST, BKin/BEEd programs, as submitted by the Faculty of Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation, and as set forth in Attachment 1, as amended, to take effect upon approval and to be published in the 2019-2020 Calendar.

CARRIED

14. Proposal from the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research for Admission/Transfer and Academic Standing Regulations for a New Combined Master of Business Administration/Master of Science in Physical Therapy Program, the Faculty of Business and the Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Janice Causgrove Dunn, Associate Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research; Mark Hall, Associate Chair, Physical Therapy, Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine; Chris Lynch, Senior Director, Recruitment, Admissions, Marketing, Alberta School of Business

Purpose of the Proposal: The proposal is before the committee to approve the admission/transfer and academic standing of the proposed new MBA/MScPT (Physical Therapy).

Discussion:

Dr Hall gave a brief overview of the the program and noted that graduates would be better prepared to enter leadership positions in public health.

Motion: Martin/Brocks

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, Admission/Transfer and Academic Standing regulations for a new combined Master of Business Administration/Master of Science in Physical Therapy program (MBA/MScPT), as submitted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, the Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine, and the Faculty of Business, and as set forth in Attachment 1, to take effect for September 1, 2019.

CARRIED

15. Proposed Changes to Existing Entrance Requirements for the MA Degree Programs in Gender and Social Justice Studies, Department of Women's and Gender Studies, Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Janice Causgrove Dunn, Associate Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Purpose of the Proposal: The proposal is before the committee to ensure that all Academic Regulations (entrance/admission requirements, academic standing requirements, and program requirements) for this program are listed in the Calendar.

Motion: Kermoal/Carey

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the proposed changes to existing Entrance Requirements for the MA degree programs in Gender and Social Justice Studies, Department of Women's and Gender Studies, as submitted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research and the Faculty of Arts, and as set forth in Attachment 1, to take effect upon approval and to be published in the 2019-2020 Calendar.

CARRIED

16. Proposal from the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research to Increase the Minimum IELTS Band Score to 5.5, for Early Implementation for Fall 2019 Admissions

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Janice Causgrove Dunn, Associate Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Purpose of the Proposal: The proposal is before the committee to increase the minimum band score for the International English Language Testing System (Academic IELTS) to 5.5 for the English Language Proficiency entrance requirement.

Discussion:

Dr Causgrove Dunn explained that this increase was to the FGSR minimum score for the English Proficiency entrance requirement and that Departments had the authority to set higher standards. She noted that many programs did set higher standards but that many technical programs felt that this standard was sufficient.

Motion: Jeffrey/Gokiart

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee recommend that the GFC Academic Planning Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, an increase to the minimum band score for the International English Language Testing System (Academic IELTS) to 5.5 for graduate admission, for early implementation for Fall 2019 admissions, as set forth in Attachment 1, and to be published in the 2019-2020 Calendar.

CARRIED

17. Proposed Changes to the Admission/Transfer and Academic Standing Regulations for the Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Drama (Theatre Design) and the Suspension of the BFA in Drama (Technical Theatre), Faculty of Arts

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Melanie Dreyer-Lude, Chair, Drama Department, Faculty of Arts; Guido Tondino, Professor, Department of Drama, Theatre Design, Faculty of Arts; John Raymond, Coordinator, Technical Theatre

Purpose of the Proposal: To approve the proposed changes to the admission/transfer and academic standing regulations for the BFA in Drama (Theatre Design) program, to be renamed as the BFA in Drama (Production), and to approve the suspension of admissions to the BFA in Drama (Technical Theatre) program.

Discussion:

The presenters gave an overview of the changes to the program and how the new arrangement would better prepare students for work in the industry.

Members commented on the excellent student consultation and the positive move toward increased experiential learning in the program.

Motion: Jeffrey/Bhatnagar

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the proposed changes to admission/transfer and academic standing regulations for the BFA in Drama (Theatre Design) program, as submitted by the Faculty of Arts and as set forth in Attachment 1, to take effect July 1, 2019.

CARRIED

Motion: Gokiart/Causgrove Dunn

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the suspension of admissions to the BFA in Drama (Technical Theatre) program, as submitted by the Faculty of Arts and as set forth in Attachment 2, to take effect July 1, 2019.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

18. External Programs for Review and Programs in Progress on Campus: Standing Item (no documents)

Presenter(s): Andrea Patrick, Portfolio Initiatives Manager, Office of the Provost and Vice-President (Academic)

Recently approved:

- New course-based Master of Arts in Policy Studies in the Department of Political Science, approved by APC on March 14, 2018

Currently with AE undergoing System Coordination Review:

- New major in Media Studies - approved at APC June 20, 2018

Currently with CAQC undergoing Quality Review:

- Substantive changes to the Modern Languages and Cultural Studies (MLCS) program , approved by APC January 17, 2018

19. Question Period

There were no questions.

INFORMATION REPORTS

20. Items Approved by the GFC Academic Standards Committee by email ballots (non-debatable)

There were no items.

21. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

CLOSING SESSION

22. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.