



General Faculties Council
Academic Planning and Priorities Committee
Approved Minutes

Monday, January 13, 2025, 2:00 p.m.
Meeting #183

A167/Zoom

Voting Members

Robin Yates, Co-Chair
Dawn Johnston, Academic Co-Chair
Mark Bauer
Marjan Eggermont*
Cydnee Seneviratne*
Barbara Brown
Kristin Baetz
Ermia Rezaei-Afsah

Non-Voting Members

Tarun Aggarwal
Hannah Ashton
Justine Wheeler

Secretary

Courtney McVie

Scribe

Michelle Speta

Regrets

Michael Hart
Sheri Madigan
Saaka Sulemana Saaka

Observers/Resource Personnel

Christine Johns, Associate Deputy Provost
Elizabeth Pando, Program Innovation Partner
Janelle Morris, Program Innovation Partner
Jessica Revington, Program Proposal Assistant*
Kelly Hoglund, Senior Specialist, Academic Initiatives*

Guests

Tara Beattie, Co-Chair, Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee – present for Item 3
Lorelli Nowell, Associate Dean, Graduate Programs, Faculty of Nursing – present for Item 3
Kimberly Shapkin, Manager, Nurse Practitioner Mental Health & Wellness Clinic – present for Item 3

**Attended virtually*

Secretary's Note: In accordance with the General Faculties Council (GFC) Bylaws Section 8.2, the motion box and "Carried" denotation serves as the entry in the minutes that the Chair of the meeting declared the motion carried.

The Co-Chair called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and confirmed quorum.

1. Meeting Opening

1.1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved/Seconded

That the Agenda for the January 13, 2025 Academic Planning and Priorities Committee meeting be approved.

Carried

1.2. Traditional Land Acknowledgement

The Co-Chair provided a Traditional Land Acknowledgement.

1.3. Remarks of the Chair

The Academic Co-Chair shared an update regarding the proposal for the Creation of the Clinical Neuroscience and Physiological Behavioural Concentrations within the Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Neuroscience. At the November 18, 2024 meeting, the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee (APPC) directed that the proponents work with the Office of Indigenous Engagement and the Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion to develop and articulate equity, diversity, inclusion, and Indigenous engagement components for the concentrations. The updated proposal was submitted to the Co-Chairs and has now been formally approved.

The Co-Chair shared that the University of Calgary in Qatar (UCQ) is winding down operations for dissolution effective August 31, 2025. Academic program terminations are moving through governance alongside the Faculty's closure.

2. Approval of the December 9, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Documentation was circulated with the Agenda.

Moved/Seconded

That the Minutes of the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee meeting held on December 9, 2024 be approved.

Carried

Cydnee Seneviratne abstained.

3. Approval of the Creation of the Specialization in Professional Practice Entrepreneurship within the Graduate Certificates in Advanced Nursing Practice I & II

Documentation was circulated with the Agenda. Lorelli Nowell, Associate Dean, Graduate Programs from the Faculty of Nursing presented this item. Tara Beattie, Co-Chair of the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee (GAPS), provided a preamble on the GAPS' recommendation.

Highlights:

- The presenter provided an overview of the proposal to create a new specialization for the existing Graduate Certificates in Advanced Nursing Practice I and Advanced Nursing Practice II. The need for entrepreneurial training for Registered Nurses (RNs) and Nurse Practitioners (NPs) has been identified through consultations with key stakeholders including the College of Registered Nurses of Alberta, the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing, Alberta Health Services, and students. With its focus on entrepreneurial thinking, the proposed specialization closely aligns with *Ahead of Tomorrow*.
- The GAPS Co-Chair shared that this proposal was well-received by the Subcommittee and that the two amendments requested by the GAPS — clarification on mandatory connect time for the certificates and more robust integration of Indigenous engagement components — have now been added to the proposal.

- In response to questions, it was explained that:
 - Alberta's health care funding model allows both RNs and NPs to run their own professional practices. It was recently announced that other provinces are moving to a similar funding model, which would make this specialization attractive to prospective students from outside of Alberta. This specialization would be the only program of its kind in Canada.
 - A nursing Bachelor's degree is not required for admission to the certificates. As such, the program may also attract students from other health care professions, such as graduates of Mount Royal University's midwifery program.
 - Students can choose to complete the certificate with this specialization as a standalone credential or complete the second certificate with a different specialization and ladder into the course-based Master of Nursing.
 - The Faculty of Nursing terminated its Nurse Practitioner Post-Master's Diploma program in 2022. There are no plans to re-launch an NP program, as there are similar programs offered by the University of Alberta and Athabasca University. This new specialization fills a training gap without redundancy.
 - Preliminary conversations are currently underway regarding this specialization being offered as part of the Faculty of Graduate Studies' transdisciplinary programs.
- The Committee noted that the courses that are being offered as part of the Certificate in Transdisciplinary Studies I with specialization in Social Innovation may be of interest for students in this new specialization.

Moved/Seconded

That the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve the creation of the Specialization in Professional Practice Entrepreneurship within the Graduate Certificate in Advanced Nursing Practice I and the Graduate Certificate in Advanced Nursing Practice II, effective Fall 2025, as recommended by the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee and as set out in the documents provided to the Committee.

Carried

4. Recommendation of the Revisions to the Terms of Reference for the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee (APPC)

Documentation was circulated with the Agenda. Courtney McVie, University Secretary presented this item.

Highlights:

- The presenter explained that the proposed revision is being made following a change to the University's administrative structure.
- The voting member seat held by the Vice-Provost (Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) will now be held by the Executive Director, Office of Institutional Commitments or a designated academic staff member.
- In response to questions, it was explained that the Executive Director role has not yet been filled and the seat on the Committee will be vacant in the interim.

Moved/Seconded

That the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee recommend that the General Faculties Council Executive Committee approve the revisions to the Terms of Reference for the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee, effective immediately, as set out in the documents provided to the Committee.

Carried**5. Subcommittee Reports**

Documentation was circulated with the Agenda for information only.

The Academic Program Subcommittee provided a report for the meeting held November 25, 2024. The Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee provided a report for the meeting held December 11, 2024. The Calendar and Curriculum Subcommittee provided a report for the meetings held December 12, 2024.

6. Program Approvals Status Report

Documentation was circulated with the Agenda for information only.

7. Other Business

There was no other business.

8. Adjournment**Moved/Seconded**

That the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee adjourn the January 13, 2025 meeting.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

Courtney McVie
University Secretary