



General Faculties Council
Academic Standards Committee
Approved Open Session Minutes

Thursday, February 13, 2020
2-31 South Academic Building (SAB)
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Tammy Hopper, Chair
Scott Jeffrey
Joel Agarwal
J Nelson Amaral
Radim Barta
Angela Bayduza
Dion Brocks
Janice Causgrove Dunn
Gerda de Vries
Andras Marosi
Bernadette Martin
Karsten Mündel

Rebecca Nagel
Norma Rodenburg
Victoria Ruetalo
non-voting:
Amy Dambrowitz
Yimmie Sonuga
Remonia Stoddart-Morrison
(delegate)
Helen Vallianatos

REGRETS:

Mary Beckie
Jason Carey
Bill Dunn
Marion Haggarty-France
Nathalie Kermoal
Mia Lang
Norman Neumann
Shannon O'Byrne
Christy Raymond
Hassan Safouhi
Natalie Sharpe
Kristof Van Assche

Staff:

Heather Richholt, Coordinator

OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Tammy Hopper, Vice-Provost (Programs) and Chair of GFC ASC

Motion: Jeffrey/Nagel

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Comments from the Chair (no documents)

Presenter(s): Tammy Hopper, Vice-Provost (Programs) and Chair of GFC ASC

Discussion:

The Chair noted that the updated Certificate Handbook was available on the Provost's website along with a briefing note regarding suspensions.

The Chair explained that there was consultation currently underway regarding the development of a non-credit credentials framework to address consistency in credentials being established across the university. She noted that the Faculty of Extension were experts in this and were partnering with the Office of the Provost in this initiative.

The Chair updated members on consultations of the recommendations of the GFC Executive's ad hoc committee on Program Approval Processes including a discussion with the GFC Nominating Committee the previous day to get their take on the membership. In response to a question she noted that more work was being done on the Administrative support for the new Programs Committee and that more information would be forthcoming.

CONSENT AGENDA

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Consent Agenda Mover and Second: Mündel/Ruetalo

3. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of January 16, 2020

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve the Open Session Minutes of January 16, 2020.

CARRIED

4. Items Deemed Minor/Editorial

A. Transfer Credit Approvals and Denials for February 2020, 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 February 2020.

CARRIED

B. Proposed Changes to Special Student Applicants, Faculty of Law

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the proposed changes to entrance requirements for Special Students in the Faculty of Law.

CARRIED

5. Proposal to Update Entrance Requirements for Graduate Programs to Ensure English Language Proficiency Requirements Align With Increased FGSR Minimums

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the proposed updates to entrance requirements for graduate programs.

CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS

6. Proposal for Direct Entry into BSc in Agricultural/Food Business Management, BSc in Fashion Business Management, and BSc in Forest Business Management

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

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

Discussion:

Dr Jeffrey noted that this proposal was meant to improve recruitment and address under-enrolment and low domestic enrolment in the programs. He explained that the program requirements had not changed and the impact to resources was minimal.

Motion: Mündel/Marosi

THAT Academic Standards Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the proposed admission changes including direct entry from High School into BSc in Agricultural/Food Business Management, BSc in Fashion Business Management, and BSc in Forest Business Management, as set forth in attachment 1, to take effect for Fall 2021 admission and for publication in 2021-2022 University Calendar.

CARRIED

7. Proposed Name Change and Suspensions of Majors in the Bachelor of Music Program and Associated Substantive Program Changes, Augustana Faculty

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Karsten Mündel, Associate Dean, Academic, Augustana Campus

Discussion:

Dr Mündel presented an overview of the proposed changes and noted the larger changes happening at Augustana Campus including the project-based core and consolidating majors.

Members discussed: support of differentiation between programs at Augustana Campus and North Campus, efforts to address low enrolment and more efficient use of resources, and the use of majors, minors, and streams to identify programs and how these align with the Ministry of Advanced Education's use of second-level specializations. A member referenced a glossary that was developed by ASC to identify different levels of degrees and credentials.

Motion: Jeffrey/Causgrove Dunn

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee recommend that the GFC Academic Planning Committee approve the proposal to rename the 'Bachelor of Music Comprehensive major' offered through Augustana Faculty to the 'Bachelor of Music Performance-Based Pedagogy major', as set forth in Attachment 1, to take effect for Fall 2021.

CARRIED

Motion: Nagel/Ruetalo

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee recommend that the GFC Academic Planning Committee recommend the suspension of admissions to the Bachelor of Music in 'Piano' and 'Voice' majors, as submitted by Augustana Faculty and as set forth in Attachment 2, to take effect for Fall 2021.

CARRIED

Motion: Marosi/Barta

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee recommend that the GFC Academic Planning Committee approve the proposed program changes to the Bachelor of Music program in the Augustana Faculty, as set forth in Attachment 3, to take effect for Fall 2021.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

Presenter(s): Tammy Hopper, Vice-Provost (Programs) and Chair of GFC ASC

Discussion:

The Chair provided the following update:

Programs in Progress on Campus

Proposed to Government:

- Name change for Certificate in Indigenous Governance
- Load Change for MLS

Currently with AE undergoing System Coordination Review:

- The King's University, Bachelor of Science (Interdisciplinary Science)

9. Question Period (no documents)

There were no questions.

INFORMATION REPORTS

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

There were no items.

11. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

CLOSING SESSION

12. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.