



UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

General Faculties Council
Academic Standards Committee
Approved Open Session Minutes

Thursday, June 25, 2020
Virtual Meeting
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Tammy Hopper, Chair
J Nelson Amaral
Radim Barta
Angela Bayduza
Dion Brocks
Jason Carey
Janice Causgrove Dunn
Gerda de Vries
David Draper
Bill Dunn
Purna Hariharan
Mia Lang

Andras Marosi
Bernadette Martin
Donia Mounsef
Karsten Mündel
Rebecca Nagel
Shannon O'Byrne
Christy Raymond
Norma Rodenburg
non-voting:
Amy Dambrowitz
Yimmie Sonuga
Remonia Stoddart-Morrison
Helen Vallianatos

REGRETS:

Scott Jeffrey
Mary Beckie
Marion Haggarty-France
Nathalie Kermoal
Norman Neumann
Victoria Ruetalo
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 Academic Standards Committee (ASC)

Motion: Barta/Raymond

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 ASC

Discussion:

The Chair noted that June 21 was National Indigenous Peoples Day and that it was an important time to read the University's territorial acknowledgement:

The University of Alberta acknowledges that we are located on Treaty 6 territory, and respects the histories, languages, and cultures of First Nations, Metis, Inuit, and all First Peoples of Canada, whose presence continues to enrich our vibrant community.

The Chair updated members on the University's COVID-19 response including updated guidelines related to the province's move to Phase 2 as of the previous week. She made note of some of the challenges that were being

worked through including increasing research on campus and the information made available to the community on the university's website.

The Chair also explained the work being done regarding applications from Faculties for exceptions to remote learning for fall courses. She noted that communications regarding the decisions had been sent to the Deans and that a communication plan for students was underway.

The Chair noted that the Vice-Provost (Learning Initiatives) and the Centre for Teaching and Learning were working on providing guidance and support for instructors regarding preparation, implementation and assessment of online courses.

Members discussed: whether students, teaching assistants, and instructors on campus would be asked or be given the ability to participate in sanitization of classroom and lab space; communications to students regarding in person course exceptions; and how examinations would work for in person courses or courses that have an in person component.

The Chair noted that, as the GFC Academic Standards Committee would be disbanded on September 1, this was the final meeting for ASC unless there was a need to call a special meeting in the summer. She thanked all of the members for their good work.

CONSENT AGENDA

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Consent Agenda Mover and Seconder: Nagel/Mündel

3. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of May 21, 2020

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve the open session minutes of May 21, 2020.

CARRIED

4. Items Deemed Minor/Editorial

A. Transfer Credit Approvals June 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 June 2020, as set forth in Attachment A.

CARRIED

B. Transfer Credit Agreement for Vancouver Island University, Faculty of Engineering and Office of the Registrar

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the Transfer Credit Agreement for Vancouver Island University, as set forth in Attachment B.

CARRIED

C. Proposed Changes to Admission Requirements for the BA in Environmental Studies, Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences

That the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the proposed changes to admission requirements for the BA in Environmental Studies as set forth in Attachment C.

CARRIED

D. Proposed Changes to Admission Requirements for the BA in Environmental Studies, Faculty of Arts

That the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties

Council, the proposed changes to admission requirements for the BA in Environmental Studies as set forth in Attachment D.

CARRIED

E. Proposed Changes to Admission Requirements for the Faculty of Law

That the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the proposed changes to admission requirements for the Faculty of Law as set forth in Attachment E.

CARRIED

5. Proposed Changes to Existing Entrance Requirements and Academic Standing Regulations for Graduate Programs in the Faculty of Business, Faculty of Business and Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Purpose of the Proposal: The proposal is before the committee to ensure that all Academic Regulations (entrance/admission requirements, academic standing and program requirements) for these programs are listed in the Calendar.

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the proposed changes to existing entrance requirements and academic standing regulations for the MBA, MAcc and MFM programs in the Faculty of Business, 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 and to be published in the 2021-2022 Calendar.

CARRIED

6. Proposed Changes to Existing Entrance Requirements and Academic Standing Regulations for Graduate Programs in the Department of Linguistics, Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Purpose of the Proposal: The proposal is before the committee to ensure that all Academic Regulations (entrance/admission requirements, academic standing and program requirements) for these programs are listed in the Calendar

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the proposed changes to existing entrance requirements and academic standing regulations for the MSc and PhD programs in the Department of Linguistics, as submitted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research and the Faculty of Arts, and as set forth in Attachment 1, to take effect upon approval and to be published in the 2021-2022 Calendar.

CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS

7. Proposed Changes to the University of Alberta Policies and Procedures Online (UAPPOL) Transfer Credit Articulation Procedure

Materials and presentation before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Heather Kennedy-Plant & Jennifer Alabiso, Co-Chairs, and Members of Administrative Committee for Transfer Credit (ACTC)

Purpose of the Proposal: The proposal is before the committee to update the existing procedure, which has not been updated substantially since 2009, though the environment has changed considerably.

Discussion:

Ms Alabiso and Ms Kennedy-Plant provided a presentation and overview of the proposed changes and thanked all the members of the ACTC for their work in developing the proposal.

Members discussed editorial issues and expressed general support for the proposal.

Motion: Nagel/Dunn

THAT the Academic Standards Committee, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, approve the proposed changes to the UAPPOL Transfer Credit Articulation Procedure.

CARRIED

8. Proposed Graduate Certificate in Adapted Physical Activity, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, and Faculty of Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Janice Causgrove Dunn, Associate Dean, FGSR; Christine Ma, Assistant Dean, International and Community Education, Faculty of Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation - Communications & International Relations; Jill Cameron, International and Community Education, Faculty of Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation - Communications & International Relations

Purpose of the Proposal: The proposal is before the committee to approve a new Graduate Certificate in Adapted Physical Activity

Discussion:

Dr Causgrove Dunn gave an overview of the proposed certificate and explained that it would be delivered online and that it offered a unique, disability-affirming approach. She also noted that the certificate could be laddered into a Master's degree.

There were no questions.

Motion: Mündel/Bayduza

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, a new Graduate Certificate in Adapted Physical Activity, as submitted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research and the Faculty of Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation, and as set forth in Attachment 1, to take effect July 1, 2021.

CARRIED

9. Proposals for a Non-Credit Diploma in Professional Leadership and Management, and Non-Credit Certificates in Professional Leadership, Safety and Risk Management, and Technical Management

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Jason Carey, Associate Dean, Faculty of Engineering

Purpose of the Proposal: The proposal is before the committee because it is in the delegated authority of ASC to approve non-credit diplomas and certificates.

Discussion:

Dr Carey explained that the proposal had been in development for the past eight years and was meant to provide professional development for participants with technical backgrounds that have moved into managerial and leadership positions.

Members discussed the Faculty of Business and the Faculty of Law's support for the proposal.

Motion: Mündel/Causgrove Dunn

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the following proposed non-credit credentials:

- Diploma in Professional Leadership and Management
- Certificate in Professional Leadership
- Certificate in Safety and Risk Management
- Certificate in Technical Management

as submitted by the Faculty of Engineering and as set forth in Attachment 1, to take effect upon approval.

CARRIED

10. Proposed Suspension of Bachelor of Arts Majors in Biology, Chemistry, Computing Science, Mathematics and Physics, and Sociology, and Bachelor of Science Majors in Mathematics and Physics, and Psychology, Augustana Faculty

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

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

Purpose of the Proposal: The proposal is before the committee to recommend the suspension of five current majors in the Bachelor of Arts program at Augustana Faculty (Biology, Chemistry, Computing Science, Mathematics and Physics, and Sociology) and two current majors in the Bachelor of Science program at Augustana Faculty (Mathematics and Physics, and Psychology).

Discussion:

Dr Mündel gave a brief overview of the curricular reforms that had been taking place at Augustana for the past few years including the development of a multidisciplinary and project based core. He noted budgetary pressures and the need to find efficiencies, as well as a goal to remove duplication of programs that were offered on north campus. He confirmed that all of these disciplines would still be taught at Augustana but that the combinations and structure of programs was shifting.

Members asked about the different requirements for the Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor of Science programs with Science majors and how the new multidisciplinary programs would be structured.

Motion: Carey/Nagel

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee recommend that the Board of Governors approve the suspension of admissions to the Augustana Faculty Bachelor of Arts majors in Biology, Chemistry, Computing Science, Mathematics and Physics, and Sociology, and the Augustana Faculty Bachelor of Science majors in Mathematics and Physics, and Psychology, as submitted by Augustana Faculty and as set forth in Attachments 1-7, to take effect July 1, 2021.

CARRIED

11. Proposal for the Termination of the Bachelor of Education, Adult Education Route

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Bill Dunn, Associate Dean, Teacher Education, Faculty of Education

Purpose of the Proposal: To seek recommendation of the termination of the Bachelor of Education, Adult Education route.

Discussion:

Dr Dunn gave a brief overview of the proposed suspension.

There were no questions.

Motion: Raymond/Carey

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee recommend that the Board of Governors approve the termination of the Bachelor of Education, Adult Education route, as submitted by the Faculty of Education and as set forth in Attachment 1, to be effective upon final approval.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

There were no updates.

13. Question Period (no documents)

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

Discussion:

A member asked about the increased number of cases of cheating and academic integrity from the winter 2020 term and expressed concern with how these issues would be handled going forward in a remote learning and assessment environment.

During the discussion, members asked questions and expressed comments including but not limited to:

- ongoing conversations with the Public Health Response Team's Subcommittee on Academic Impacts;
- the different kinds of remote assessments that could be used in a remote learning environment; and
- the elevated levels of stress for both students and instructors.

INFORMATION REPORTS

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

There were no items.

15. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

CLOSING SESSION

16. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.