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General Faculties Council
Academic Standards Committee
Approved Open Session Minutes

Thursday, February 15, 2018
2-31 South Academic Building (SAB)
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Tammy Hopper, Chair
Radim Barta
Dion Brocks
Janice Causgrove Dunn, Vice-Chair
Gerda de Vries
Fay Fletcher
Clive Hickson
Scott Jeffrey
Nathalie Kermoal
Andras Marosi
Bernadette Martin

Paulin Mulatris
Karsten Mundel
Rebecca Nagel
Melissa Padfield
Shane Scott
Alexander Wong
non-voting:
Norma Rodenburg

REGRETS:
Deborah Burshtyn

Jason Carey
Sandra Davidson
Carla Peck
Kim Raine
Shirley Schipper
Natalie Sharpe

STAFF:
Meg Brolley, Coordinator
Cheryl Trepanier, Scribe

OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Scott/Nagel

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

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

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Jeffrey/Hickson

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve the Minutes of January 18, 2018.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Chair

Presenter(s): Tammy Hopper, Chair, GFC Academic Standards Committee

The Chair indicated that there will be a Learning Outcomes Conference held March 16, 2018 focusing on graduate programs with Brenda Brouwer of Queen's University. She further noted that a number of programs will be participating in quality assurance activities over the next few months. She reported on the upcoming audit of quality assurance processes by CAQC (Campus Alberta Quality Council) which occurs every 5 to 7 years to ensure that institutional processes are rigorously and consistently applied.

Ms Brolley advised that "March Madness", guidelines developed by the transition committee for committees to assist with the review of terms of reference and membership would occur after the regularly scheduled business meeting in March and that further details would be distributed to the committee with meeting materials.

Finally, the Chair acknowledged member Alexander Wong of the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry for his work in increasing access to MCAT training.

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.

Presenter(s): Tammy Hopper, Chair, GFC Academic Standards Committee

Omnibus Mover and Seconder: Jeffrey/Mundel

4A. Approval of Transfer Credits for February 2018, Office of the Registrar

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, approve the proposed transfer credits for February 2018, as submitted by the Office of the Registrar, to be effective immediately.

CARRIED

4B. Proposed Changes to Existing Admission Requirements for MBA/BSc Pharmacy, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, approve the changes to existing admission requirements for the MBA/BSc Pharmacy, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

CARRIED

5. Proposal for the suspension of Admission/Transfer to the Atmospheric Sciences honors/specialization program, Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, Faculty of Science

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Gerda de Vries, Associate Dean Undergraduate, Faculty of Sciences; Murray Gingras, Associate Chair, Undergraduate, Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, Faculty of Science

Purpose: Suspend admission/transfer to the Atmospheric Sciences honors/specialization programs in the Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences

Dr. Gingras noted that this proposal addresses issues of instructor attrition, reduced enrollment, and Environment Canada's move to the use of numerical models rather than forecasters.

Motion: Jeffrey/Padfield

THAT GFC Academic Standards approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, suspension of admission/transfer to the Atmospheric Sciences honors/specialization program, Faculty of Science, as set forth in Attachment 1, to take effect after September 2018.

CARRIED

6. Proposal for an Embedded Certificate in Applied Social Science Research, Faculty of Arts

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Michelle Maroto, Sara Dorow, Department of Sociology, Faculty of Arts

Purpose: To establish an embedded Certificate in Applied Social Science Research. This will be an embedded interdisciplinary certificate aimed at developing students' research skills in the social sciences through a combination of course work and hands-on research experience.

The certificate will be open to undergraduate students across faculties, but it will primarily be geared toward those enrolled in the Faculty of Arts.

Discussion: Members discussed that students could already have completed some of the certificate requirements, options for students to fulfill the research internship and capstone courses, and when students could apply into the certificate.

Motion: Nagel/Fletcher

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, approve the proposed embedded Certificate in Applied Social Science Research, as submitted by the Faculty of Arts, and as set forth in Attachment 1, to take effect Fall 2018.

CARRIED

7. Proposal for a new non-credit Occupational Health and Safety Professional Diploma, Faculty of Extension

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Fay Fletcher, Associate Dean; Christie Schultz, Assistant Dean; Nimmi Nayyer-Dua, Program Coordinator, Faculty of Extension.

Purpose: The proposed Occupational Health and Safety Professional Diploma (non-credit) is designed to provide an opportunity for both emerging and established health and safety professionals to advance their skills and knowledge at the (non-credit) diploma level.

Discussion:
There was no discussion.

Motion: Jeffrey/Mundel

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, approve the proposed Occupational Health and Safety Professional Diploma (non-credit) as submitted by The Faculty of Extension, and as set forth in attachment 1, to take effect Fall Term, 2018

CARRIED

8. Proposal from the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research for Admission/Transfer and Academic Standing Regulations for a new course-based Master of Arts in Policy Studies in the Department of Political Science

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): John Nychka; Jared Wesley; Lois Harder

Purpose: Proposing admission/transfer and academic standing regulations for a new course-based Master of Arts program in Policy Studies (MA-PS), offered through the Department of Political Studies.

Discussion:

Dr Wesley provided an overview of the proposed program, which is an intersection of political science and policy, has been in development for a number of years and has received unanimous support from Faculties within the University and from many letters of support from the larger community. He noted that the program contains a commitment to Indigenous Learning envisioned in the Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission; Dr Fletcher suggested collaboration with the Faculty of Extension and the Chair commended the presenters on clearly mapping the program components to the TRC Calls to Action.

Motion: Nagel/Khodayari

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, approve the Admission/Transfer and Academic Standing regulations for a new course-based MA in Policy Studies in the Department of Political Science, as submitted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research and the Faculty of Arts, and as set forth in Attachment 1.

CARRIED

9. Proposal from the Faculty of Graduate Studies & Research for Admission/Transfer and Academic Standing Regulations for a new combined Master of Business Administration/Doctor of Pharmacy (MBA/PharmD) program, the Faculty of Business and the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Dion Brocks, Associate Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences; John Nychka, Associate Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research; Michael Maier, Associate Dean, Masters Programs, Faculty of Business

Purpose: To approve the admission/transfer and academic standing of the proposed new MBA/PharmD degree. The students will be subject to the academic regulations of each existing program, which have already been approved. The MBA program requirements for the PharmD students are the same as those required by the BSc in Pharmacy students.

Discussion:

Members discussed how students were registered and assessed in each program, that students were granted both degrees at the same time.

Motion: Marosi/Causgrove Dunn

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve, with delegated authority, Admission/Transfer and Academic Standing regulations for a new combined Master of Business Administration/Doctor of Pharmacy (MBA/PharmD) program, as submitted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research and the Faculty of Business, and as set forth in Attachment 1, to take effect upon approval.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

There were no documents.

Presenter(s): Tammy Hopper, Vice-Provost (Programs); Chair, GFC Academic Standards Committee

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

Discussion:

The Chair updated a number of proposals in progress with the Provincial Government, including:

- Approval of name changes for the Physical Education and Recreation specializations across the Master of Arts, Master of Science, and PhD to Kinesiology, Sport and Recreation, effective July 1, 2018
- Proposal of new programs:
 - Éducation à la petite enfance - Niveau II Certificate Program, Centre collegial de l'Alberta, Campus Saint-Jean
 - Éducation à la petite enfance-Superviseur Diploma Program, Centre collegial de l'Alberta, Campus Saint-Jean

The following programs are currently undergoing System Coordination Review:

- Course-based MA in History of Art, Design and Visual Cultural (HADVC), Department of Art and Design
- (New) Health Care Aide (Préposé aux soins de santé (PSS) Certificate Program, Centre collégial de l'Alberta, Campus Saint-Jean

External reviews have been requested for the following:

- New degree program (BA) in Psychology proposed by Ambrose University
- New Major in Social Justice and Catholic Studies proposed by St. Mary's University
- New Master's of Health Services Management program proposed by the University of Lethbridge
- New BSc specialization in Information Technology proposed by Concordia University

11. Question Period

There were no questions.

INFORMATION REPORTS

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

There were no items.

13. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

CLOSING SESSION

14. Adjournment

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