



UNIVERSITY OF
CALGARY

General Faculties Council
ACADEMIC PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEE
Approved Minutes

March 6, 2023 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Zoom

Voting Members

Leslie Reid, Co-Chair
Jocelyn Hayley, Academic Co-Chair
Amy Burns
Shazia Jinnah Morsette
Lorelli Nowell

Regrets

Amy Dambrowitz
Ryan Hamilton
Kathryn King-Shier
Justine Wheeler
Jason Wiens

Non-Voting Members

Christine Johns

University Secretary

Courtney McVie

Staff Support

Cherie Tutt

Scribe

Holly Lywin

Guests

Violet Baron, Director Strategic Education Initiatives, Werklund School of Education - Present for Item 6
Tracey Clancy, Assistant Dean of Faculty Development, Associate Professor (Teaching), Faculty of Nursing -
Present for Item 5
Andrew Estefan, Associate Professor, Faculty of Nursing - Present for Item 5
Vanessa Wood, Deputy Registrar, Enrolment Services, Registrar's Office

Observers

Colson Buchanan, Policy Analyst, Student Union
Jaclyn Carter, ITL Consultant, Taylor Institute
Kelly Hogle, Partner, Program Innovation
Elizabeth Pando, Partner, Program Innovation
Karen Quinn, Analyst, Planning and Reviews, Provost Office
Jessica Revington, Program Proposal Assistant

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 March 6, 2023 Academic Program Subcommittee meeting be approved.

Carried

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

The Chair made no remarks.

3. Approval of the November 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Documentation was circulated with the Agenda. The Secretariat reported editorial amendments to the minutes in response to comments from the Registrar.

Moved/Seconded

That the Minutes of the Academic Program Subcommittee meeting held on November 14, 2022 be approved with the reported amendments.

Carried

4. Program Proposal Planning Session Discussion

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

5. Recommendation of the Creation of the Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Nursing, New Degree Program

Documentation was circulated with the Agenda. Tracey Clancy and Andrew Estefan presented the item.

Highlights:

- The presenters provided an overview of the proposed creation of a new Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) to replace the current Bachelor of Nursing (BN). The new BScN aims to address concerns and learnings from the existing program around progression and attrition rates. The proposed program will focus on personal and professional identity, resilience, and capacity-building with work-integrated learning to meet certification standards.
- It was reported that the new program follows international trends and will distinguish the University of Calgary Nursing program from other programs offered in the region. The program aims to produce graduates who serve as robust health advocates to meet the needs of current students, future students, and the broader healthcare system.
- In response to questions, the Committee learned:
 - That the new program will address mental health issues noted by students currently in the program by embedding mental health content into the curriculum and by providing Nurse Practitioner Mental Health and Wellness supports within the Faculty that can specifically support the needs of nursing students

- In response to feedback from students, the rationale of offering Spring semester classes is to allow students to finish in 3.25 years versus 4 years
- The uptake for honours projects has historically been low, at only 5-7% and an honours stream will likely be proposed in the future
- The Committee discussed the possible pathways for students to complete their degree in less than four years and that value-added opportunities like certificates, work experience, or honours experiences could still be options, but would likely extend time in program
- The Committee acknowledged the in-depth Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility (EDIA) section of the proposal and learned that the Faculty of Nursing has established a rural and Indigenous feedback mechanism through Alberta Health Services, Indigenous nursing program collaborations with Old Sun Community College within Siksika, and other Indigenous groups.
- The Committee requested that:
 - The rationale for offering an accelerated program be built out and presented up front in the proposal
 - The tuition tables be updated with the recently approved tuition amounts for next year
 - The Risk Mitigation section be updated to clarify how expansion dollars will be used and the overall budget
 - Further consultation be conducted with current students on the proposed changes

Moved/Seconded

That the Academic Program Subcommittee recommend that the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve the creation of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN), as set out in the proposal provided to the Committee, with the requested amendments.

Carried**6. Recommendation of the Suspension/Termination of the Second Languages Teachable Subject Area, BEd/BEd Honours (4-year On-Campus Pathway)**

Documentation was circulated with the Agenda. Violet Baron and Amy Burns, Associate Dean, Undergraduate, Werklund School of Education, presented the item.

Highlights:

- The presenters provided an overview of the proposed suspension of the Second Languages Teachable Subject Area (TSA) in the 4-year on-campus program pathway starting in Fall 2023, with no new admissions starting Fall 2024. The program will remain available to students pursuing their Bachelor of Education (BEd)/BEd Honours in the 5-year (concurrent) and the 2-year after degree pathways. The request for suspension is due to significant challenges faced by students to complete their 4-year on-campus program, which affects the quality of their experience. The Second Languages TSA has historically seen low enrolments, and students rely on language courses offered by the Faculty of Arts to complete the non-education part of their programs, which they are often unable to complete within the four years and exceptions are needed.
- In response to a question, the Committee learned that a Second Languages TSA refers to the area that

the student is interested in teaching in the future and that it is not anticipated that there will be any significant financial impacts as a result of the suspension and termination due to the low enrolment

- The Committee expressed its support for this proposal

Moved/Seconded

That the Academic Program Subcommittee recommend that the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve the suspension, effective Fall Term 2023, and eventual termination of the Second Languages Teachable Subject Area in the Bachelor of Education (BEd)/BEd Honours (4-year on-campus pathway), as set out in the proposal provided to the Committee.

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**Moved/Seconded**

That the Academic Program Subcommittee adjourn the March 3, 2023 meeting.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

Courtney McVie
Meeting Secretary