

General Faculties Council

CALENDAR AND CURRICULUM SUBCOMMITTEE

Approved Minutes

Special Meeting

January 28, 2021, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

By Zoom Platform

Voting Members

Susan Barker, Co-Chair

Sherry Weaver, Academic Co-Chair

Semhar Abraha

Melissa Boyce

Amy Burns

Nancy Chibry

Marjan Eggermont

Lesley Gerein

Ebba Kurz

Siu Ming Kwok

Catherine Laing

Robert McCorkell - arrived during Item 3

Nickie Nikolaou

David Paskevich

Leslie Reid

Angelique Saweczko

Meera Singh

Jason Wiens

Regrets

Carol Poland

Non-Voting Members

Carol Crooks

Lesley Gerein

Secretary

Jaclyn Carter

Scribe

Tasha Hodzic

Staff

Elizabeth Sjogren

Guests and Observers

Pat Kaip, Manager, Undergraduate Programs, Haskayne School of Business Jennifer Logan, Program Coordinator, Cumming School of Medicine Maria Soos-Gonczol, Manager, Student Services, Social Work Vanessa Wood, Deputy Registrar, Enrolment Services

The Co-Chair called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. and confirmed quorum.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved/Seconded

That the Agenda for the January 28, 2021 Calendar and Curriculum Subcommittee meeting be approved.

Carried

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

The Co-Chair and Academic Co-Chair made no remarks.

3. Recommendation of Flexible Grading for the Winter 2021 Term

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Angelique Saweczko, Registrar, presented this item.

Highlights:

- The proponent provided a summary of the changes, which include revisions based on the feedback provided at the last Committee meeting; removal of the unweighted D option for undergraduate courses; and addition of specific regulations for the CR election to be applied to courses with 3 units or less
- The Committee discussed:
 - Concerns with CR grades for students' eligibility for honours programs, academic progression and GPA calculations
 - The need for a long term solution and policy with clear exceptions to CR grades to ensure academic requirements are being met for accreditation and completion of degrees
 - Steps the Faculties could take to address students that may be missed in academic reviews and to provide resources before these students go into the Academic Turnaround Program
- In response to questions, it was explained that:
 - The CR option is available for a single course with 3 units or less; "I" grades would not be eligible for the CR option
 - The C- minimum grade condition was added to ensure students were able to meet progression requirements
 - Faculties will need to advise students on the impacts of CR grades on courses where graduation requirements may not be met
- The Committee recommended that:
 - An exception be made for the Faculty of Law to be able to define courses eligible for the CR grade option
 - Revise the conditions to reflect that D and a D+ grades are weighted and counted towards a student's GPA

Moved/Seconded

That the Calendar and Curriculum Subcommittee recommend that the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve the flexible grading option for the Winter 2021 term, as set out in the document provided to the Committee, with the requested amendments.

Carried

4. Other Business

There was no other business

5. Adjournment

Moved/Seconded

The January 28, 2021 meeting of the Calendar and Curriculum Subcommittee was adjourned by consensus.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Jaclyn Carter Meeting Secretary