



General Faculties Council
Academic Standards Committee
Approved Open Session Minutes

Thursday, December 15, 2016
2-31 South Academic Building (SAB)
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Voting Members:

Nataraj (Nat) Kav	Chair (Delegate), Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
Janice Causgrove Dunn	Vice-Chair, Dean or Delegate
Fahim Rahman	Member(Delegate), Vice-President (Academic), Students' Union
Fraser Brenneis	Member (Delegate), Dean or Delegate
Dion Brocks	Member, (Delegate), Dean or Delegate
Deborah Burshtyn	Member (Delegate), Dean or Delegate
Sandra Davidson	Member (Delegate), Dean or Delegate
Gerda de Vries	Member (Delegate), Dean or Delegate
Fay Fletcher	Member (Delegate), Dean or Delegate
Elaine Geddes	Member (Delegate), Dean or Delegate
Scott Jeffrey	Member (Delegate), Dean or Delegate
Radim Barta	Member (Delegate), Vice-President (Academic), Graduate Students' Association
Bernadette Martin	Member (Delegate), Dean or Delegate
Paulin Mulatris	Member (Delegate), Dean or Delegate
Karsten Mundel	Member (Delegate), Dean or Delegate
Rebecca Nagel	Member (Delegate), Dean or Delegate
Melissa Padfield	Member (Delegate), Vice-Provost and University Registrar
Natalie Sharpe	Member, Director (Student Ombudservice)
Kasia Tymczak	Member, Undergraduate Student at-Large (Elected by GFC)

Presenter(s):

Nataraj (Nat) Kav	Vice-Provost (Programs) and Chair, GFC Academic Standards Committee
Samira ElAtia	Director of Graduate Studies, Faculté Saint-Jean
Deborah Burshtyn	Vice Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research
Catherine Adams	Associate Dean, Faculty of Education
Fraser Brenneis	Vice Dean (Education), Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry
Kate Peters	Portfolio Initiatives Manager, Office of the Provost and Vice-President (Academic)

Staff:

Meg Brolley, Coordinator, GFC Academic Standards Committee
Andrea Patrick, Scribe

OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Nagel/Burshtyn

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of November 17, 2016

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Jeffrey/Brocks

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve the Minutes of November 17, 2016.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Chair

Members expressed appreciation and thanks for the Chair on the occasion of his last meeting in the role.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Items Deemed Minor/Editorial

The Following Proposal(s) are Deemed Minor/Editorial (GFC ASC's Terms of Reference (Mandate)(3.A.i and iii) by the Vice-Provost (Programs) and Chair, GFC ASC, and are APPROVED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY FROM GFC IN A SINGLE OMNIBUS MOTION.

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Nataraj (Nat) Kav

Omnibus Mover and Seconder: Mundel/Brenneis

4A. Office of the Registrar: Proposed Approval of Transfer Credit for December 2016

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, approve the Transfer Credit for December 2016, as submitted by the Office of the Registrar, to be effective immediately.

CARRIED

4B. Faculty of Business: Proposed Changes to Existing Academic Standing Regulations

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, approve the proposed Changes to Existing Academic Standing Regulation, as submitted by the Faculty of Business, to take effect January 2017.

CARRIED

4C. Faculty of Native Studies: Proposed Changes to Existing Admission and Transfer Regulations

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, approve the Proposed Changes to Existing Admission and Transfer Regulations, as submitted by the Faculty of Native Studies, to take effect in 2017-18.

CARRIED

4D. Faculty of Native Studies: Proposed Changes to Application Deadlines, Certificate in Aboriginal Governance and Partnership

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, approve the Proposed Changes to Application Deadlines, Certificate in Aboriginal Governance and Partnership, as submitted by the Faculty of Native Studies, to take effect in 2017-18.

CARRIED

5. Proposal for an Embedded Graduate Certificate in School Administration Leadership, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research and Faculté Saint-Jean

Materials before member are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Deborah Burshtyn; Samira ElAtia

Purpose of the Proposal: This proposed certificate includes four courses (total *12) in the certificate will give students a deeper understanding of leadership in school administration. They are offered in French and will look specifically at Francophone and French Immersion Education.

Discussion:

Dr ElAtia summarized the development of this proposal and indicated that it had received strong support from internal and external stakeholders. She noted that the formal recognition offered by this certificate would benefit students moving into school leadership roles. Dr ElAtia further noted that this could be further developed into a freestanding certificate in the future.

Motion: Jeffrey/Mundel

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, approve the proposed embedded Graduate Credit Certificate in School Administration Leadership, as submitted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research and Faculté Saint-Jean, and as set forth in Attachment 1, to take effect Winter 2017.

CARRIED

6. Proposed changes to Existing Admission Requirements, Master of Education and doctoral programs in the Department of Secondary Education, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Catherine Adams; Deborah Burshtyn

Purpose of the Proposal: The Department of Secondary Education is raising the admission GPA requirement for the doctoral programs to 3.5 and for both master's and doctoral programs raising the required TOEFL score to 580 (paper-based) or equivalent.

Discussion:

Dr Adams explained that this proposal changes the admission GPA to 3.5 and updates to the English Language Proficiency (ELP) standards to align with other departments.

Motion: Brenneis/Brocks

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, proposed changes to Existing Admission Requirements, Master of Education and doctoral programs, Department of Secondary Education, as submitted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies & Research, and as set forth in Attachment 1, to be published in the 2017-2018 calendar for students admitted in 2018.

CARRIED

7. Proposed Changes to Existing Admission Requirements, Dental Hygiene Post Diploma Degree Completion Program, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Fraser Brenneis

Purpose of the Proposal: To provide clarity around admission requirements due to the removal of the Dental Hygiene Diploma Program information from the University Calendar.

Discussion:

Dr Brenneis explained that various changes to the course requirements in the diploma program over a number of years resulted in different levels of preparedness for entry into the post diploma degree completion program. Thus, different admission requirements were necessary based on the year of graduation from the diploma; this proposal clarifies these requirements.

Motion: Brenneis/Barta

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, proposed changes to the admission requirements, BSc (Dental Hygiene Specialization) Post Diploma Degree Completion Program, as proposed by the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, and as set forth in Attachment 1, to take effect for Fall 2017.

CARRIED

8. Proposed Changes to Academic Regulations, Dental Hygiene Diploma/BSc (Dental Hygiene Specialization) Program, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Fraser Brenneis

Purpose of the Proposal: Changes proposed here include reworded sections pertaining to students entering the newly reorganized BSc Program in Fall 2017, while retaining wording specific to students currently completing the Dental Hygiene Diploma Program and the BSc (Dental Hygiene Specialization) where necessary.

Discussion:

Dr Brenneis noted that there will be two cohorts in Dental Hygiene at the same time; one will be in the diploma program and the other in the degree program. The proposal clarifies the different academic regulations related to each cohort. During the discussion it was noted that there was some inconsistencies in the name of the program and that some of the information included was not necessary. Dr Brenneis agreed to withdraw the item to make the suggested changes. It was agreed that the revised item would be circulated to the committee electronically for approval.

Secretary's Note: This item was revised, circulated and approved by e-vote on December 22, 2016.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

There were no documents.

Presenter(s): Nataraj (Nat) Kav; Kate Peters

Purpose of the Proposal: To provide an update to the Committee in regards to current proposals being considered by the Provincial Government.

Discussion:

Ms Peters provided members with the following summary of programs currently with Government:

To be Proposed to Government:

- (New) Load Change in BSc Dental Hygiene
- Suspension of MA and PhD in MLCS

Currently with AE undergoing System Coordination Review:

- (New) Major in Fashion Business Management in the Bachelor of Science
- (New) University Certificate in Digital Learning
- (New) University Certificate in Adolescent Literacy
- Name Changes to Biological Sciences Programs (Integrative Physiology; Ecology, Evolution and Environmental Biology; Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology)

External reviews requested:

- Mount Royal University, Bachelor of Science, Chemistry specialization
- MacEwan University's new Bachelor of Science, Applied Statistics specialization program proposal

Referred to CAQC for review:

- (New) PhD in Indigenous Studies

Recently approved:

- (New) Program Proposal for MSc in Urban and Regional Planning
- (New) PBC Bridging to Canadian Physical Therapy Practice
- (New) PBC Indigenous Sport and Recreation
- Suspension of the Master of Engineering in Nutrition and Foods from the Faculty of Engineering and the Faculty of ALES
- Load Change to the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Sexual Health

10. Question Period

Dr Geddes provided members with an update on the activities GFC *Ad Hoc* Committee on Academic Governance Including Delegated Authority. Several members spoke out in support of the essential work considered by this Committee. Dr Geddes and Dr Burshtyn invited members to provide comments on the mandate and the composition of this Committee.

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 11:10 a.m.