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General Faculties Council  
**ACADEMIC PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEE (APS)**  
**GRADUATE ACADEMIC PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEE (GAPS)**  
**COMBINED SPECIAL MEETING**  
Approved Minutes

March 11, 2022, 9:00 a.m.

By Zoom platform

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***Voting Members***

Leslie Reid, Co-Chair – left during Item 4  
Jocelyn Hayley, Academic Co-Chair  
Amy Dambrowitz  
Ryan Hamilton  
Kathryn King-Shier  
Lorelli Nowell – left during Item 5  
Renzo Pereyra  
Jason Wiens

***GAPS Voting Members***

Robin Yates, Co-Chair  
Kathryn King-Shier, Academic Co-Chair  
Amy Dambrowitz  
Jocelyn Hayley  
Rhiannon Jones  
Mary O'Brien  
David Paskevich  
Warren Wilson  
Michael Wright

***Regrets***

Karen Benzies - APS  
Alex Paquette - GAPS  
Justine Wheeler - APS  
Louise Wells - GAPS

***Guests and Observers***

Jacob Thundathil, Associate Dean, Graduate Education, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine – present for Item 4  
Kelly Hogle, Program Proposal Specialist  
Catherine McLeod, Senior Director, Strategic Operations, Faculty of Graduate Studies  
Elizabeth Pando, Program Proposal Specialist, Office of the Provost  
Jessica Revington, Program Proposal Assistant, Office of the Provost

***Non-Voting Members***

Christine Johns – APS & GAPS  
Francine Smith - GAPS

***Meeting Secretary***

Cherie Tutt

***Scribe***

Tasha Hodzic

***Staff***

Elizabeth Sjogren

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The Co-Chairs called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. and confirmed quorum.

1. **Approval of the Agenda**

**Moved/Seconded**

That the Agenda for the March 11, 2022 Academic Program Subcommittee & Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee joint meeting be approved.

**Carried**

2. **Remarks of the Co-Chairs and Academic Co-Chairs**

The Co-Chairs and the Academic Co-Chairs welcomed the members to the combined special meeting of the APS and GAPS and highlighted the previous discussions of the Leadership in Veterinary Medicine proposal at the respective committee meetings and the progress made on the proposal being presented.

The Committee then had a preliminary discussion on the proposal scheduled for the meeting.

3. **Recommendation of the Creation of the Leadership in Veterinary Medicine Program & Doctor of Veterinary Medicine combined with MSc (Thesis-Based) or PhD**

Documentation was circulated with the Agenda. Jacob Thundathil presented this item.

Highlights:

- The Committees received a presentation and were provided an overview of the proposal for the creation of the Leaders in Veterinary Medicine (LVM) Program (Combined Doctor of Veterinary Medicine/Master of Science in Veterinary Medical Sciences, and combined Doctor of Veterinary Medicine/Doctor of Philosophy in Veterinary Medical Sciences). The proponent highlighted that the LVM program will be launched in two phases and will enable students to integrate their clinical and research experience as they prepare to become leaders in their field and that students will be provided with career mentorship, work integrated learning or experiential learning opportunities, and wellness and financial supports.
- In response to questions, the proponent explained that:
  - The first sitting of the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE) takes place in December and second sitting in April, and that any impacts related to timing of degree completion and licensing will be looked at in relation to this
  - Students wishing to exit the PhD track early, may wish to transfer to a MSc track and could be awarded a MSc credential if they meet the requirements for completion
  - To meet enrollment demand, recruitment of additional faculty for the LVM is anticipated to be completed in 2-3 years
  - Existing stand-alone MSc and PhD programs within Veterinary Medicine will continue,
- The Committees discussed:
  - The rationale for the phased approach to the implementation of the programs and concerns for delaying the start of the Combined Doctor of Veterinary Medicine/Doctor of Philosophy in Veterinary Medical Sciences until 2029, specifically around the approval occurring so far out

from the start of the program. The proponent reported that the timing is being proposed on a more conservative timeline due to financial implications and funding support.

- Alternative program implementation timelines, funding options for students such as scholarships or joint enrollment between Faculties
- The possibility of expanding the LVM beyond Veterinary medicine to offer research opportunities with other programs in One Health, biology or medicine if funding becomes available
- The Committees recommended that:
  - The proposed Calendar entries be reviewed by the Registrar
  - The proposed implementation date of the Leaders in Veterinary Medicine Program Combined Doctor of Veterinary Medicine/Doctor of Philosophy in Veterinary Medical Sciences be revised to September 2024, pending discussion with the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine leadership on the feasibility of this change
  - The proposal clarify under the Withdrawal from the LVM program section that students who withdraw from the graduate degree would be managed as a transfer from the DVM/PhD to DVM/MSc program and would need to meet the requirements before being awarded a MSc credential

**Moved/Seconded**

That the Academic Program Subcommittee recommend that the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve the creation of the Leaders in Veterinary Medicine Program (Combined Doctor of Veterinary Medicine/Master of Science in Veterinary Medical Sciences, as set out in the proposal provided to the Committee with the requested action.

**Carried**

**Moved/Seconded**

That the Academic Program Subcommittee recommend that the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve the creation of the Leaders in Veterinary Medicine Program (Combined Doctor of Veterinary Medicine/Doctor of Philosophy in Veterinary Medical Sciences), as set out in the proposal provided to the Committee with the requested amendment and actions.

**Carried**

**Moved/Seconded**

That the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee recommend that the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve the creation of the Leaders in Veterinary Medicine Program (Combined Doctor of Veterinary Medicine/Master of Science in Veterinary Medical Sciences, as set out in the proposal provided to the Committee with the requested action.

**Carried**

**Moved/Seconded**

That the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee recommend that the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve the creation of the Leaders in Veterinary Medicine Program Combined Doctor of Veterinary Medicine/Doctor of Philosophy in Veterinary Medical Sciences, as set out in the proposal provided to the Committee, with the requested amendment and action.

**Carried**

**4. Other Business**

Mary O'Brien presented proposed changes to the Graduate Chapter of the University Calendar to include regulations for concurrent program enrolment, which would permit students enrolment in two University of Calgary credentials (certificate, diploma and/or degree) at the same time. It was reported that the concurrent program enrolment would be limited to graduate certificate or diploma programs for students who are not already in designated combined graduate degree programs; require students to maintain active registration on both programs and apply to graduate from each program separately.

- In response to questions, it was reported that:
  - In future, top performing undergraduate students may be eligible to apply to take a concurrent graduate level certificate or diploma, however admission would be considered on a case-by-case basis and the graduate credential would only be granted once the undergraduate program has been completed
  - Faculties will have discretion for determining admissions criteria for concurrent program enrolment
- The Committees discussed:
  - Concerns on how to message the concurrent program enrollment to top undergraduate students and ensuring advising for these students is provided to determine if concurrent enrollment or a funded masters or PhD program are suitable pathways
  - Challenges with implementing concurrent enrollment in the registration system, specifically for undergraduate enrollment

**5. Adjournment**

**Moved/Seconded**

That the Academic Program Subcommittee & the & Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee, adjourn the March 11, 2022 joint meeting.

**Carried**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.