The following Motions and Documents were considered by the GFC Executive Committee at its Monday, February 23, 2015 meeting:

Agenda Title: **Proposed New Course Designation of MM (Multimedia) in the Department of Computing Science (Faculty of Science)**

CARRIED MOTION: THAT the GFC Executive Committee approve, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, a new course designation of MM (Multimedia) (Department of Computing Science), as submitted by the Faculties of Engineering and Science, to take effect for Fall Term, 2015.

Final Item: 4.

Agenda Title: **Draft Agenda for the March 9, 2015 Meeting of General Faculties Council (GFC)**

CARRIED MOTION: THAT the GFC Executive Committee approve, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the Agenda for the March 9, 2015 meeting of General Faculties Council (GFC.

OUTLINE OF ISSUE

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Item

Action Requested	☒Approval ☐Recommendation ☐Discussion/Advice ☐Information
Proposed by	Anup Basu, Professor, Department of Computing Science; Pierre Boulanger, Professor, Department of Computing Science
Presenters	JC Cahill, Special Advisor, Faculty of Science (and Professor, Department of Biological Sciences); Anup Basu, Professor, Department of Computing Science
Subject	Introduction of a new course designation of Multimedia (MM) in the Department of Computing Science (Faculty of Science), submitted jointly by the Faculties of Science and Engineering

Details

Responsibility	Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
The Purpose of the Proposal is (please be specific)	To introduce a new course designation, MM, as an identifier of courses related to new Master of Science (MSc) in Computing Science - Multimedia Specialization program, starting in Fall, 2015.
The Impact of the Proposal is	The new cost-recovery Multimedia Specialization program in Computing Science is currently set up for MSc students and is intended for multimedia-related topics such as Animation, Games, Graphics, Visualization, Video, Vision, and so on. This area is distinct from many other areas of Computing Science, such as Compilers, Database, and so on. Furthermore, the program is designed for close cooperation with industrial and international partners. Thus, it is critical to have a unique identifier for courses in this program to distinguish them from the regular Computing Science (CMPUT) courses.
Replaces/Revises (eg, policies, resolutions)	This is a new course designation for courses to be offered in the context of a new program.
Timeline/Implementation Date	Fall Term, 2015.
Estimated Cost	See sources of funding.
Sources of Funding	The MSc Specialization in Multimedia has been approved as a cost-recovery program supported by tuition revenues of $2,000/course.
Notes	N/A

Alignment/Compliance

Alignment with Guiding Documents	**Aligns with *Dare to Deliver* and *Dare to Discover* values:** "Enrich the student experience; foster new joint degree programs that unite academic units/professional schools; promote interdisciplinary collaboration; create learning opportunities for students and creative collaborations to address global challenges and initiatives; provide an intellectually superior educational environment for students; diverse, yet inclusive, dynamic collegial community that welcomes change." Following the above principles, the MSc in Computing Science -

	Multimedia Specialization will collaborate with industrial and international partners, as well as with other University Departments, and provide a unique training experience for students.
Compliance with Legislation, Policy and/or Procedure Relevant to the Proposal (please quote legislation and include identifying section numbers)	1. ***Post-Secondary Learning Act (PSLA)***: GFC is responsible, generally, for the academic affairs of the University and specifically, for programs of study in Faculties (Sections 26(1) and 26(1) (b)). 2. **GFC Executive Committee Terms of Reference/Mandate of the Committee**: In 1996, GFC delegated its authority to the GFC Executive Committee to ratify new course subject names and their abbreviations (Section 3.14). 3. **GFC Policy:** "Course subject names shall designate broad areas of study (often an entire department) and shall not be used to designate numerous specializations. Faculty Councils shall endeavour to keep the number of subject names in the Faculty to an acceptable minimum. Subject names shall not be added or changed except for strong academic reasons." (Section 37.2 of the GFC Policy Manual)

Routing (Include meeting dates)

Consultative Route (parties who have seen the proposal and in what capacity)	The Multimedia Specialization program (as described above) was recommended by the Department of Computing Science in late 2011, various University committees in early 2012, and, finally, approved as a cost-recovery specialization by the Provost in July, 2012. Currently, all requirements for setting up the program have been met, and the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (FGSR) has set up an online application link for this program through which applications have already been received.
Approval Route (Governance) (including meeting dates)	Faculty of Science (through its delegate body, Science Associate Chairs (Undergraduate)) (June 19, 2014) – for recommendation; GFC Executive Committee (February 23, 2015) – for final approval
Final Approver	GFC Executive Committee

Attachments (each to be numbered 1 - <>):

1. Attachment 1 (page 1) – Memo Regarding Approval for New Alternate Delivery and Cost Recovery Programs/Courses

Prepared by: Anup Basu, Professor, Department of Computing Science, basu@ualberta.ca

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA Interdepartmental Correspondence

To:	Gerry Kendal Vice-Provost and University Registrar	**From:**	Martin Ferguson-Pell Acting Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
Dept:	Office of the Registrar	**Dept:**	Office of the Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
Re:	Approval for New Alternate Delivery and Cost Recovery Courses	**Date:**	July 24, 2012

In response to the documentation dated July 24, 2012, the Office of the Provost and Vice-President (Academic) grants approval for:

Cost Recovery:
- **Northern Yukon Program – New major** to be treated as Cost Recovery
- **Masters in Science Specialization Program in Multimedia –** to be charged at $2,000 per course
- **ELS 150 English for University Study** to be charged at a fee index of 19 per *3

Alternate Delivery
- **Masters in Educational Policy Studies –** Alternate Delivery offering of existing courses EDPS 580, 581, 511, 512, 531, 551, 553, 595 and 900

Dr. Martin Ferguson-Pell
Acting Provost and Vice-President (Academic)