



General Faculties Council  
**ACADEMIC PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE**  
Approved Minutes

Meeting #112  
December 16, 2019, 2:30 p.m.

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***Voting Members***

Dru Marshall, Co-Chair  
Elena Braverman  
Nicole Culos-Reed  
Dawn Johnston  
Andy Knight  
Mohammad Mansouri  
Jessica Revington  
Jackie Sieppert  
Barry Wylant

***Non-Voting Members***

Violet Baron  
Paul Rogers  
Florentine Strzelczyk  
Melanie Zimmer

***Secretary and Scribe***

Cherie Tutt

***Regrets***

Tara Beattie, Academic Co-Chair

***Guests***

William Bridel, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Kinesiology – present for Item 5  
Joelle Welling, Division of Music Chair, School of Creative and Performing Arts, Faculty of Arts – present for Item 6  
Alix Westgard, Program Coordinator, Faculty of Kinesiology – present for Item 5  
Robin Yates, Interim Dean and Vice-Provost (Graduate Studies) – present for Items 4-6

***Observers***

Jaclyn Carter, incoming Governance and Student Appeals Office Coordinator, University Secretariat

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The Co-Chair called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m. and confirmed quorum.

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

**Moved/Seconded**

That the Agenda for the December 16, 2019 Academic Planning and Priorities Committee meeting be approved.

**Carried**

## **2. Remarks of the Co-Chair**

The Co-Chair made no remarks.

In response to a question, the Co-Chair reported that the government requested no changes to the University's Statement on Free Expression (the Statement), but updates were made from the last time the Committee reviewed the Statement, to ensure all requirements set out by the government were addressed in the Statement. The Board of Governors has approved the Statement and communication regarding the Statement has been sent to the campus community.

## **3. Approval of the November 25, 2019 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 25, 2019 be approved.

**Carried**

## **4. Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee Report for the November 20, 2019 Meeting**

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Robin Yates presented this item.

In response to a question, the presenter explained that the Faculty of Graduate Studies does not have any regulations regarding how many students or how many academic staff members are required to create a specialization, however there is an understanding that the specialization should be meaningful for the discipline and for it to be recorded on a student's transcript and parchment.

## **5. Approval of the Name Change for the MSc and PhD Specialization from Specialization in Sport History to Specialization in Sociocultural Aspects of Sport and Physical Activity**

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Robin Yates, Alix Westgard, and William Bridel presented this item.

Highlights:

- The proponents reported that the proposed name change from 'Sport History' to 'Sociocultural Aspects of Sport and Physical Activity' will modernize the program, align with other graduate program offerings in Canada, better reflect the research of academic staff, and provide more opportunity for interdisciplinary research, therefore making the program more attractive to prospective students
- In response to questions, it was explained that:
  - The name change creates a better framework for future hiring and broadens the number of academic staff who are able to supervise in this area

- The program is expecting to attract five students per year to the specialization
- In response to a request, the proponents provided an overview of the marketing plan for the renamed specialization

**Moved/Seconded**

That the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve a change of name of a Specialization in the Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy programs in Kinesiology from 'Sport History' to 'Sociocultural Aspects of Sport and Physical Activity', as set out in the proposal provided to the Committee, and as recommended by the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee.

**Carried****6. Approval of Curriculum Changes for the Master in Music with a Specialization in Music Education**

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Robin Yates and Joelle Welling presented this item.

**Highlights:**

- The proponents reported that it is being proposed that the program requirements for the Specialization in Music Education within the Master of Music program be revised, and that the number of units required for graduation be reduced from 24 units to 18 units to better prepare students for completing their thesis and to allow them to focus on their research more quickly
- In response to questions, it was explained that:
  - There is not a course number assigned to the thesis, but the program requirements state that a thesis is required for the Master of Music
  - MUED 671 has been added as a requirement as there is faculty expertise in this area
- The Committee suggested that the prerequisite 'Consent of the Division Chair, Music' for MUED 671 be removed

**Moved/Seconded**

That the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve the revisions to the program requirements for the Specialization in Music Education within the Master of Music program, as set out in the proposal provided to the Committee, and as recommended by the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee.

**Carried****7. Revised Academic Planning and Priorities Committee Terms of Reference**

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda for information only. It was noted that the changes to the terms of reference were made to align with the creation of the University's Non-Credit Credentials Framework. The Committee requested that a revision to section 6 a. (III) be made to align with the wording changes in section 4.

**8. Status of Program Approvals**

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 December 16, 2019 meeting.

**Carried**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

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Cherie Tutt  
Meeting Secretary