



General Faculties Council
Academic Standards Committee
Approved Open Session Minutes

Thursday, October 20, 2016
2-31 South Academic Building (SAB)
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Voting Members:

Nataraj (Nat) Kav	Chair (Delegate), Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
Janice Causgrove Dunn	Vice-Chair, Dean or Delegate
Marina Banister	Member, Vice-President (Academic), Students' Union
Fraser Brenneis	Member, Dean or Delegate
Dion Brocks	Member, Dean or Delegate
Deborah Burshtyn	Member, Dean or Delegate
Katherine Trepanier	Member, Dean or Delegate
Gerda de Vries	Member, Dean or Delegate
Elaine Geddes	Member, Dean or Delegate
Clive Hickson	Member, Dean or Delegate
Scott Jeffrey	Member, Dean or Delegate
Nathalie Kermoal	Member, Dean or Delegate
Radim Barta (Delegate)	Member, Vice-President (Academic), Graduate Students' Association
Bernadette Martin	Member, Dean or Delegate
Karsten Mundel	Member, Dean or Delegate
Rebecca Nagel	Member, Dean or Delegate
Melissa Padfield	Member, Vice-Provost and University Registrar or Delegate
Natalie Sharpe	Member, Director (Student Ombudservice)
Kasia Tymczak	Member, Undergraduate Student at-Large

Non-Voting Members:

Sam Stowe	Member, Associate Registrar or Delegate
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Presenter(s):

Nataraj (Nat) Kav	Vice-Provost (Programs) and Chair, GFC Academic Standards Committee (ASC)
Brenda Leskiw	former Associate Dean (Undergraduate), Faculty of Science
Bernadette Martin	Associate Dean (Professional Programs), Department of Rehabilitation Medicine
Fraser Brenneis	Vice-Dean (Education), Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry
Kate Peters	Portfolio Initiatives Manager, Office of the Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
Jocelyn Hall	Associate Chair, Undergraduate, Department of Biological Sciences

Staff:

Meg Brolley, Coordinator, GFC Academic Standards Committee
Andrea Patrick, Scribe

OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Jeffrey/Mundel

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of September 15, 2016

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Padfield/Mundel

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve the Minutes of September 15, 2016.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Chair

The Chair reported that government announced a continuation of the tuition freeze for the upcoming year and further noted that a government review of the tuition fee regulation and the funding model review would occur over the next year

ACTION ITEMS

4. Items Deemed Minor/Editorial

The Following Proposal(s) are Deemed Minor/Editorial (GFC ASC's Terms of Reference (Mandate)(3.A.i and iii) by the Vice-Provost (Programs) and Chair, GFC ASC, and are APPROVED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY FROM GFC IN A SINGLE OMNIBUS MOTION.

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Presenter(s): Nataraj (Nat) Kav

Discussion:

Prior to the meeting, a member sought clarification surrounding Item 4C. The Chair clarified that the item would be extracted from the Omnibus Motion to be considered on its own.

Omnibus Mover and Seconder: Jeffrey/Nagel

4A. Office of the Registrar: Proposed Approval of Transfer Credit for October 2016

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, approve the proposed Approval of Transfer Credit for October 2016, as submitted by the Office of the Registrar, effective immediately.

CARRIED

4B. Faculty of Arts: Proposed Changes to Existing Admission Requirements

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, approve the proposed Changes to Existing Admission Requirements, as submitted by the Faculty of Arts, to be effective in 2017/18.

CARRIED

4C. Faculty of Arts: Proposed Changes to Existing Transfer and Admission Requirements

Motion: Mundel/Brenneis

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, approve the proposed Changes to Existing Transfer and Admission Requirements, as submitted by the Faculty of Arts, to be effective in 2017-18.

CARRIED

4D. Faculty of Arts: Proposed Changes to Existing Requirements for Major and Minor in Art and Design

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, approve the proposed Changes to Existing Requirements for Major and Minor in Art and Design, as submitted by the Faculty of Arts, to be effective in 2017-18.

CARRIED

5. Proposal from the Department of Biological Sciences, Faculty of Science, to suspend admission to four honors/specialization programs: Animal Biology, Evolutionary Biology, Microbiology, and Plant Biology

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Brenda Leskiw; Jocelyn Hall

Purpose of the Proposal: To suspend admission into the following honors/specialization programs: Animal Biology, Evolutionary Biology, Microbiology, Plant Biology

Discussion:

The Chair clarified that the Committee will be considering the suspensions within this proposal, not the name changes, which would need to go before the GFC Academic Planning Committee (APC) for approval.

Dr Hall provided members with the rationale for the proposal, noting that there would be no changes to current course offerings and the renamed programs would provide more flexibility for students. She explained that the proposal was developed with extensive consultation with students and other Faculties and that the students who participated in the consultation expressed strong support for the changes.

Dr Leskiw reported that the merging of departments in the 1990s into the current Department of Biological Sciences was not accompanied by a rationalization of program offerings and that the recent environment has been conducive to focus on the learning experience for students and the resultant changes proposed.

During the ensuing discussion, a member expressed concern that members of the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry were not properly consulted during the development of the proposal.

Members discussed similar issues following the reorganization of other Faculties in the past.

Motion: Barta/Geddes

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the suspension of admission to honors/specialization programs in Animal Biology, Evolutionary Biology,

Microbiology, and Plant Biology, in the Department of Biological Sciences, as submitted by the Faculty of Science, and as set forth in Attachments 1-4, to take effect for the 2017-2018 academic year.

CARRIED
Dr Brenneis opposed

6. Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research: Proposed changes to Existing Admission and Academic Standing Requirements, Master of Science program, Department of Physical Therapy

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Bernadette Martin

Purpose of the Proposal: The Department of Physical Therapy is outlining the expectations for the Entrance Requirements with additional weight given to anatomy pre-requisite courses in the admission GPA calculation. The General Academic Standing Requirements have been added to the *University Calendar* with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 and the allowance of only one failed course.

Discussion:

Professor Martin explained that the proposal reflects that the program has a higher minimum cumulative GPA required as compared to the one for the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research and indicates that additional weight is given to anatomy as a pre-requisite course in admission GPA calculation.

Motion: Burshtyn/Jeffrey

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, proposed changes to Existing Admission and Academic Standing Requirements, Master of Science, Department of Physical Therapy, as submitted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies & Research and as set forth in Attachment 1, to be published in the 2017-2018 calendar for students admitted in 2018.

CARRIED

7. Proposed Changes to Admission and Academic Regulation, BSc Program in Medical Laboratory Science, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Fraser Brenneis

Purpose of the Proposal: To clarify the selection process as well as the academic and professional expectation of learners enrolled in the MLS programs and align wording with that of the *University Calendar*. To clarify the program name and avoid confusion around the program being shown as a certificate rather than a Bachelor program. To change the minimum application GPA to ensure transparency to applicants based on lowest accepted GPA in past years.

Discussion:

Members discussed the reference to the Professional Code of Ethics, the method of assessing additional training time, and several suggestions for editorial revisions.

Motion: Jeffrey/Mundel

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the proposed changes to the admission and academic regulations, BSc Program in Medical Laboratory Science, as proposed by the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, and as set forth in Attachment 1 as amended, to

take effect for Fall 2017.

CARRIED

8. Proposed Changes to Admission and Academic Regulations, Radiation Therapy Program, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Fraser Brenneis

Purpose of the Proposal: To reflect the change in mandate of FASPC and highlight the importance of the Professional Code of Ethics for all students, not only those in clinical placements; to change wording to reflect individual cohorts have varying end times to their academic year and would be assessed at the end of the cohort's academic year end.

Motion: Brenneis/Mundel

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve, with delegated authority, changes to the admission and academic regulations, Radiation Therapy Program, as proposed by the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, and as set forth in Attachment 1, to take effect for Fall 2017.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

9. External Programs for Review and Programs in Progress on Campus: Standing Item

There were no documents.

Presenter(s): Nataraj (Nat) Kav; Kate Peters

Purpose of the Proposal: To provide an update to the Committee in regards to current proposals being considered by the Provincial Government.

Discussion:

Ms Peters provided members with an update of current and past programs being considered by Government.

Currently with AE undergoing System Coordination Review:

- Suspension of the Master of Engineering in Nutrition and Foods from the Faculty of Engineering and the Faculty of ALES
- (New) PBC Bridging to Canadian Physical Therapy Practice
- (New) PBC Indigenous Sport and Recreation
- (New) Major in Fashion Business Management in the Bachelor of Science
- Load Change to the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Sexual Health
- (New) PhD in Indigenous Studies
- (New) University Certificate in Digital Learning
- (New) University Certificate in Adolescent Literacy

External reviews requested:

- Bachelor of Design with a Specialization in Fashion from the Alberta College of Art and Design (ACAD)
- Bachelor of Design from MacEwan University
- Mount Royal University, Bachelor of Science, Chemistry specialization

Recently approved:

- (New) Program Proposal for MSc in Urban and Regional Planning

10. Question Period

There were no questions.

INFORMATION REPORTS

11. Items Approved by the GFC Academic Standards Committee by email ballots (non-debatable)

There were no items.

12. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

CLOSING SESSION

13. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.