



General Faculties Council
Academic Standards Committee
Approved Open Session Minutes

Thursday, April 18, 2019
2-31 South Academic Building (SAB)
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Tammy Hopper, Chair
Radim Barta
Angela Bayduza
Akanksha Bhatnagar
Amy Dambrowitz
Gerda de Vries
Bill Dunn
Rebecca Gokiert
Scott Jeffrey
Andras Marosi
Bernadette Martin
Karsten Mundel

Rebecca Nagel
Tracy Raivio
Victoria Ruetalo
Shirley Schipper
Remonia Stoddart-Morrison
(delegate)

REGRETS:

Dion Brocks
Jason Carey
Jeff Johnson

Nathalie Kermoal
Shannon O'Byrne
Tanya Park
Paulin Mulatris
Shuaa Rizvi
Norma Rodenburg
Natalie Sharpe

Staff:

Heather Richholt, Coordinator
Meg Brolley, GFC Secretary

OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Jeffrey/Gokiert

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of March 21, 2019

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Mundel/Nagel

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve the Open Session Minutes of March 21, 2019.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Chair (no documents)

The Chair noted that the Executive Transition Committee reported at the GFC Executive Committee meeting on April 15, 2019 and indicated that there were two outstanding items from the *ad hoc* Committee on Academic Governance including Delegated Authority's recommendations: the terms of reference for the GFC Committee on the Learning Environment, and work on program pathways. She indicated that an *ad hoc* Programs Committee had been established and was expected to come forward with recommendations in the fall.

The Chair spoke about the provincial election results, the change in government, and the upcoming transitions in the Ministry of Advanced Education.

The Chair also noted that the Certificates in School Leadership from the Faculté Saint-Jean and the Faculty of Education had been approved at the GFC Academic Planning Committee.

The Chair thanked the outgoing student members for their contributions over the past year and noted that the committee would need to consider the Vice-Chair position and cross-appointed member to the GFC Undergraduate Awards and Bursaries Committee for 2019/20.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Items Deemed Minor/Editorial

Omnibus Mover and Seconder: Jeffrey/Mundel

4A. Transfer Credit Approvals/Denials for April 2019, Office of the Registrar

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the transfer credit approvals and denials for April 2019.

CARRIED

5. Proposed Non Credit Certificate in Artificial Intelligence Engineering, Faculty of Engineering

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Marek Reformat, Associate Chair, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Faculty of Engineering

Dr Reformat introduced the non-credit certificate and noted that it was developed in response to demand for training and opportunities with artificial intelligence and data analysis. He noted that there was significant interest from industry to date and the Faculty was planning a delivery schedule to commence in May 2019.

Discussion:

Members asked questions and expressed comments about entrance requirements - including programming experience, open sourced materials, collaboration with the department of Computing Science, online and in-class delivery methods, government funding, courses in these topics available to regular undergraduate students, and university and government strategies for continuing professional education.

Motion: Bhatnagar/Barta

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the Non-Credit Certificate in Artificial Intelligence Engineering, as proposed by the Faculty of Engineering, and as outlined in Attachment 1, to be effective immediately.

CARRIED

6. Proposed Name Change to Graduate Embedded Certificates for: Community Based Research and Evaluation, School Administration Leadership, Data Science, Teaching and Learning in Nursing Education, and Communicable Diseases, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Tammy Hopper, Vice-Provost (Programs); Tracy Raivio, Associate Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

The Chair noted that the Alberta Credentials Framework required the university to re-name their Post-Baccalaureate Certificates as Graduate Certificates. This has resulted in the need to re-name the embedded certificates as Graduate Embedded Certificates in order to differentiate them from freestanding Graduate Certificates.

Discussion:

Members discussed the differences between the freestanding Graduate Certificates and Graduate Embedded Certificates, and the normal credit weight for each.

Motion: Ruetalo/Gokiart

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee recommend that the GFC Academic Planning Committee approve the renaming of the following embedded Graduates Certificates to Graduate Embedded Certificates:

- Graduate Embedded Certificate in Community Based Research and Evaluation
- Graduate Embedded Certificate in School Administration Leadership
- Graduate Embedded Certificate in Data Science
- Graduate Embedded Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Nursing Education
- Graduate Embedded Certificate in Communicable Diseases

as set forth in attachments 1-5, to be effective January 1, 2019.

CARRIED

7. Proposed Increases to Minimum English Language Proficiency Entrance Requirements for Graduate Program, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Tracy Raivio, Associate Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Dr Raivio explained that the proposed changes would align the minimum requirements for English Language Proficiency (ELP) across the university's undergraduate and graduate programs.

Discussion:

Members discussed minimum requirements, graduate programs that required higher scores for admission, and student success rates related to ELP scores at admission.

Motion: Mundel/Jeffrey

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee recommend that the GFC Academic Planning Committee approve the proposed increases to the minimum English Language Proficiency scores as submitted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, and as set forth in Attachment 1, for implementation for Fall 2020 admissions and to be published in the 2020-2021 Calendar.

CARRIED

8. Proposed Changes to English Language Proficiency Entrance Requirements for Graduate Programs in Educational Policy Studies, Faculty of Education, and Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Elaine Simmt, Associate Dean, Faculty of Education; Tracy Raivio, Associate Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Dr Simmt noted that minimum ELP requirements for the Faculty of Education's graduate programs were generally higher than the FGSR minimum.

Discussion:

Members discussed ELP requirements at other Canadian universities, and the challenges with the precise calibration of different tests.

Motion: Mundel/Dunn

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the proposed changes to the English Language Proficiency entrance requirements for graduate programs in the Department of Educational Policy Studies as submitted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research and the Faculty of Education, and as set forth in Attachment 1, for implementation for Fall 2020 admissions and to be published in the 2020-2021 Calendar.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

9. 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)

Ms Patrick provided the following updates:

Recently approved:

- Faculty of Arts Sonic Arts name change

Proposed to Government:

- Thesis-based MLIS load changes

Currently with CAQC undergoing Quality Review:

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

10. Question Period (no documents)

A member asked about the Ministry of Advanced Education and the Campus Alberta Grant under the new provincial government.

The Chair answered that there had been no word yet but the Board of Governors had approved the budget and when further information was received, appropriate adjustments would be made.

INFORMATION REPORTS

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

There were no items.

12. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

CLOSING SESSION

13. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.