



UNIVERSITY OF  
CALGARY

General Faculties Council  
**ACADEMIC PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEE**  
Approved Minutes

Meeting #54  
January 25, 2021, 2:00 p.m.

By Zoom platform

***Voting Members***

Leslie Reid, Co-Chair  
Jocelyn Hayley, Academic Co-Chair  
Semhar Abraha  
Ryan Hamilton  
Kathryn King-Shier – left during Item 8  
Angelique Saweczko  
Jason Wiens

***Regrets***

Lorelli Nowell  
Jessica Shaw  
Karen Then

***Guests***

Gillian Ayers, Program Evaluation and Planning, Schulich School of Engineering – present for Item 8  
Melissa Boyce, Associate Dean (Undergrad Programs and Student Affairs), Faculty of Arts – present for Items 4 and 5  
Rachel Bruce, Manager - Academic Programs, Faculty of Arts – present for Items 4 and 5  
Mark Conliffe, Director, School of Languages, Linguistics, Literatures and Cultures – present for Item 5  
Jodie McGill, Team Lead, Undergraduate Program, Faculty of Kinesiology – present for Items 6 and 7  
Dave Paskevich, Associate Dean (Academic), Faculty of Kinesiology – present for Items 6 and 7  
Arindom Sen, Head, Department of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering – present for Item 8

***Observers***

Sara Fedoruk, Analyst - Unit Planning and Reviews, Office of the Provost – present for Items 4-8  
Jessica Revington, Program Proposal Assistant, Office of the Provost – present for Items 4-11

The Co-Chair called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. and confirmed quorum.

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

**Moved/Seconded**

That the Agenda for the January 25, 2021 Academic Program Subcommittee meeting be approved.

**Carried**

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

The Co-Chair thanked the Committee's members for their participation and reported that the Co-Chair and Academic Co-Chair would be sharing the leadership of this meeting.

The Academic Co-Chair congratulated Angelique Saweczko, Registrar, on her recently-announced appointment at the University of Toronto and acknowledged her significant contributions to the University of Calgary.

## 3. Approval of the December 14, 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 December 14, 2020 be approved.

**Carried**

## 4. Recommendation of the Suspension/Termination of the Bachelor of Science, BSc Honours, and Minor in Earth Science

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Melissa Boyce and Rachel Bruce presented this item.

Highlights:

- The proponents provided an overview of the proposal to suspend and terminate the Earth Science Bachelor of Science (BSc), BSc Honours, and Minor program, noting that this is a low enrolment program and that any students who do not wish to transfer to a different program but wish to complete the Earth Science program will be supported in doing so
- It was remarked that the Earth Science program was created in the 1990s in response to student need, with funding from the provincial Access Fund, but that the University now has alternative programs that see greater uptake
- There were no questions

**Moved/Seconded**

That the Academic Program Subcommittee recommend that the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve the suspension, effective for Fall 2022 admissions, and eventual termination of the Bachelor of Science (BSc), BSc Honours, and Minor in Earth Science, as set out in the proposal provided to the Committee.

**Carried**

## 5. Consolidation of Programs in German, Italian Studies and Russian

- **Recommendation of the Creation of a Bachelor of Arts and BA Honours Program in Language and Culture**
- **Recommendation of the Suspension/Termination of the BA and BA Honours in German**
- **Recommendation of the Suspension/Termination of the BA and BA Honours in Italian Studies**
- **Recommendation of the Suspension/Termination of the BA and BA Honours in Russian**

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Melissa Boyce, Rachel Bruce and Mark Conliffe presented this item.

### Highlights:

- The proponents provided an overview of the proposals to create a Bachelor of Arts (BA) and BA Honours program in Language and Culture and to suspend and terminate the German, Italian Studies and Russian BA and BA Honours programs, noting that Arabic language and Muslim Cultures studies will also be offered within the new program, and that the consolidation of all of these language programs will provide greater flexibility for students and will result in more effective use of resources.
- In response to questions, it was reported that:
  - The implementation date for the suspension of the German, Italian Studies, and Russian programs can be adjusted if necessary, as the new Language and Culture program must be approved before the suspensions can take effect. It is not known how long it will take for the Ministry to approve the new program, but this should occur within 12-18 months so that the new program can begin in Fall 2022.
  - The Faculty of Arts' French, Spanish and East Asian Language Studies programs are strong and will continue in their current form. These could be added to the Language and Culture program in the future.
- The Committee suggested that the documentation be revised to include acknowledgement of the feedback from the external reviewers that is set out in Part B of the new program proposal

#### **Moved/Seconded**

That the Academic Program Subcommittee recommend that the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve the creation of a Bachelor of Arts (BA) and BA Honours program in Language and Culture, as set out in the proposal provided to the Committee.

**Carried**

#### **Moved/Seconded**

That the Academic Program Subcommittee recommend that the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve the suspension, effective for Fall 2022 admissions, and eventual termination of the Bachelor of Arts (BA) and BA Honours in German, as set out in the proposal provided to the Committee.

**Carried**

**Moved/Seconded**

That the Academic Program Subcommittee recommend that the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve the suspension, effective for Fall 2022 admissions, and eventual termination of the Bachelor of Arts (BA) and BA Honours in Italian Studies, as set out in the proposal provided to the Committee.

**Carried****Moved/Seconded**

That the Academic Program Subcommittee recommend that the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve the suspension, effective for Fall 2022 admissions, and eventual termination of the Bachelor of Arts (BA) and BA Honours in Russian, as set out in the proposal provided to the Committee.

**Carried**

*Secretary's Note: Items 6 and 7 were addressed together.*

**6. Recommendation of the Suspension/Termination of the Bachelor of Kinesiology (Leadership in Pedagogy and Coaching) Concentration in Pedagogy**

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. David Paskevich and Jodie McGill presented this item.

Highlights:

- The proponents provided an overview of the proposals to suspend and terminate the Bachelor of Kinesiology (BKin) Leadership in Pedagogy and Coaching Concentration in Pedagogy and to change the name of the BKin Specialization in Leadership in Pedagogy and Coaching, noting that a recent curriculum review identified that the Pedagogy Concentration has low uptake by students, difficult progression, and few instructors due to recent retirements. The proponents reported that students working toward the Pedagogy Concentration will be supported to completion or assisted in switching to a different program.
- In response to a question, it was confirmed that the proposals result in the removal of the Pedagogy Concentration and then the renaming of its parent program to reflect this
- The Committee suggested that the documentation be revised to:
  - More clearly describe that these proposals continue a cleanup process that arose from the recent curriculum review, and that the changes that are being proposed are of benefit to students
  - Explain the difference between Concentrations and Specializations, and more clearly set out what is being ended and what is being renamed

**Moved/Seconded**

That the Academic Program Subcommittee recommend that the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve the suspension (effective July 1, 2021) and eventual termination of the Concentration in Pedagogy within the Bachelor of Kinesiology (Leadership in Pedagogy and Coaching), as set out in the proposal provided to the Committee.

**Carried**

**7. Recommendation of the Name Change of the Bachelor of Kinesiology Specialization in Leadership in Pedagogy and Coaching**

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. David Paskevich and Jodie McGill presented this item.

**Moved/Seconded**

That the Academic Program Subcommittee recommend that the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve a change of name of the Specialization in the Bachelor of Kinesiology from 'Leadership in Pedagogy and Coaching' to 'Leadership and Coaching', effective July 1, 2021, as set out in the proposal provided to the Committee.

**Carried**

**8. Recommendation of the Suspension of the Bachelor of Science in Oil and Gas Engineering**

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Arindom Sen and Gillian Ayers presented this item.

Highlights:

- The proponents provided an overview of the proposal to suspend the BSc program in Oil and Gas Engineering, noting that this is currently a low enrolment program, that the oil and gas sector currently has low employment prospects, and that suspending the program will allow the Faculty to consider how to modernize the program. The proponents confirmed that students in the program will be supported to completion or supported in transferring to a different program.
- In response to questions, it was reported that:
  - The Faculty intends for the program to be suspended as soon as possible. The Registrar indicated that the program is currently listed as a choice in the application and transfer systems for Fall 2021, but it can be removed.
  - Most of the international Oil and Gas Engineering students are studying at the graduate level, and these programs will continue to be offered. International students seeking an undergraduate Oil and Gas program could consider the Petroleum program, and advisors will be available to help these students.
- The Committee suggested that the documentation be revised to:
  - Accurately reflect the routing for this item (some meetings are referred to as being in the future, but they have already occurred)
  - More fully explain that suspending the program will allow for its revitalization
  - Clearly set out which courses will no longer be offered, and which could be updated and used for other programs

**Moved/Seconded**

That the Academic Program Subcommittee recommend that the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve the suspension of the Oil and Gas Engineering program within the Bachelor of Science, Schulich School of Engineering, effective September 2021 to June 2024, as set out in the proposal provided to the Committee.

**Carried**

**9. Status of Program Approvals**

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

**10. Other Business**

There was no other business.

**11. Adjournment**

**Moved/Seconded**

That the Academic Program Subcommittee adjourn the January 25, 2021 meeting.

**Carried**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

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Susan Belcher  
University Secretary