

Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee
April 30, 2025 at 1pm – 3pm
University Boardroom A341

IN ATTENDANCE:

Peter Choate	GFC Academic Staff Member, CHAIR
Phil Warsaba	Vice-President, Students, VICE-CHAIR
Evan Cortens	Dean, Faculty of Continuing Education & Extension
David Clemis	Academic Director, Liberal Education
Stephen Price	Dean Representative
Rob Boschman	Academic Staff Member - Faculty Curriculum Committee (Arts)
Reza Chowdhury	Academic Staff Member - Faculty Curriculum Committee (Business, Communication Studies & Aviation)
Nadine Van Wyk	Academic Staff Member - Faculty Curriculum Committee (Health, Community and Education)
Cari Merkley	Academic Staff Member - Faculty Curriculum Committee (University Library)
Adam Cave	Chair of a Faculty Curriculum Committee
Matthew Noel	Student Representative
<u>Resources</u>	
Gaye Warthe	Faculty Curriculum Committee Chair
Nicole Cross	Designate for University Registrar
Cheryl Melatdoost	Academic Quality Assurance Coordinator
Sheena Dyer	Assistant University Secretary, GFC, RECORDING SECRETARY
<u>Guests</u>	
Karim Dharamsi	Vice-Provost, Academic
Kimberly Smith	Research and Planning Consultant, Office of Institutional Research and Planning
Linda Van der Zande	Director, Office of the Provost

NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Ilf Dharshi	Student Representative
Sarah Hewitt	Academic Staff Member - Faculty Curriculum Committee (Science and Technology)

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00PM.

1. Approval of Agenda***Moved and seconded:***

THAT the Agenda for the April 30, 2025 Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee meeting be approved, as amended to move Item 4 after Item 6.

Motion carried**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes****2.1. Minutes from March 26, 2025*****Moved and seconded:***

THAT the Minutes of the March 26, 2025 Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee meeting be approved.

Motion carried

- 2.2. Business Arising from the Minutes
There was no business arising from the minutes.

3. Curriculum

- 3.1. Major Program Change – Aviation, Diploma

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee recommends to General Faculties Council the approval of the Major Program Change – Aviation, Diploma.

Discussion:

- Questions about advising incoming students about this revision, the process for program load changes, and transferability of foundation courses for diplomas were responded to.

Motion carried

- 3.2. New Program/Major – Broadcast Media Studies, BCMM (Honours)
3.3. New Program/Major – Information Design, BCMM (Honours)
3.4. New Program/Major – Journalism and Digital Media, BCMM (Honours)
3.5. New Program/Major – Public Relations, BCMM (Honours)

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee recommends to General Faculties Council the approval of the following New Program/Majors:

- Broadcast Media Studies, BCMM (Honours)
- Information Design, BCMM (Honours)
- Journalism and Digital Media, BCMM (Honours)
- Public Relations, BCMM (Honours).

Discussion:

- Questions about the process for selecting supervisors and the availability of supervisors were responded to.

Motion carried

- 3.6. Major Program Change – Public Relations, BCMM

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee recommends to General Faculties Council the approval of the Major Program Change – Public Relations, BCMM.

Discussion:

- Comments were made in support of the revision.

Motion carried

5. Update on Program Definitions Policy

Nicole Cross provided an update on the Program Definitions Policy revisions, with no new changes having been made since it was previously brought forward to APCC. It was discussed whether to revisit the policy in the Fall semester or proceed with current edits. It was noted some sections are not ready

due to institutional work underway for Experiential Learning and General Education. There was also discussion on whether a single policy is the best approach. The advice from APCC was that definitions for course, honours, and occupational programs could go through the policy revision process now.

6. APCC 2024-25 Annual Report

The APCC 2024-25 Annual Report was reviewed.

Guests Karim Dharamsi, Kimberly Smith and Linda Van der Zande joined the meeting.

4. General Education Steering Committee Presentation & Discussion

K. Dharamsi delivered a presentation titled *“Update: General Education Current Model Assessment”*. Questions were responded to for additional information and clarification.

7. Committee Chair Report

A copy of the previous Committee Chair’s Report to GFC was provided for information.

8. For Information

The following items were provided for information:

8.1. Faculty Council Approved Curriculum

9. New Business

There was no new business.

10. Adjournment 2:48PM