



General Faculties Council
 Academic Standards Committee
 Approved Open Session Minutes

Thursday, December 12, 2019
 2-31 South Academic Building (SAB)
 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Tammy Hopper, Chair
 Joel Agarwal
 J Nelson Amaral
 Dylan Ashley (delegate)
 Angela Bayduza
 Dion Brocks
 Janice Causgrove Dunn
 Bill Dunn
 Jeff Johnson
 Scott Jeffrey
 Mia Lang
 Andras Marosi
 Bernadette Martin

Karsten Mündel
 Rebecca Nagel
 Shannon O'Byrne
 Christy Raymond
 Norma Rodenburg
 Remonia Stoddart-Morrison
 (delegate)
non-voting:
 Amy Dambrowitz

Gerda de Vries
 Fay Fletcher
 Marion Haggarty-France
 Mohamad Jamaledine
 Nathalie Kermaal
 Victoria Ruetalo
 Hassan Safouhi
 Natalie Sharpe
 Helen Vallianatos
 Kristof Van Assche

REGRETS:
 Radim Barta
 Jason Carey

Staff:
 Heather Richholt, Coordinator

OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Nagel/Mundel

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Comments from the Chair (no documents)

Presenter(s): Tammy Hopper, Vice-Provost (Programs) and Chair of GFC Academic Standards Committee (ASC)

Discussion:

The Chair informed the committee that the proposed program changes to the Medical Laboratory Sciences Program and the Doctor of Dental Surgery Advanced Placement Program, as recommended to the Academic Planning Committee (APC) by ASC, were approved at APC's December 11th meeting. She also noted that APC engaged in a discussion regarding Indigeneity, and Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion as related to program revision and development. The Chair noted that she would provide some clarification and highlights for APC regarding the work that is done in those areas.

The Chair indicated that Bill 21 had received Royal Assent the previous week. She noted that one of the results of this was that Executive Graduate Programs that were exempt from the Tuition Fee Regulation were no longer recognized. She acknowledged that the full impact of this was uncertain at this time but that the Provost's office would be working with the Ministry regarding the current Executive Masters of Business Administration Degree.

The Chair announced that Nella Sajlovic had joined the Provost's Office as the Indigenous Strategies Manager to support the Vice-Provost (Indigenous Programming and Research).

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda Mover and Second: Jeffrey/Johnson

3. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of November 21, 2019

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve the Open Session Minutes of November 21, 2019.

CARRIED

4. Items Deemed Minor/Editorial

4A. Transfer Credit Approvals and Denials for December 2019, Office of the Registrar

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the transfer credit approvals and denials for December 2019.

CARRIED

4B. Proposed Changes to Admissions Charts 4 and 5, International Bacculaureate and Advanced Placement Equivalents, Office of the Registrar

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the changes to Admissions Charts 4 and 5 regarding International Bacculaureate and Advanced Placement equivalents.

CARRIED

4C. Proposed Changes to Entrance Requirements and Graduation Regulations, Faculty of Nursing

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the proposed change to entrance requirements and graduation regulations for the Faculty of Nursing.

CARRIED

5. Proposed Changes to Entrance Requirements and Transfer Regulations for Undergraduate Programs in the Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the proposed changes to entrance requirements and transfer regulations for undergraduate programs in the Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences (ALES), as set forth in attachments 1-3, for publication in the 2020-2021 University Calendar.

CARRIED

6. Proposed Changes to Academic Standing Regulations for Undergraduate Programs in the Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the proposed changes to academic standing regulations for undergraduate programs in the Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences (ALES), as set forth in attachment 1, to be published in the 2020-2021 University Calendar.

CARRIED

7. Proposed Changes to Existing Entrance Requirements, Academic Standing Regulations and Program

Requirements for Graduate Programs in History and Classics, Faculty of Arts, and Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the proposed changes to existing entrance requirements and academic standing regulations for graduate programs in the Department of History and Classics, as submitted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research and the Faculty of Arts, and as set forth in Attachment 1, to take effect upon approval and to be published in the 2020-2021 Calendar.

CARRIED

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee recommend to the GFC Academic Planning Committee, the proposed changes to existing program requirements for graduate programs in the Department of History and Classics, as submitted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research and the Faculty of Arts, and as set forth in Attachment 1, to take effect upon approval and to be published in the 2020-2021 Calendar.

CARRIED

8. Proposed Changes to Existing Academic Standing Regulations for PhD Programs in Mechanical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, and Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the proposed changes to existing academic standing regulations for the PhD programs in Mechanical Engineering, as submitted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research and the Faculty of Engineering, and as set forth in Attachment 1, to take effect upon approval and to be published in the 2020-2021 Calendar.

CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS

9. Proposal for a New Graduate Embedded Certificate in Maternal and Child Health Research, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, and Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Sujata Persad, Associate Professor, Pediatrics, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry; Janice Causgrove Dunn, Associate Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research; Maria Chia, Graduate Governance and Policy Coordinator, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Discussion:

Dr Causgrove Dunn explained that this embedded certificate had been developed to recognize specific knowledge and skills acquired through participation in the Maternal and Child Health scholarship program.

Dr Persad noted that the scholarship program began in 2012 in response to a call from the Provost to develop innovative graduate student training. She noted that the students involved in the program were exceptional students with significant research background. She also noted that the program had been successful and that the certificate would acknowledge this training on the students' transcripts.

Members discussed how a funding shortage or capacity issue could prevent a student's match with the lab of their choice.

Motion: Agarwal/Raymond

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, a new Graduate Embedded Certificate in Maternal and Child Health Research, as submitted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research and the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, and as set forth in Attachment 1 as amended, to take effect September 2019 and to be published in the 2020-2021 Calendar.

CARRIED

10. Proposed Changes to Academic Standing Regulations for Undergraduate Professional Programs in the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Shirley Schipper, Vice Dean, Education, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry; Tracey Hillier, Associate Dean, MD Program, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry; Gisele Gaudet-Amigo, Curriculum Coordinator, School of Dentistry, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry

Discussion:

Dr Schipper explained that the proposed changes were the result of the Faculty working with each program to bring clarity for students and staff and to reflect competency based assessments. She noted that Student Affairs and the Academic Review Committee provided support to all of these programs so standard wording was beneficial to all.

Members discussed legal advice and accreditation standards as they applied to technical standards language, and the sequential nature of the programs, which meant the skills, and competencies had to be mastered before a student could advance in their program.

Motion: Jeffrey/Mundel

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the proposed changes to the FoMD Academic Regulations section for all undergraduate professional programs within the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, as proposed by the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, and set forth in Attachments 1-5, to take effect in Fall 2020.

CARRIED

11. Proposed Changes to Entrance Requirements and Academic Standing Regulations for the Embedded Certificate in Interdisciplinary Leadership, Peter Lougheed Leadership College and the Faculty of Business

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Bailey Sousa, Director of Operations, Peter Lougheed Leadership College (PLLC); Andras Marosi, Associate Dean, Undergraduate, Alberta School of Business; Nicole Lazorek, Academic Officer, Alberta School of Business

Discussion:

Ms Sousa noted that the proposed changes were meant to make the program more flexible and thus more accessible to students.

Members asked about the application form including permission for the PLLC to pull the student's current transcript and the changes to the admission requirements to include a group interview and targeted questions on the application form. They also discussed the number of students currently enrolled in the program as well as the importance of oversight of the stretch experience by an academic unit.

Motion: Causgrove Dunn/Raymond

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee, with delegated authority from GFC, approve the changes to the entrance requirements and academic standing regulations for the Certificate in Interdisciplinary Leadership Studies, as submitted by the Peter Lougheed Leadership College and the Faculty of Business, and as set forth in Attachment 1, as amended, to take effect July 1, 2020.

CARRIED

12. Updates to Required English Language Proficiency (ELP) Scores for Undergraduate Admissions

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Amy Dambrowitz, Associate Registrar

Discussion:

Dr Dambrowitz gave an overview of the changes and noted the discontinuation of the paper-based TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) and the MELAB (Michigan English Assessment Battery).

Members discussed the potential for a search of the online *Calendar* to identify other mentions of these tests for removal.

Motion: Jeffrey/Nagel

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the proposed changes to Undergraduate English Language Proficiency requirements, as submitted by the Office of the Registrar and as set forth in attachment 1, to take effect for Fall 2021 admissions.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

13. External Programs for Review and Programs in Progress on Campus: Standing Item (no documents)

Presenter(s): Kate Peters, Portfolio Initiatives Manager, Office of the Provost and Vice-President (Academic)

Discussion:

Ms Peters gave the following report:

Currently with AE undergoing System Coordination Review:

Red Deer College - Bachelor of Education with 4 Specializations:

- Introductory Education (Year 1)
- Early Years (K-4)
- Middle Years (5-9)
- Secondary (10-12)

Have submitted feedback on the Master of Business Administration program to be offered at Grande Prairie Regional College, proposed by the University of Northern British Columbia.

14. Question Period (no documents)

Presenter(s): Tammy Hopper, Vice-Provost (Programs) and Chair of GFC Academic Standards Committee

Discussion:

Ms Stoddart-Morrison from the Office of the Student Ombuds noted that the Ombuds Annual Report had been sent out to the Faculties for their feedback.

INFORMATION REPORTS

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

There were no items.

16. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

CLOSING SESSION

17. Adjournment

The Chair welcomed Mia Lang from the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry to the committee and expressed thanks to Jeff Johnson from the School of Public Health as had completed his term as Associate Dean and would be leaving the committee.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.