



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

Meeting #60  
November 15, 2021, 2:00 p.m.

By Zoom platform

***Voting Members***

Leslie Reid, Co-Chair  
Jocelyn Hayley, Academic Co-Chair  
Ryan Hamilton  
Kathryn King-Shier  
Lorelli Nowell  
Renzo Pereyra  
Jason Wiens

***Regrets***

Amy Dambrowitz  
Karen Benzies

***Guests and Observers***

John Brown, Dean, School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape – present for Item 6  
Kyla Flanagan, Senior Instructor, Department of Biological Sciences – present for Item 5  
Lisa Gieg, Associate Head (Undergraduate), Department of Biological Sciences – present for Item 5  
David Hansen, Department Head, Department of Biological Sciences – present for Item 5  
Elizabeth Pando, Program Proposal Specialist, Office of the Provost – present for Items 5 and 6  
Kelly Kay Spurlock, Analyst - Unit Planning and Reviews, Office of the Provost – present for Items 5 and 6  
Mindi Summers, Senior Instructor, Department of Biological Sciences – present for Item 5  
Barry Wylant, Associate Professor, School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape – present for Item 6

***Non-Voting Members***

Christine Johns  
Justine Wheeler

***Meeting Secretary***

Cherie Tutt

***Scribe***

Tasha Hodzic

***Staff***

Elizabeth Sjogren

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 November 15, 2021 Academic Program Subcommittee meeting be approved.

**Carried**

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

The Co-Chair and the Academic Co-Chair made no remarks.

**3. Program Proposal Planning Session**

The Committee reviewed and discussed the proposals scheduled for the meeting.

**4. Approval of the October 4, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda.

**Moved/Seconded**

That the Minutes of the Academic Program Subcommittee meeting held on October 4, 2021 be approved.

**Carried**

**5. Creation of three new concentrations within the BSc program in Biological Sciences: Genetics and Evolution, Biotechnology and Biodiversity and Conservation**

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Kyla Flanagan, Lisa Gieg, Mindi Summers and Dave Hansen presented this item.

Highlights:

- The proponents provided an overview of the proposal to create three new concentrations within the BSc program in Biological Sciences (BISI), explaining that these concentrations will provide a more cohesive degree structure for students in specialized areas of study within the BISI program
- In response to questions, it was reported that the new concentrations were identified and developed as a result of a curriculum review for the BISI program, and that the program is also reviewing a few of its majors for suspension, specifically the ecology concentration, due to low enrolment and additional majors may be suspended in the future
- The Committee discussed:
  - The significant administrative work involved in implementing the new concentrations and outgoing majors from the department, specifically noting the impact to student advising and tracking progression through the program
  - How the new BISI concentrations may align with the University's Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) principles and Indigenous Strategy and how this can be incorporated into the proposal
- The Committee suggested that the proposal more clearly describe how the new concentrations intersect with existing majors

**Moved/Seconded**

That the Academic Program Subcommittee (APS) recommend that the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve the creation of the concentrations in:

- Genetics and Evolution,
- Biotechnology, and
- Biodiversity and Conservation

within the Bachelor of Science program in Biological Sciences, as set out in the proposal provided to the APS.

**Carried****6. Recommendation of the Creation of the Bachelor of Design in City Innovation Program**

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. John Brown and Barry Wylant presented this item.

Highlights:

- The proponents provided an overview of the proposal, explaining that the Bachelor of Design in City Innovation (BDCI) will be the first undergraduate degree offered by the School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape (SAPL) and will provide flexibility for students to prepare for careers in design and city building or progress onto professional programs following degree completion. The proponents reported that the name selected for the degree aims to differentiate the program from degrees offered at other institutions and aligns with student interests and pathways available.
- In response to questions, it was explained that:
  - The SAPL has consulted with other Faculties of similar size and the Provost's office to ensure appropriate supports are in place for students, specifically for advising, work integrated learning and recruitment
  - The Undergraduate Library Support person will be contacted to identify any additional resources for the BDCI program, it was reported that the Library has an extensive western architecture collection that could be used in the BDCI program
  - The name for the degree was purposefully selected to apply more broadly to the transdisciplinary nature of the SAPL and designed with flexibility for students to select pathways best suited towards their desired career outcomes. The BDCI will provide students with literacy in design thinking that can be applied to many career paths or onto professional programs.
  - The two concentrations are optional and available for students interested in pursuing professional graduate degrees, students in the BDCI are also eligible to enrol in Minor programs and embedded certificates. The proponents reported that additional concentrations may be developed in the future.
- The Committee suggested that the proposal more clearly outline that the BDCI is a degree program with optional concentrations available in two professional areas and the Faculty report on the developments being made in the SAPL around equitable and Indigenous admissions pathways and curriculum development

**Moved/Seconded**

That the Academic Program Subcommittee (APS) recommend that the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve the creation of the Bachelor of Design in City Innovation program, as set out in the proposal provided to the APS.

**Carried**

**7. Status of Program Approvals**

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

**8. Other Business**

There was no other business.

**9. Adjournment**

The November 15, 2021 Academic Program Subcommittee meeting was adjourned by consensus.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

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Cherie Tutt  
Meeting Secretary