

General Faculties Council
Programs Committee
Approved Open Session Minutes

Thursday, April 11, 2024
Remote Meeting by Zoom
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Voting Members:

Janice Causgrove Dunn (Chair)
Aman Ullah (Vice-Chair)
Brandon Alakas
Pedro Almeida
Jennifer Branch-Mueller
Laurent Cammarata
Odile Cisneros
Florence Glanfield
Rija Kamran
Jane Lee (delegate)

Hanne Pearce
Tracy Raivio
Nathan Thiessen
John Ussher

Regrets

Anna Hughes
John Lemieux
Sujata Persad
Sean Robertson
Wajid Ali
Tim Tang

Non-Voting Members:

Brian Pardell
Kate Peters
Remonia Stoddart-Morrison

Staff

Carley Roth
Keri Chevalier

OPENING SESSION

Before opening the meeting the Chair acknowledged the territory and thanked student members for their service.

1. Approval of the Agenda
- Information Item 8 – Approval of GPS Academic Standing Regulation

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Janice Causgrove Dunn, Vice-Provost (Programs) and Chair, GFC Programs Committee (PC)

The Chair acknowledged Information Item 8 on the agenda and offered members an opportunity to amend the agenda to allow for discussion on the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Proposed Changes to Academic Standing Regulations for Graduate Students. Hearing no requests, the motion was put to a vote.

Motion: The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT the GFC Programs Committee approve the agenda.

CARRIED

2. Comments from the Chair (no documents)

Presenter(s): Janice Causgrove Dunn, Vice-Provost (Programs) and Chair, GFC Programs Committee (PC)

Discussion: The Chair made comments regarding:

- the permanent appointment of the Lead, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Response;

- International enrolment; and
- the forthcoming decision on proposed changes to the GFC Programs Committee Terms of Reference.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of March 14, 2024

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Discussion: The Chair provided a review of what is included in the Consent agenda.

The motion to approve the items in the consent agenda was moved and seconded.

THAT the GFC Programs Committee approve the items on the consent agenda.

CARRIED

4. Course, Minor Program, and Minor Regulation Changes:

- Augustana
- Campus Saint-Jean
- Native Studies
- Science

Suspension:

- Augustana Faculty: Undergraduate Embedded Certificate in Community Mental Health - Theory and Practice

Terminations:

- Augustana Faculty: Bachelor of Arts - Specializations in Arts

THAT the GFC Programs Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the attached submissions from the Faculties of Augustana, Campus Saint-Jean, Native Studies, and Science

CARRIED

THAT the GFC Programs Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the attached suspension of the Augustana Embedded Certificate in Community Mental Health: Theory and Practice.

CARRIED

THAT the GFC Programs Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the attached terminations of specialisations in the Augustana Bachelor of Arts in Bachelor of Arts in Art, Visual Art, Drama, Economics, English, History, Modern Languages, Music, Philosophy and Religion, and Political Studies.

CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS

5. Faculty of Science: Proposed Name Change and Program Change to the Master of Science in Integrated Petroleum Geosciences (IPG)

Presenter(s): Nicholas Harris, Professor, Faculty of Science

Discussion: N Harris provided a summary of the name and program change to the Master of Science in Integrated Petroleum Geosciences. An outline of where the program is currently was given for context as well as a summary of the course work. The proposal is looking to change from an exclusive petroleum focus to an energy focus including petroleum, CCS (carbon capture), geothermal, and minerals with a goal to increase enrolment as well as opportunities for employment and microcredentials. The proposed name change is Integrated Energy Geosciences. The duration of the program would also be expanded to one and one half years in length to accommodate an increase in the term courses by one and an extension of the duration of the capstone project.

Members asked questions and made comments related to:

- how the graduates of this program will learn and understand how their work will be conducted on Indigenous land and the commitments made in the various strategic plans of the University including *Braiding the Past, Present and Future, the University of Alberta Indigenous Strategic Plan*;
- whether the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies required course on Ethics and Academic Citizenship Requirement that have elements that would cover the required Indigenous content;
- if there were plans to expand the program content beyond physics and geosciences to include different disciplines such as engineering;
- the choice of wording concerning the five-year review; and
- clarification of the nature of the proposal and the difference between a name change and program change;

The Chair summarized the discussion and the concerns of the committee regarding the need to ensure Indigenous content would be woven into the program. She noted the possibilities of seminars and working with the Masters of Sustainability program.

The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT the GFC Programs Committee approve the name change for the MSc in Integrated Petroleum Geosciences to the MSc in Integrated Energy Geosciences, and the corresponding load and program changes, for implementation upon final approval.

FAILED

8 members asked that their nay vote be noted in the minutes:

F Glanfield, P Almeida, H Pearce, J Branch Mueller, J Lee, N Thiessen, B Alakas, J Ussher

6. Faculty of Education: Program Change to the Master of Education in Health Sciences Education (MHSE)

Presenter(s): Lesly Wade-Woolley, Professor, Faculty of Education

Discussion: The Chair noted that this program was approved by GPS Council on March 13th and is before the Programs Committee for final approval.

L Wade-Woolley reviewed the proposed program change to the Master of Education in Health Sciences Education (MHSE) - a proposed change for thirty-three (33) to thirty (30) credits. A summary of the current structure was provided. The reasons for the proposed change were discussed:

- the change would bring the program in line with other programs in Education;
- students have found it difficult to find an appropriate elective in the term that they need to take it; and
- thirty (30) credits puts the program in line with programs offered by competitors.

It was noted that the proposed changes were developed in consultation with the students, employers and the Alberta Health Services Learning Council and that the proposal has been met with a positive response.

Members asked questions and made comments related to:

- in what ways this program will address the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action and specifically; how graduates of the program will contribute Reconciliation;
- the rationale for reducing program load and the connection to being more competitive; and
- where the students are learning about Indigenous health education and how to facilitate and support student learning about Indigenous ways of knowing in the program core.

The Chair asked for guidance from the GFC Secretary who advised the Committee could consider a motion to table pending additional information about the alignment with *Braiding Past, Present and Future*.

The motion was moved and seconded:

THAT GFC Programs Committee table the motion pending additional information on how the program responds to the Calls to Action set out by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

CARRIED

The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT GFC Programs Committee approve the load and program changes for the Master of Education in Health Sciences Education (MHSE) in the Faculty of Education, for implementation upon final approval.

TABLED

7. College of Health Sciences: Team-Based Collaborative Care Non-Credit Certificate

Presenter(s): Patricia Manns, Associate Dean, Education, College of Health Sciences

Discussion: The Chair noted that this program originates from the College of Health Sciences and that, in the absence of a faculty council approval, in her role as Vice-Provost (Programs), she had conducted a thorough review and granted approval of this proposal as delegate of the Provost.

P Manns reviewed the reasoning for moving from a credit to non-credit certificate with two key components: intraprofessionalism and simulation training. She explained the structure of the certificate as one foundational microcourse combined with active learning in a simulation space with hybrid delivery. She emphasized that faculties were consulted and given opportunities to provide feedback and how the feedback from the Vice-Provost, Indigenous Programming and Research had been integrated.

The motion was moved and seconded:

THAT GFC Programs Committee approve the College of Health Science: Team-Based Collaborative Care Non-Credit Certificate for implementation upon final approval.

CARRIED

INFORMATION

8. Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Proposed Changes to Academic Standing Regulations for Graduate Students

DISCUSSION ITEMS

9. Question Period

Presenter(s): Janice Causgrove Dunn, Vice-Provost (Programs) and Chair, GFC Programs Committee (PC)

Discussion:

Members asked questions including:

- whether the course and minor program change put forward by Augustana Campus was too restrictive;
- the experience of Augustana moving towards a general degree in "Creativity and Culture" away from the suspended majors in specific languages at Augustana; and
- the operational impacts of implementing *Braiding Past Present and Future, the University of Alberta Indigenous Strategic Plan* and the long standing commitment of the University to responding to the Calls to Action.

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

Presenter(s): Janice Causgrove Dunn, Vice-Provost (Programs) and Chair, GFC Programs Committee (PC)

The Chair provided a summary of the activity since the last meeting including program suspensions, under the Bachelor of Commerce and the Doctor of Education; terminations under the Bachelor of Design and the Bachelor of Arts; and external programs under review from University of Calgary.

There were no new U of A programs approved since the March Programs Committee meeting.

CLOSING SESSION

11. Adjournment

- Next Meeting of PC: May 16, 2024
- Next Meeting of GFC: April 29, 2024