



The following Motion and Documents were considered by the GFC Academic Standards Committee by E-Vote on February 27, 2017:

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Final Item: 1

OUTLINE OF ISSUE
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| Action Requested | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation |
| Proposed by | Gerda De Vries, Associate Dean, Undergraduate, Faculty of Science |
| Presenter | N/A |

Details

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| Responsibility | Provost and Vice-President (Academic) |
| The Purpose of the Proposal is (please be specific) | Proposed changes to existing admission requirements, BSc Honors (Biochemistry, Pharmacology, Physiology) |
| The Impact of the Proposal is | Additional students will be eligible for these programs. |
| Replaces/Revises (eg, policies, resolutions) | <i>Various sections of the University Calendar; see individual item for specific affected Calendar sections.</i> |
| Timeline/Implementation Date | To take effect upon final approval. |
| Estimated Cost and funding source | N/A |
| Next Steps (ie.: Communications Plan, Implementation plans) | |
| Supplementary Notes and context | |

Engagement and Routing (Include meeting dates)

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| Participation: (parties who have seen the proposal and in what capacity) <For further information see the link posted on the Governance Toolkit section Student Participation Protocol > | <u>Those who have been informed:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faculty of Science Departments, |
| | <u>Those who have been consulted:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department – Physiology (January 19, 2016), Pharmacology (January 18, 2016), Biochemistry (January 18, 2016) Faculty of Science Associate Chairs (Faculty Council delegated body on calendar changes), November 1, 2016 |
| | <u>Those who are actively participating:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Associate Chairs, Undergraduate of Physiology, Pharmacology and Biochemistry Associate Dean, Undergraduate, Faculty of Science |
| Approval Route (Governance) (including meeting dates) | Faculty of Science Associate Chairs (delegated by Faculty Council) – November 4, 2016 GFC Academic Standards Committee (by e-mail) – February 23, 2017 |
| Final Approver | GFC Academic Standards Committee |

Alignment/Compliance

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| <p>Alignment with Guiding Documents</p> | <p><i>For the Public Good</i></p> <p>GOAL: EXCEL as individuals, and together, sustain a culture that fosters and champions distinction and distinctiveness in teaching, learning, research, and service.</p> <p>GOAL: SUSTAIN our people, our work, and the environment by attracting and stewarding the resources we need to deliver excellence to the benefit of all.</p> |
| <p>Compliance with Legislation, Policy and/or Procedure Relevant to the Proposal (please <u>quote</u> legislation and include identifying section numbers)</p> | <p>1. <i>Post-Secondary Learning Act (PSLA)</i>: The PSLA gives GFC responsibility, subject to the authority of the Board of Governors, over academic affairs. Further, the PSLA gives the Board of Governors authority over certain admission requirements and rules respecting enrolment. The Board has delegated its authority over admissions requirements and rules respecting enrolment to GFC and the GFC ASC (Academic Standards Committee). (Sections 26(1), 60(1)(c) and (d)).</p> <p>2. <i>PSLA</i>: The PSLA gives Faculty Councils power to “provide for the admission of students to the faculty” (29(1)(c)).</p> <p>3. <i>UAPPOL Admissions Policy</i>: “Admission to the University of Alberta is based on documented academic criteria established by individual Faculties and approved by GFC. This criteria may be defined in areas such as subject requirements, minimum entrance averages, and language proficiency requirements. In addition to academic requirements for admission, GFC authorizes each Faculty to establish such other reasonable criteria for admission of applicants as the Faculty may consider appropriate to its programs of study, subject to the approval of GFC (e.g. interview, audition, portfolio, etc.) The admission requirements for any Faculty will be those approved by GFC as set forth in the current edition of the University Calendar. In addition to the admission requirements, selection criteria for quota programs, where they exist, will also be published in the current edition of the University Calendar. The responsibility for admission decisions will be vested in the Faculty Admission Committees or in the Deans of the respective Faculties, as the councils of such Faculties will determine.”</p> <p>4. <i>UAPPOL Admissions Procedure</i>: “PROCEDURE 1. EFFECTIVE DATE OF CHANGES TO ADMISSION REGULATIONS Following approval by GFC: a. Where changes to admission regulations may disadvantage students in the current admission cycle, normally implementation will be effective after the change has been published in the University Calendar for one full year (i.e., effective the second year that the information is published in the University Calendar). For example, a change approved in May 2005 would be first published in the 2006-2007 University Calendar in March 2006. Therefore the GFC Academic Standards Committee For the Meeting of October 18, 2012 FINAL Item No. 4A – 4F statement cannot come into effect until September 2007 (affecting applicants who apply for the September 2007 term beginning July 2006).” b. Where changes to admission regulations are deemed by the approving body to be ‘advantageous to students’, normally the date of implementation will be effective immediately or at</p> |

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| | <p>the next available intake for the admitting Faculty.”</p> <p>5. GFC Academic Standards Committee Terms of Reference (3. Mandate):</p> <p>“A. Definitions</p> <p><i>i. Routine and/or Editorial</i></p> <p>[...] the term “routine and/or editorial” refers to proposals which do not involve or affect other Faculties or units; do not form part of a proposal for a new program; and which do not involve alternation of an existing quota or establishment of a new quota. Editorial or routine changes include any and all change to the wording or an admissions or academic standing policy.”</p> <p>“B. Admission and Transfer, Academic Standing, Marking and Grading, Term Work, Examinations, [...]</p> <p>i. All proposals from the Faculties or the Administration related to admission and transfer, to the academic standing of students, to institutional marking and grading policies and/or procedures and to term work policies and procedures are submitted to the Provost and Vice-President (Academic) (or delegate) who chairs the GFC Academic Standards Committee. ASC will consult as necessary with the Faculties and with other individuals and offices in its consideration of these proposals.</p> <p>ii. ASC acts for GFC in approving routine and/or editorial changes to both admission/transfer policies and academic standing regulations”</p> <p>6. Standing and Other Committees of General Faculties Council - General Terms of Reference</p> <p><i>“E-mail voting</i></p> <p>Where the Chair and/or Secretary of a GFC Standing Committee decide that it is desirable for a business item to be voted on before the next scheduled meeting, an e-mail vote may be held.</p> <p>The Secretary will have two faculty, staff and/or student Committee Members review the item in detail and act as a Mover and Seconder, and all normal procedures will be used in conducting the e-mail ballot, including provision of background material.</p> <p>The Secretary will ensure that all members have a reasonable amount of time to register their vote.</p> <p>Upon receiving the item by e-mail, however, any Committee Member may request that the matter be debated instead at the next meeting or at a special meeting, with the Chair determining the appropriate course of action.”</p> |
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Attachments

1. Attachment 1 (1 page)

Faculty of Science Program Changes 2017-2018

Current

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| <p>Admission Chart 7 http://calendar.ualberta.ca/content.php?catoid=6&navoid=934#Admission Chart 7</p> <p>Biochemistry</p> <p>Honors High School - minimum 80% Transfer - a minimum 3.3 GPA on ★30 in each preceding Fall/Winter. For admission requirements, see BSc (Honors)</p> <p>Pharmacology</p> <p>Honors</p> <p>High School - minimum 80% Transfer - a minimum 3.3 GPA on all science courses taken in each preceding Fall/Winter, a minimum 3.3 GPA on ★30 in each preceding Fall/Winter, and a minimum grade of B+ in each Department of Pharmacology course. For admission requirements, see BSc (Honors)</p> <p>Physiology</p> <p>Honors High School - minimum 80% Transfer - a minimum 3.3 GPA on ★30 in each preceding Fall/Winter and a minimum grade of B in PHYSL 212 and PHYSL 214 or a minimum grade of A- in PHYSL 210. For admission requirements, see BSc (Honors)</p> | <p>Biochemistry</p> <p>Honors High School - minimum 80% Transfer - a minimum 3.0 GPA on ★24 in each preceding Fall/Winter. For admission requirements, see BSc (Honors)</p> <p>Pharmacology</p> <p>Honors</p> <p>High School - minimum 80% Transfer - a minimum 3.0 GPA on all science courses taken in each preceding Fall/Winter, a minimum 3.0 GPA on ★24 in each preceding Fall/Winter, and a minimum grade of B- in each Department of Pharmacology course. For admission requirements, see BSc (Honors)</p> <p>Physiology</p> <p>Honors</p> <p>High School - minimum 80% Transfer a minimum 3.0 GPA on ★24 in each preceding Fall/Winter and a minimum grade of B in PHYSL 212 and PHYSL 214 or a minimum grade of A- in PHYSL 210. For admission requirements, see BSc (Honors)</p> |
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