



General Faculties Council
Academic Standards Committee
Approved Open Session Minutes

Thursday, March 21, 2019
2-31 South Academic Building (SAB)
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Karsten Mundel, Acting-Chair
Radim Barta
Angela Bayduza
Andre Bourgeois (delegate)
Dion Brocks
Jason Carey
Gerda de Vries
Bill Dunn
Rebecca Gokiert
Scott Jeffrey
Jeff Johnson

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

REGRETS:

Tammy Hopper
Akanksha Bhatnagar

Amy Dambrowitz
Bill Dunn
Andras Marosi
Tanya Park
Tracy Raivio
Shuaa Rizvi
Shirley Schipper
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/Nagel

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of February 14, 2019

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Nagel/Ruetalo

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve the Open Session Minutes of February 14, 2019.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Acting-Chair (no documents)

Presenter(s): Karsten Mundel, Vice-Chair, ASC

Discussion:

The Acting-Chair noted that the Students' Union (SU) and the Graduate Students' Association (GSA) elections were finished and asked the GSA and SU representatives to share the results with the committee:

The Students' Union representative, Andre Bourgeois, announced the new executive: Akanksha Bhatnagar - President; Adam Brown - Vice-President (External); Jared Larsen - Vice-President (Student Life); Joel Agarwal - Vice-President (Academic); Luke Statt - Vice-President (Operations and Finance); and that Rowan Ley was elected to be the new Board of Governors representative.

The Graduate Students' Association representative, Radim Barta, announced the new executive: Fahed Elian - President; Dylan Ashley - Vice-President (Academic); Marc Waddingham - Vice-President (External); Mohammad Shanawaz - Vice-President (Labour); and Chantal Labonté - Vice-President (Student Services).

The Acting-Chair noted that the Board of Governors had approved the budget the previous week and that GFC had approved the new ASC terms of reference which would come into effect on July 1, 2019.

The Acting-Chair also noted that the President, David Turpin, had announced that he would not be seeking renewal after June 2020.

ACTION ITEMS

4A. Transfer Credit Approvals for March 2019, Office of the Registrar

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Jeffrey/Bourgeois

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

CARRIED

5. Proposed Graduate Certificate in School Leadership and Administration (Certificat d'études supérieures en administration et leadership scolaire), Faculty of Graduate Studies & Research, and Faculté Saint-Jean

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Samira ElAtia, Director of Graduate Studies, Faculté Saint-Jean ; Victoria Ruetalo, Associate Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

The presenters elected to discuss their certificates together and noted that the Faculté Saint-Jean and the Faculty of Education had worked in parallel to develop the proposals in response to a request from the Alberta government. These certificates were developed to provide programming in support of the required government certification of school principals and superintendents.

The presenters explained that the Alberta government had provided funding for this initiative and noted that University of Lethbridge, University of Calgary, Concordia University of Edmonton, and St Mary's University had developed coursework and credentials as well.

Discussion:

Members discussed the distinction between the proposed graduate certificates and the government's certification, and the options to ladder the certificates into Master's degree programs.

Motion: Carey/Multris

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee recommend to the GFC Academic Planning Committee a new Graduate Certificate in School Leadership and Administration, (Certificat d'études supérieures en administration et leadership scolaire), as submitted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, and Faculté Saint-Jean,

and as set forth in Attachment 1, as amended, to take effect September 2019.

CARRIED

6. Proposed Graduate Certificate in School Leadership, Faculty of Graduate Studies & Research, and Faculty of Education

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Elaine Simmt, Associate Dean, Graduate Programs, Faculty of Education; Victoria Ruetalo, Associate Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Discussion:

Item 5 and 6 were discussed together.

Motion: Jeffrey/Gokiert

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee recommend to the GFC Academic Planning Committee a new Graduate Certificate in School Leadership, as submitted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research and the Faculty of Education, and as set forth in Attachment 1, to take effect September 2019.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. 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)

Discussion:

Ms Patrick provided the following updates:

Recently approved:

- Substantive changes to the Modern Languages and Cultural Studies (MLCS) program , approved by APC January 17, 2018
- Load changes to the Master's in Library and Information Studies

Proposed to Government:

- Substantive changes to the BFA in Drama, approved by APC on December 12, 2018

Currently with AE undergoing System Coordination Review:

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

8. Question Period

There were no questions.

INFORMATION REPORTS

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

There were no items.

10. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

CLOSING SESSION

11. Adjournment

The Acting-Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.