



UNIVERSITY OF
CALGARY

General Faculties Council
ACADEMIC PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEE
Approved Minutes

Meeting #53
December 14, 2020, 2:00 p.m.

By Zoom platform

Voting Members

Leslie Reid, Co-Chair
Jocelyn Hayley, Academic Co-Chair
Semhar Abraha
Ryan Hamilton
Lorelli Nowell
Angelique Saweczko
Jessica Shaw
Jason Wiens

Non-Voting Members

Karen Then

Secretary and Scribe

Elizabeth Sjogren

Staff

Jyoti Myers

Regrets

Christine Johns
Kathryn King-Shier

Guests

Melissa Boyce, Associate Dean (Undergrad Programs and Student Affairs), Faculty of Arts – present for Item 4
Rachel Bruce, Manager - Academic Programs, Faculty of Arts – present for Item 4
Virginia Tumas, Vice Dean, Faculty of Arts – present for Item 4

Observers

Sara Fedoruk, Analyst, Planning and Reviews, Office of the Provost – present for Items 1-4
Jessica Revington, Program Proposal Assistant, Office of the Provost – present for Items 1-4

The Co-Chair called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. and confirmed quorum.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved/Seconded

That the Agenda for the December 14, 2020 Academic Program Subcommittee meeting be approved.

Carried

2. Remarks of the Co-Chair and Academic Co-Chair

The Co-Chair and Academic Co-Chair thanked the Committee for their work this term and wished the members a restful break during the University's holiday closure.

3. Approval of the November 16, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda.

Moved/Seconded

That the Minutes of the Academic Program Subcommittee meeting held on November 16, 2020 be approved.

Carried

4. Embedded Certificate in Pluralism and Global Citizenship

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Melissa Boyce and Virginia Tumas presented this item.

Highlights:

- The proponents provided an overview of the proposal to create an embedded certificate in Pluralism and Global Citizenship, reported that the goal is to provide a program that will result in students developing an understanding of and respect for diversity and globalism, and noted that this ties well with the priorities set out in institutional plans such as the Academic Plan, Global Engagement Plan, and Experiential Learning Plan
- In response to questions, it was reported that:
 - Travel is not a requirement to complete the certificate
 - Two required courses will bookend the certificate, an introductory course and a capstone course, and all students will meet the learning outcomes of the program no matter which optional courses they pursue
 - The two required courses will be taught by faculty members not sessionals
 - It is intended to expand beyond the embedded certificate to create a collaborative undergraduate degree program in the future, but the creation of an embedded certificate for graduate students is not being contemplated at this time
 - The course list does include junior and senior courses, and this is considered to be fine because the intention is to ensure that students are taking courses that will expand their horizons
 - The course list will evolve over time
 - Students will have to register in the certificate before they can take the capstone course, but can take courses to use toward the certificate prior to registering in it. Students typically have some courses toward a certificate prior to registering.
 - There will be a program coordinator who will be available to advise students
 - A student's home Faculty is responsible for the course check prior to graduation

Moved/Seconded

That the Academic Program Subcommittee recommend that the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve the creation of an embedded certificate in Pluralism and Global Citizenship, effective August 15, 2021, as set out in the proposal provided to the Committee.

Carried

5. Status of Program Approvals

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda for information only.

6. Other Business

There was no other business.

7. Adjournment

Thank you all for the supportive tone of your questions.

The December 14, 2020 Academic Program Subcommittee meeting was adjourned by consensus.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Elizabeth Sjogren
Meeting Secretary