

Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee
February 7, 2023 at 3pm – 5pm
University Boardroom A341

IN ATTENDANCE:

Peter Choate, GFC Academic Staff Member, CHAIR

Phil Warsaba, Vice-President, Students, VICE-CHAIR

Evan Cortens (Interim), Dean, Faculty of Continuing Education & Extension

Stephen Price, Dean Representative

Shane Gannon, Academic Staff Member - Faculty Curriculum Committee (Arts)

Adam Cave, Academic Staff Member - Faculty Curriculum Committee (Business and Communication Studies)

Melanie Rathburn, Academic Staff Member - Faculty Curriculum Committee (Science and Technology)

David Clemis, Academic Staff Member - Faculty Curriculum Committee (Teaching & Learning)

Gaye Warthe, Chair of a Faculty Curriculum Committee

Yasmin Ahmed, Student Representative

Joseph Nguyen, Student Representative

Resources

Nicole Cross, Designate for University Registrar

Cheryl Melatdoost, Academic Quality Assurance Coordinator

Sheena Jensen, Assistant University Secretary, GFC, RECORDING SECRETARY

NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Tanya Stogre, Academic Staff Member - Faculty Curriculum Committee (Health, Community and Education)

Peter Houston, Academic Staff Member - Faculty Curriculum Committee (University Library)

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:01pm.

1. Approval of Agenda (*motion*)

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Agenda for the February 7, 2023 Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee meeting be approved, as presented.

Motion carried

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

2.1. Minutes from January 24, 2023 (*motion*)

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Minutes of the January 24, 2023 Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee meeting be approved.

Motion carried

2.2. Business Arising from the Minutes

The Chair advised that the three-credit Indigenous component will be discussed at the February 8, 2023 GFC Executive Committee meeting.

3. Curriculum (*motions*)

Faculty of Health, Community and Education:

3.1. Major Program Change – Nursing, BN (effective year 2023/24)

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee recommends to the General Faculties Council the approval of the Major Program Change – Nursing, BN (effective year 2023/24).

Discussion:

- In response to a question, it was explained that a higher grade requirement for Nursing students in the Psychology course is not required, though it was necessary due to the nature of the course it was applied to in the Midwifery program, as discussed at the previous meeting

Motion carried

3.2. Major Program Change – Nursing, BN (effective year 2024/25)

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee recommends to the General Faculties Council the approval of the Major Program Change – Nursing, BN (effective year 2024/25).

Discussion:

- Concerns regarding procedures and resources required for accommodating the CASPer test required for international applicants were addressed
- It was explained that this change will attract more diverse applicants, this test requirement is being adopted broadly, and the program is prepared to work through the concerns raised; discussions have already taken place between the program and Admissions
- More information was provided about the CASPer test

Motion carried

4. Discussion of Student Input in Curriculum Proposals (*for discussion*)

Further discussion from the previous meeting took place about appropriate ways to include student input for curriculum changes to be relevant, including:

- what constitutes student input
- the purpose of gathering student input
- how to get the most value from student input
- suggestions for providing support and guidance to programs for gathering student input

It was agreed to conduct a review of the Curriculum Change Impact Assessment Chart for an overall assessment of requirements for them to be relevant to the proposed change as opposed to being too formulaic. This review will occur at the April 2023 APCC meeting.

5. Program Definitions Policy Working Group Update

No update.

6. Committee Chair Report

No report.

7. Report from Senior Administrator to the Committee

No report.

8. Faculty Council Approved Curriculum *(for information)*

The Faculty Council approved curriculum was provided for information.

9. New Business

There was no new business.

10. Adjournment 4:13PM