
Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee
January 27, 2026 at 3pm – 5pm
University Boardroom A341

IN ATTENDANCE:

Phil Warsaba	Vice-President, Students, VICE-CHAIR (<i>Interim APCC Chair</i>)
Dimitra Fotopoulos	Dean, Faculty of Continuing Education (<i>Acting Dean</i>)
David Clemis	Academic Director, Liberal Education
Gaye Warthe	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)
Sara Smith	Academic Staff Member - Faculty Curriculum Committee (Science and Technology)
Cari Merkley	Academic Staff Member - Faculty Curriculum Committee (University Library)
Adam Cave	Chair of a Faculty Curriculum Committee
Tala Abu Hayyaneh	Student Representative (<i>virtual</i>)
Meekena Erkin	Student Representative

Resources

Nancy Ogden	Faculty Curriculum Committee Chair
Melanie Rathburn	Faculty Curriculum Committee Chair
Geri Lynn Gouglas	University Registrar & Associate Vice-President, Enrolment Management
Sheena Dyer	Assistant University Secretary, GFC, RECORDING SECRETARY

Guests

Brady Killough	Associate Professor & Department Chair, Mathematics and Computing
Jonathan Withey	Dean, Faculty of Science & Technology

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:00PM.

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

THAT the Agenda for the January 27, 2026 Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee meeting be approved.

Motion carried**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

2.1. Minutes from October 21, 2025

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Minutes of the October 21, 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. Proposal for a School of Computing Sciences and Mathematics

Brady Killough and Jonathan Withey summarized key areas of the proposal. They addressed questions regarding the impact of AI on the future of the School, the current student population across the three programs, and the new Academic Director position.

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee recommend to General Faculties Council the establishment of the School of Computing Sciences and Mathematics, by restructuring the Department of Mathematics and Computing.

Motion carried

Brady Killough and Jonathan Withey left the meeting.

4. Curriculum**4.1. Major Program Change – General Management, BBA****4.2. Major Program Change – General Management, BBA*****Moved and seconded:***

THAT the Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee recommends to General Faculties Council the approval of the Major Program Change – General Management, BBA (Agenda Item 4.1.) and Major Program Change – General Management, BBA (Agenda Item 4.2.).

Motion carried**4.3. Major Program Change – Athletic Therapy, Post Bachelor's Certificate****4.4. Major Program Change – Bachelor of Health and Physical Education, Athletic Therapy**

In response to a question regarding continuance requirements, it was noted that the change would align the programs with others in the Faculty, demonstrate rigour to accreditation bodies and community partners, and support students should issues arise in the future. Information was also shared on a communication plan to students about the change.

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee recommends to General Faculties Council the approval of the Major Program Change – Athletic Therapy, Post Bachelor's Certificate and the Major Program Change – Bachelor of Health and Physical Education, Athletic Therapy.

Motion carried**4.5. Major Program Change – Bridge to Canadian Nursing, BCN*****Moved and seconded:***

THAT the Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee recommends to General Faculties Council the approval of the Major Program Change – Bridge to Canadian Nursing, BCN.

Motion carried**4.6. New Program Letter of Intent – Bachelor of Child and Youth Care (BCYC) - Child and Youth Care****4.7. New Program Letter of Intent – Bachelor of Early Childhood Studies - Early Childhood Studies**

In response to questions, it was explained that the implementation plan will address options for students to move to the new degree name, and how that process will be communicated to students.

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee recommends to General Faculties Council the approval of the New Program Letter of Intent – Bachelor of Child and Youth Care (BCYC) - Child and Youth Care and the New Program Letter of Intent – Bachelor of Early Childhood Studies - Early Childhood Studies.

Motion carried**4.8. Major Program Change – Spatial Data Science, Post-Bachelor's Certificate*****Moved and seconded:***

THAT the Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee recommends to General Faculties Council the approval of the Major Program Change – Spatial Data Science, Post-Bachelor's Certificate.

Discussion:

- In response to a question regarding skills, it was noted that while the listed skill areas are not required for admission, they are recommended due the course content. Strategies are in place to support students in strengthening skills in these areas as needed.

Motion carried**4.9. Major Program Change – Interdisciplinary Science, B.Sc.*****Moved and seconded:***

THAT the Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee recommends to General Faculties Council the approval of the Major Program Change – Interdisciplinary Science, B.Sc.

Motion carried**5. Program Definitions Policy**

APCC has been reviewing this policy for the past few years and agreed to move this policy forward by updating specific items in the policy, and not the full policy. In consultation with the Vice Deans, proposed changes were identified for APCC to review and confirm going forward in the formal policy review process. Questions were responded to for clarification of the process.

Discussion:

- Concerns regarding the General Education related changes in Sections 2.1 and 2.2 were noted, and these will be held pending the General Education Steering Committee's (GESC) recommendations, as the changes were proposed prior to GESC being established.
- Minor formatting corrections will be made.
- In sections 3.7(c) and (d), replace "most recent" with "initial admission" instead.
- APCC raised no concerns with moving the policy forward to next steps in the policy review process with the revisions agreed to in discussions.

6. Committee Chair Report

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

7. For Information

The following items were provided for information:

7.1. Faculty Council Approved Curriculum

It was advised that three curriculum submissions in the Faculty of Science and Technology would be rescinded due to scheduling constraints that resulted from the changes made.

8. Course Description Guidelines

With no institutional guidelines for Course Description Guidelines, a discussion took place to provide advice on how this could be done. Areas discussed included:

- Need for guidelines
- Potential benefits
- Implementation and maintenance considerations
- Suggested process and next steps

It was agreed that the Vice-Deans and the Registrar look at this first and bring recommendations forward to APCC.

9. New Business

There was no new business.

10. Adjournment 4:15PM