

General Faculties Council
ACADEMIC PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE
Special Meeting
Approved Minutes

Meeting #92
June 25, 2018, 2:00 p.m.

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Voting Members

Dru Marshall, Co-Chair
Robert Thompson, Academic Co-Chair
Jacqueline Jenkins
Andy Knight
Ebba Kurz
Anders Nygren
Richard Sigurdson

Non-Voting Members

Sandra Hoenle
Kevin McQuillan
Marc Wrubleski

Secretary and Scribe

Elizabeth Sjogren

Regrets

Sagar Grewal
Brit Paris
Sharon Robertson

Guests

Darren Bender, Graduate Program Director (Interim), Department of Geography, Faculty of Arts – present for Item 5
Sharon Friesen, Vice Dean, Werklund School of Education – present for Items 3 and 4
Shelley Raffin Bouchal, Associate Dean (Graduate Programs), Faculty of Nursing – present for Item 6
Lisa Young, Vice-Provost and Dean, Graduate Studies – present for Items 3-6

Observers

Kelly Hoglund, Program Proposal Specialist, Office of the Provost – present for Items 3-6
Jonathan Olfert, Students' Union Policy Analyst
Heather Smith-Watkins, Analyst, Planning and Reviews – present for Items 3-6
Leda Stawnychko, Program Specialist, Faculty of Nursing – present for Item 6

The 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 June 25, 2018 Academic Planning and Priorities Committee meeting be approved.

Carried

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

The Co-Chair included the following in her remarks:

- The Western Regional Meeting of the Canadian Bureau for International Education was hosted by the University from June 14-15, 2018. There were attendees from Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba, and the conference theme was “Championing Innovation in Internationalization”.
- Representatives of the University, including Michael Hart, Vice-Provost (Indigenous Engagement), were in Edmonton last week for a series of meetings with the province’s Social Policy Committee, various representatives of the Ministries and the K-12 and post-secondary systems. An alumni engagement event was also held.
- Campfire chats were held on June 21, 2018 (National Indigenous Peoples Day), an Indigenous welcoming ceremony was held for Michael Hart on June 22, 2018, and the first meeting of the Knowledge Keepers Advisory Council will be held on June 29, 2018
- The University has received preliminary information regarding the allocation of the 200 provincially-funded new technology-related student spaces, but this information is embargoed at this time
- There is a Quality Assurance Audit happening at the University this week. Representatives of the Campus Alberta Quality Council will review three units (Law, Veterinary Medicine and Science) and will be examining the University’s processes.
- Members of the Committee were thanked for their work over the course of the year, which makes a difference to the academy

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

- Responses to the survey of recent proponents are coming in. Generally, the proponents indicate that they appreciate the engagement of the committee and find that feedback they receive is helpful to them.
- At its June 14, 2018 meeting, the General Faculties Council (GFC) approved the Student Misconduct and Academic Appeals Policy and Procedures, the change of name of the Department of Anesthesia, and the one year extension of the Graduate College pilot project. The GFC also recommended the 2018 Comprehensive Institutional Plan main chapter and several appendices.

3. Approval of the Termination of the Specialization: Applied Psychology, Master of Counselling

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Lisa Young and Sharon Friesen presented this item.

Highlights:

- The proponents reported that this proposal is a housekeeping item, as the Division of Applied Psychology, and the related specialization, was renamed by the Faculty (now Werklund School) of Education in 2011. It is time to remove this specialization from the province’s Provider and Program Registry System (PAPRS).
- In response to a question, it was explained that the delay in bringing this proposal forward was to allow all of the active students, or stop-outs who were eligible to re-enrol, to finish

Moved/Seconded

That the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve the termination of the Specialization (area of study) in Applied Psychology within the Master of Counselling program, effective July 1, 2018, as set out in the proposal provided to the Committee, and as recommended by the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee.

Carried**4. Approval of the Suspension of the Master of Counselling**

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Lisa Young and Sharon Friesen presented this item.

Highlights:

- The proponents reported that the Master of Counselling (MC) is a course-based degree program that allows students to remain in their home communities while enrolled. The MC is facing several challenges, including declining student satisfaction, lack of fit with the strategic direction of the Werklund School of Education, few practicum placements for students, and the proliferation of competitor programs. It is being proposed to suspend admissions to the MC, in order to undertake consultations and to determine if the challenges can be overcome.
- In response to questions, it was explained that:
 - September 1 was chosen as the ideal effective date for the suspension of the MC program because the opening date for applications is normally at the end of August. If the Ministry of Advanced Education is able to approve this proposal quickly, then the admission cycle for 2019-2020 will not open in August 2018.
 - At this time, it is not being proposed to close the program. It is intended to suspend the program for two or three years, and then re-open.
 - The support staff who administer the MC program also administer other programs and so will not lose their employment while the program is suspended
 - The program cannot be accredited in its current form, as there are insufficient practicum hours
 - Graduates of the MC program can be employed as counsellors in schools
 - The MSc and PhD programs in Counselling Psychology will continue to be offered while the MC is suspended. The MSc is a thesis-based program with practicum and internship placements, and the PhD program is accredited.
 - If admission to the MC program is suspended for two or three years, the students currently in the program will all finish and then a renewed MC program will open for admission
 - The content of the MC program does not overlap with the Psychology programs offered in the Department of Psychology, Faculty of Arts

Moved/Seconded

That the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve the suspension of the Master of Counselling, effective September 1, 2018 if possible otherwise September 1, 2019, as set out in the proposal provided to the Committee, and as recommended by the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee

Carried**5. Recommendation of the Creation of a Graduate Certificate in Geospatial Information Technology**

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Lisa Young and Darren Bender presented this item.

Highlights:

- The proponents explained that the certificate in Geospatial Information Technology will help meet a demand for Geographic Information Systems (GIS) education by students outside Geography, such as Archaeology, Biology, Environmental Science, and Geoscience, and by persons in the work force. It was noted that the Department of Geography currently sees persons register as Open Studies students in order to take its GIS courses without committing to the two-year Master of Geographic Information Systems (MGIS) program.
- The Committee discussed when and how students are charged additional fees for taking courses outside of their degree program, and the University's formula for distributing fees revenue between the teaching and home Faculties
- In response to questions, it was reported that:
 - It is not known whether students in programs outside Geography are taking the GIS courses as electives or if these courses are being taken extra to their degree
 - The Department of Geography has offered the MGIS program for many years, and it is not expected that the similarly intensive model for the certificate, of four courses over a single term, will be an issue for participants. The certificate can also be completed over a longer time period if desired, and the Department will advise participants of the order in which the courses should be taken.
 - The Registrar's Office has calculated that the full load equivalent (FLE) for the certificate program is 0.66
 - The Department of Geography is in the process of developing a proposal to create a diploma program to lead into the MGIS program, and it is possible that the certificate in Geospatial Information Technology will become an early step to ladder into the diploma program

Moved/Seconded

That the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve the creation of a Graduate Certificate in Geospatial Information Technology, as set out in the proposal provided to the Committee.

Carried

6. Recommendation of the Creation of Two New Post-Baccalaureate Certificates in Nursing, and the Creation of a Stackable Certificate Pathway into the Master of Nursing (course-based) Degree Program

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Lisa Young and Shelley Raffin Bouchal presented this item.

Highlights:

- The proponents reported that stakeholders, alumni, and current students were consulted, and the four sub-specializations for the two graduate certificate programs in advanced nursing practice, Addictions and Mental Health, Aging and Older Adults, Innovations in Teaching and Learning, and Nursing Leadership for Health System Transformation, were determined to be the most appropriate to develop at this time. Students must complete the Certificate in Advanced Nursing Practice I before taking the Certificate in Advanced Nursing Practice II, and students must choose different sub-specializations within each of the two certificate programs.
- In response to questions, it was reported that:
 - The table setting out projected domestic student enrolment factors in expected attrition
 - Enrolment numbers are expected to oscillate until the programs become well established
 - The provincial government requires that the Faculty count students who graduate and not simply students enrolled in the programs
 - It is not an admission requirement that participants be employed in a clinical setting, but it likely that participants will be practicing nurses
 - It is expected that the certificates will complement the Master of Nursing (MN) program and not negatively impact registration in the MN
- The Committee noted that full-time academic staff in the professoriate ranks cannot be required to teach in the Spring or Summer terms, but that those in the instructor ranks may be required to do so, and so the statement *“The Faculty recognizes that full-time academic staff cannot be required to teach during the Spring/Summer Term”* must be revised in all three proposal templates

Moved/Seconded

That the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve the creation of a Graduate Certificate in Advanced Nursing Practice I, as set out in the proposal provided to the Committee, and as recommended by the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee.

Carried

Moved/Seconded

That the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve the creation of a Graduate Certificate in Advanced Nursing Practice II, as set out in the proposal provided to the Committee, and as recommended by the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee.

Carried

Moved/Seconded

That the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve the creation a stackable Certificate pathway into the Master of Nursing (course-based) degree program, as set out in the proposal provided to the Committee, and as recommended by the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee.

Carried**7. Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee Report for the June 4, 2018 Meeting**

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

The Committee noted some errors in the report, including that the Geospatial Information Technology proposal is from the Faculty of Arts not the Faculty of Science, and that the title of the Nursing proposal is incorrect.

8. Other Business

Robert Thompson was celebrated for his service as the Academic Co-Chair of the Committee for the past six years, and the other outgoing members of the Committee, Ebba Kurz, Richard Sigurdson, Kevin McQuillan, and Sandra Hoenle, were also thanked.

9. Adjournment**Moved/Seconded**

That the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee adjourn the June 25, 2018 meeting.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

Elizabeth Sjogren
Meeting Secretary