

1. ESTABLISHMENT

The General Faculties Council (GFC) hereby establishes a standing committee called the Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee (Committee) as provided for in the GFC Bylaws, and delegates to the Committee the authorities set out herein.

The Vice-President, Students shall act as the responsible senior administrator to the Committee, providing the link between senior administration and the Committee.

2. MEMBERSHIP

Chair

Academic Staff Member of GFC, elected by GFC

Vice-Chair

Vice-President, Students (or designate)

Members

- Dean, Faculty of Continuing Education and Extension
- Academic Director, Liberal Education¹
- One (1) Dean Representative, elected by Provost's Council
- One (1) Academic Staff Member from each Faculty Curriculum Committee, elected by the respective Faculty Curriculum Committee
- One (1) Chair of a Faculty Curriculum Committee, elected by the Chairs of Faculty Curriculum Committees
- One (1) Academic Indigenization Committee Representative, elected by the Academic Indigenization Committee
- Two (2) Student Representatives, elected by SAMRU

¹ The Academic Director, Liberal Education will be a member until the end of the 2024/25 academic year.

Resources

- University Registrar & AVP, Enrolment Management (or designate)
- Chairs of the Faculty Curriculum Committees, if not elected as a member of the Committee
- Academic Quality Assurance Coordinator

Recording Secretary

Assistant University Secretary, GFC

3. ROLE/PURPOSE

The Committee provides advice and recommendations with respect to policies and other matters related to academic programs and curriculum.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES

Without restricting the generality of its role and within its delegated authorities, the Committee shall:

- 4.1 Recommend on all new programs, program suspensions and terminations, and major changes to programs, including minors and concentrations.
- 4.2 Recommend on the establishment, dissolution or merger of Faculties, Departments and other academic units or programs of study.
- 4.3 Recommend on the University's policies pertaining to academic programs, curriculum, awarding credentials, etc.
- 4.4 Advise on University-wide changes to credit curriculum and extension curriculum.
- 4.5 Review curriculum submissions, during the consultation period, to ensure they meet the standard of the institution.
- 4.6 Recommend on all other curriculum submissions with unresolved objections that are raised during the curriculum consultation period.
- 4.7 Recommend on the University's policies and procedures pertaining to the credit curriculum approval process and extension curriculum.
- 4.8 Establish, as required, subcommittees/working groups to address emerging issues as they relate to academic program and curriculum matters.

5. POWERS

Other than, or in the absence of, specific delegations of authority from GFC or the GFC Executive Committee to act autonomously, the Committee's powers shall be limited to providing input and ideas, advising and making recommendations to GFC and other GFC standing committees.