



UNIVERSITY OF
CALGARY

General Faculties Council
ACADEMIC PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE
Approved Minutes

Meeting #141
November 22, 2021, 2:00 p.m.

By Zoom platform

Voting Members

Teri Balsler, Co-Chair
Tara Beattie, Academic Co-Chair
Elena Braverman
Nicole Culos-Reed – left and returned during Item 4
Michael Hart
Nicole Schmidt
Tanille Shandro
Malinda Smith
Dora Tam
Amy Warren
Penny Werthner
Barry Wylant

Non-Voting Members

Violet Baron
David Stewart
Melanie Zimmer

Meeting Secretary

Cherie Tutt

Scribe

Tasha Hodzic

Staff

Elizabeth Sjogren

Guests

Susan Barker, Vice-Provost (Student Experience) – present for Item 5
Kathryn King-Shier, Associate Dean (Graduate Programs), Faculty of Nursing – present for Item 4
Jeff Stransky, Student Ombuds – present for Item 5
Robin Yates, Dean and Vice-Provost (Graduate Studies) – present for Item 4

Observers

Christine Johns, Senior Director (Academic & International Strategies)
Elizabeth Pando, Program Proposal Specialist, Office of the Provost – present for Items 4
Kelly Kay Spurlock, Analyst, Planning & Reviews, Office of the Provost – present for Item 4
Jessica Revington, Program Proposal Specialist – present for Item 4

The Academic Co-Chair called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. and confirmed quorum.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved/Seconded

That the Agenda for the November 22, 2021 Academic Planning and Priorities Committee meeting be approved.

Carried

2. Remarks of the Co-Chair and Academic Co-Chair

The Academic Co-Chair included the following in her remarks:

- Thanked the members for their contributions to the work of the Committee and remarked on the busyness of the Fall term
- Reminded the Committee of upcoming changes to the University's vaccination requirements, which take effect January 1, 2022 and encouraged members to reach out to their Associate Deans for additional support if needed
- Reported that the University will be expanding the return to work on campus and is in discussion with the Province to lift some of the current restrictions in place. The Academic Co-Chair then informed members of supports available to assist with the work environment transition.

The Co-Chair made no remarks.

3. Approval of the November 1, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda.

Moved/Seconded

That the Minutes of the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee meeting held on November 1, 2021 be approved.

Carried

4. Approval of the Creation of the Doctor of Nursing

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Kathryn King-Shier presented this item.

Highlights:

- The proponent provided an overview of the proposal, explaining that the Doctor of Nursing (DN) will be the first program of its kind in western Canada and will prepare students for senior roles in healthcare organizations. It was explained that the DN differs from the PhD program, as the DN will primarily focus on developing skills in healthcare innovation and leadership while the PhD program is research focused.
- In response to questions, the proponent explained that:
 - The Faculty will consider applicants' leadership experience on a case-by-case basis for admission to ensure there are not barriers or limitations for individuals with diverse background experience
 - The DN program delivery is modeled from the Graduate Certificates in Advanced Nursing Practice which have successfully provided students with flexible options for courses including synchronous and asynchronous delivery
- The Committee discussed:
 - Other comparator programs and the rationale for the number of required courses in the DN
 - The criteria for approving mentors and possible alternate options for mentor selection from the supervisory committee or program alumni

- The need for the proposal to recognize the critical role nursing and other healthcare leaders have in Indigenous communities and in developing equitable approaches to healthcare
- The affiliation of the DN program within the Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS) and applicable FGS policies and regulations in place to support program improvements such as admission pathways and scholarships
- The review and consultation steps undertaken to date for this proposal, and concern over the lack of consultation with the offices of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) and Indigenous Engagement. It was noted that the responsibility is broader than these two offices for ensuring that meaningful information is incorporated into proposals, including review by the Decision Support Team (DST), and it should be parts of practice to ensure that proposals reflect the University's commitment to EDI principles and the Indigenous Strategy, ii' taa'poh'to'p.
- Resources available through the Taylor Institute and the Program Innovation Team to support Faculties with incorporating EDI principles and Indigenous ways of knowing into proposal documents and the importance of a thorough consultation process earlier in program development
- The Committee suggested that:
 - The comparative analysis table under Appendix D. include the University of Calgary DN program
 - The proposal should specifically address admission pathways and accessibility into the DN, inclusive curriculum, leadership of a program, and how students will be supported within the program
 - The Committee decided that the decision on the proposal be postponed to allow time for the proponent to incorporate additional information on how the DN program will align with the University's commitment to inclusive practices and the Indigenous Strategy and be brought back to the Committee at a future meeting

Moved/Seconded

That the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee (APPC) approve the creation of the Doctor of Nursing (DN) program, as set out in the documents provided to the APPC and as recommended by the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee.

Postponed**5. Annual Report of the Student Ombuds**

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Susan Barker and Jeff Stransky presented this item.

Highlights:

- The presenters reported on business of the Student Ombuds Office (SOO) for the 2020-2021 year, highlighting:
 - The history of the SOO, how it is supported and funded and how it compares to other Canadian postsecondary institutions
 - The role of the SOO to support and promote a fair campus community and the important partnerships between the SOO and other units on campus, specifically the Student Appeals Office, the Registrar's Office, the Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS) and the Student Conduct Office
 - The impacts the pandemic has had on the nature of the issues being seen from students and how

SOO support is being delivered

- The peaks and declines in the number of students accessing the SOO over the last five years, noting that this year will see an increase in cases over previous years and it is anticipated case volume will continue to increase next year
- Trends in case distribution, noting a significant increase in academic misconduct cases in the online learning environment and decline in the number of students reaching out because of a requirement to withdraw decisions due to changes in the Faculty academic review process and additional support for students during the pandemic
- The addition of a new category tracking issues related to EDI and closely monitoring issues related to vaccination requirements and flexible grade options
- The Committee suggested that future reports include an Indigenous category for tracking the nature of issues

6. Future Outlook

Teri Balsler presented this item. The Co-Chair acknowledged the importance of EDI and Indigenous engagement and noted that the Provost's team is working with Faculties to inform proponents to include EDI and Indigenous perspectives during program development.

The Committee discussed the need for the development of a guideline in addition to the Ministry templates to assist proponents with EDI and Indigenous considerations during development and review of programs.

7. Graduate Academic Programs Subcommittee Report for the October 20, 2021 Meeting

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda for information only.

8. Status of Program Approvals Report

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda for information only.

9. Other Business

There was no other business.

10. Adjournment

Moved/Seconded

That the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee adjourn the November 22, 2021 meeting.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Cherie Tutt
Meeting Secretary