

**Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee**  
**January 24, 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 (*via Google Meet*)

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:**

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

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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:03pm.

**1. Approval of Agenda (*motion*)**

***Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** the Agenda for the January 24, 2023 Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee meeting be approved, as presented.

***Motion carried***

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**2.1. Minutes from December 6, 2022 (*motion*)**

***Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** the Minutes of the December 6, 2022 Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee meeting be approved, as presented.

***Motion carried***

**2.2. Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**3. Curriculum (motions)***Faculty of Arts:*

- 3.1. New Minor – Law and Governance, Minor

***Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** the Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee recommends to the General Faculties Council the approval of the New Minor – Law and Governance, Minor.

## Discussion:

- It was addressed how demand and course availability will be accommodated for students to complete the minor
- In response to a question, there was no concern at this time about General Education considerations, as it is anticipated students will use electives for the minor

***Motion carried***

- 3.2. Major Program Change – Psychology, BA

- 3.3. Major Program Change – Psychology, BA (Honours)

***Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** the Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee recommends to the General Faculties Council the approval of the Major Program Change – Psychology, BA and Psychology, BA (Honours).

***Motion carried****Faculty of Business and Communication Studies:*

- 3.4. New Minor – Data Analytics, Minor

***Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** the Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee recommends to the General Faculties Council the approval of the New Minor – Data Analytics, Minor.

## Discussion:

- A discussion took place about what information should be gathered from student input surveys
- ACTION:** A discussion item on “Student Input” will be added to the next APCC agenda.

***Motion carried****Faculty of Health, Community and Education:*

- 3.5. Major Program Change – Bachelor of Health and Physical Education, Ecotourism and Outdoor Leadership Major

***Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** the Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee recommends to the General Faculties Council the approval of the Major Program Change – Bachelor of Health and Physical Education, Ecotourism and Outdoor Leadership Major.

***Motion carried***

3.6. Major Program Change – Midwifery, B.Mid.

***Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** the Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee recommends to the General Faculties Council the approval of the Major Program Change – Midwifery, B.Mid.

Discussion:

- A concern about the higher grade requirement for Midwifery program students in the Women In Gender Studies course was discussed, and the reasons for the requirement was explained

***Motion carried***

3.7. New Minor – Outdoor Leadership, Minor

***Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** the Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee recommends to the General Faculties Council the approval of the New Minor – Outdoor Leadership, Minor.

Discussion:

- Student input and consultation was addressed, including how survey design could be improved for future submissions to help understand student’s responses
- The order of the course listing was flagged to be edited prior to publishing for clarity
- It was addressed how demand and course availability will be accommodated for students to complete the minor
- Clarification was given about how leadership is incorporated throughout the minor, and that additional course fees are communicated to students who want to enroll

***Motion carried***

*Faculty of Science and Technology:*

3.8. New Minor – Data Science, Minor

***Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** the Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee recommends to the General Faculties Council the approval of the New Minor – Data Science, Minor.

Discussion:

- It was explained that program planning guides will be created for students enrolling in the minor that will assist with understanding the prerequisite structure
- It was addressed how demand and course availability will be accommodated for students to complete the minor
- The order of the course listing was flagged to be edited prior to publishing for clarity

***Motion carried***

**4. Program Definitions Policy Working Group Update**

The Chair updated members about the January GFC meeting and their discussion of APCC’s recommendation for the three-credit equivalent Indigenous component. GFC was supportive of APCC’s

recommended pathway forward for revising the Program Definitions Policy to add an Indigenous component.

Discussion took place on the proposed Indigenous content added to the policy for feedback, taking into consideration the GFC mandate for APCC, the Interim Vice-Provost's involvement on the matter, and past APCC discussions. It was agreed that further clarity about bringing the proposed changes to GFC for discussion is required. It was suggested that the Chair bring the proposed policy change for Indigenous content to the Executive Committee for their discussion on next steps to GFC.

***Moved and seconded:***

THAT the proposed addition for "Indigenous content" in the Program Definitions Policy be brought to the GFC Executive Committee for discussion to decide if it moves forward to GFC for discussion.

***Motion carried***

**5. Committee Chair Report**

No additional report.

**6. Report from Senior Administrator to the Committee**

No report.

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

The Faculty Council approved curriculum was provided for information.

**8. New Business**

There was no new business.

**9. Adjournment 4:43PM**