

General Faculties Council

CALENDAR AND CURRICULUM SUBCOMMITTEE

Approved Minutes

Special Meeting, June 9, 2021, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

By Zoom Platform

Voting Members

Susan Barker, Co-Chair

Sherry Weaver, Academic Co-Chair

Melissa Boyce Amy Burns

Nancy Chibry Amy Dambrowitz

Marjan Eggermont

Ebba Kurz

Robert McCorkell David Paskevich

Renzo Pereyra

Meera Singh

Leslie Reid Jason Wiens

Regrets

Lesley Gerein

Siu Ming Kwok

Catherine Laing

Nickie Nikolaou

Non-Voting Members

Carol Hoover

Kimberley McLeod Carol Poland

Secretary Cherie Tutt

Scribe

Tasha Hodzic

Staff

Elizabeth Sjogren

Guests and Observers

William Bridel, Incoming Associate Dean, Faculty of Kinesiology

Angie Crowley, Manager, Undergraduate Programs, Werklund School of Education – left after Item 4, returned during Item 6

Jennifer de Roaldes, Associate Registrar, Admissions and Recruitment

Ahmad Ghasemloonia, Associate Dean, Academic Programs and Students, Schulich School of Engineering

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 – left during Item 5

The Co-Chair called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and confirmed quorum.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved/Seconded

That the Agenda for the June 9, 2021 Calendar and Curriculum Subcommittee meeting be approved.

Carried

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

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

3. Approval of the May 20, 2021 Calendar and Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda.

Moved/Seconded

That the Minutes for the May 20, 2021 Calendar and Curriculum Subcommittee meeting be approved.

Carried

4. Recommendation of Changes to the Academic Regulations Section F.1 Grading System and Transcripts of the University Calendar

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Susan Barker, Vice-Provost (Student Experience), Vanessa Wood, Deputy Registrar, Enrolment Services and Leslie Reid Vice-Provost (Teaching & Learning) presented this item.

Highlights:

• The proponents provided a summary of the changes, which include the addition of a flexible grade option for students, Credit Granted (CG) in the Grading System and Transcripts Academic Regulations. The proponents highlighted the consultations with Associate Deans and Advising to ensure the flexible grading option will support student wellness. It was reported that flexible grading, if approved by the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee, will be available to students for the Fall 2021 term onward and an operational plan for managing the CG grade will be made available to the Faculties.

The Committee discussed:

- The rationale for determining the maximum number of CG units that can be taken over the entire degree
- That flexibility is required at the Faculty level to be able to identify which programs/courses a CG grade could be requested for
- Whether the CG grade should be unavailable to students who have been found to have committed academic misconduct in the course
- Challenges with the administration of verifying a student's academic standing and how students will be able to identify which courses are eligible for a CG grade

- In response to questions, it was explained that:
 - Faculties should evaluate which courses the CG grade option could be requested for and any additional requirements or restrictions needed to maintain progression, competency or accreditation requirements
 - Faculties should plan to bring any necessary changes to their Faculty Regulations in relation to the CG grade for approval as part of their Calendar changes for next year, and the Registrar's Office will work with the Faculties on this
- The Committee recommended that:
 - The list of requirements under the second bullet include that students must be in a course or program that permits a CG grade
 - Language be added to specify that students who engaged in academic misconduct will not be eligible to receive the CG grade in the course where the misconduct occurred
 - It be clarified that graduate students registered in undergraduate courses as part of their graduate program will not be eligible for the CG grade

Moved/Seconded

That the Calendar and Curriculum Subcommittee recommend that the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve the changes to the Academic Regulation *Grading System and Transcripts* to include the Flexible Grade Option (CG Grade), as set out in the document provided to the Committee, with the requested amendments.

Carried

5. Recommendation of Changes to the Examinations and Test Regulations

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Leslie Reid Vice-Provost (Teaching & Learning) and Susan Barker, Vice-Provost (Student Experience) presented this item.

Highlights:

- The proponents provided a summary of the changes, which include minor revisions to the Academic Regulations for Examinations and Test Regulations to allow a Dean flexibility to change the modality of tests and in-class assessments from the course component modality
- The Committee discussed how the changes would apply to the time scheduled to complete online assessments in synchronous classes
- In response to a question, it was explained that the 24-hour window in which students can access and complete a timed online assessment will remain in place and may be reviewed later once the exam centre is able to resume in-person exams

Moved/Seconded

That the Calendar and Curriculum Subcommittee recommend that the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve the revisions to the *Examination and Tests* Academic Regulations, as presented to the Committee.

Carried

6. Other Business

Calendar changes for the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Robert McCorkell, Interim Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, presented this item.

Highlights:

- The proponent provided a summary of the changes, which include a temporary adjustment of
 courses offered in the fourth year of the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program to provide an
 increased amount of online material and reduce the overall amount of time required in practicum
 settings. It was explained that the changes will be published in the 2021-2022 Temporary COVID 19
 Academic Calendar.
- There were no questions

Moved/Seconded

That the Calendar and Curriculum Subcommittee approve the Calendar revisions for the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, as set out in the documents provided to the Committee, effective for the 2021-2022 Calendar.

Carried

7. Adjournment

Moved/Seconded

The June 9, 2021 meeting of the Calendar and Curriculum Subcommittee was adjourned by consensus.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Cherie Tutt

Meeting Secretary