



UNIVERSITY OF  
CALGARY

General Faculties Council  
**CALENDAR AND CURRICULUM SUBCOMMITTEE**  
Approved Minutes

Special Meeting  
November 30, 2020, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

By Zoom Platform

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***Voting Members***

Susan Barker, Co-Chair  
Sherry Weaver, Academic Co-Chair  
Semhar Abraha – arrived during Item 3  
Melissa Boyce  
Amy Burns  
Nancy Chibry  
Ebba Kurz – left during Item 3  
Siu Ming Kwok  
Catherine Laing  
David Paskevich  
Leslie Reid  
Angelique Saweczko  
Meera Singh  
Jason Wiens

***Non-Voting Members***

Carol Crooks  
Carol Poland  
Lesley Gerein

***Secretary***

Elizabeth Sjogren

***Scribe***

Tasha Hodzic

***Regrets***

Marjan Eggermont  
Robert McCorkell  
Nickie Nikolaou

***Guests and Observers***

Rachel Bruce, Manager, Arts Student Centre  
Angie Crowley, Manager, Undergraduate Programs, Werklund School of Education  
Pat Kaip, Manager, Undergraduate Programs, Haskayne School of Business  
Jennifer Logan, Program Coordinator, Cumming School of Medicine – left during Item 3  
Carrie MacKay, Undergraduate and Graduate Programs Manager, Faculty of Nursing – arrived during Item 3  
Vanessa Wood, Deputy Registrar, Enrolment Services  
Robin Yates, Dean and Vice-Provost, Graduate Studies – present for Item 3

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The Co-Chair called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. and confirmed quorum.

### 1. Approval of the Agenda

**Moved/Seconded**

That the Agenda for the November 30, 2020 Calendar and Curriculum Subcommittee meeting be approved.

**Carried**

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

The Co-Chair provided an overview of the proposal being presented to the Committee.

The Academic Co-Chair made no remarks.

### 3. Recommendation of the COVID-19 Temporary Academic Regulation Guidelines and Associated Calendar Changes

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Susan Barker, Vice-Provost (Student Experience), Leslie Reid, Vice-Provost (Teaching and Learning) and Angelique Saweczko, Registrar, presented this item.

#### Highlights:

- The proponents provided an overview of the proposal, which allows students the option to take one Completed Requirements (CR) grade in a course of their choosing for the Fall 2020 term. It was explained that the proposal presents a balanced approach to help reduce pressure on students, address the long-term impacts of CR grades and provide flexibility to the Faculties.
- The Committee discussed:
  - Concerns for professional programs, where a CR grade may impact student progression, accreditation and professional recognition
  - The possibility of offering a CR grade option for upcoming terms, or to allow for more than one CR grade election for the current term
  - Concerns with student progression in their program and the potential impacts of a CR grade on transcripts
- In response to questions, it was explained that:
  - A list of courses where a CR grade is part of current standard grading practices could be added to the Calendar
  - A CR grade will remain on a student's transcript and is a non-reversible decision. It will be important for Academic Advising to inform students on the potential future impacts of choosing CR grades.
  - The option for a CR grade in one course is in line with other institutions and limits the unintended consequences for students with CR grades
  - Consultations to consider CR grades for the Winter 2021 term or in the long term will take place in the new year

- Students who have recently dropped courses may be allowed back into the course, with the instructor's permission, to use the CR grade option for the dropped course, and an extension to the withdrawal deadline could be offered
- An exception could be added for CR grade eligibility in cases of student misconduct in a course
- The January 11, 2021 deadline to elect a CR was selected to allow time for the conferral process, and it was noted that an extension to this date may impact academic reviews
- The Committee suggested that:
  - The January 11, 2021 deadline be extended to allow students more time for advising before making a decision to elect a CR grade
  - Information outlining the benefits and consequences of electing a CR grade be provided to students

**Moved/Seconded**

That the Calendar and Curriculum Subcommittee recommend that the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve that students can choose the CR grade option for the Fall 2020 term, as set out in the document provided to the Committee.

**Carried**

Semhar Abraha abstained and Catherine Laing opposed.

**4. Other Business**

There was no other business.

**5. Adjournment****Moved/Seconded**

The November 30, 2020 meeting of the Calendar and Curriculum Subcommittee was adjourned by consensus.

**Carried**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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Elizabeth Sjogren  
Meeting Secretary