



General Faculties Council
GRADUATE ACADEMIC PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEE
Approved Minutes

Meeting # 47

November 20, 2019, 2:00 p.m.

Governors Boardroom A 167

Voting Members

Robin Yates, Co-Chair
Paul Mains, Academic Co-Chair
Mohamed Abdelsamie
Jalel Azaiez
Jim Field
David Paskevich
Betsy Ritter
Angelique Saweczko
Michael Sideris

Non-Voting Members

Christine Johns
Tanya Zdorenko*

Secretary

Cherie Tutt

Scribe

Jyoti Myers

Regrets

Jim Brandon
Francine Smith

Guests

William Bridel, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Kinesiology – present for Item 7
Sara Fedoruk, Analyst, Planning and Reviews, Office of the Provost – present for Items 6 and 7
Kelly Hogle, Program Support Specialist, Office of the Provost – present for Items 6 and 7
Joelle Welling, Division of Music Chair, School of Creative and Performing Arts, Faculty of Arts – present for Item 6
Alix Westgard, Program Coordinator, Faculty of Kinesiology – present for Item 7

*by telephone

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

Approval of the Agenda

Moved/Seconded

That the Agenda for the November 20, 2019 Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee meeting be approved.

Carried

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

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

3. Approval of the October 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda.

Moved/Seconded

That the Minutes of the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee meeting held on October 16, 2019 be approved.

Carried**4. Approval of Calendar Changes:**
1. Graduate Programs in the Faculty of Arts
2. Graduate Program in Sustainable Energy Development
3. Graduate Programs in the School of Public Policy

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Robin Yates and Tanya Zdorenko, Graduate Calendar Editor, presented this item.

Highlights:

- The proponents reported that the Calendar changes for the graduate programs in the Faculty of Arts, Sustainable Energy Development (SEDV) and the School of Public Policy (SPP) have been reviewed by the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee (GAPS) Calendar Working Group and that, the substantive changes include:
 - A revision in the degree requirements to allow for students in the Master of Arts (thesis-based) in Economics to enrol in PhD-level econometrics courses instead of the Master's-level econometrics course
 - A correction in the course hours for the SEDV capstone project courses for SEDV 640, 641 and 642
 - A revision in the degree requirements to replace a required course, "Effective Writing and Research Skills", with a new required introductory course, "The Study of Public Policy" in the SPP
- The Committee suggested:
 - An additional correction to the the SEDV course hours to reflect that each course is .75 units and equivalent to a total of 4.0 hours
 - An amendment to the SEDV program description to provide consistency and to reflect that "interdisciplinary" refers to the collaboration between faculties

- A revision to the SPP Calendar entry to delete the scheduling note in the “Revised requirements” description and suggested that this information be communicated via the program website

MOTION 1:**Moved/Seconded**

That the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee (GAPS) approve the Calendar changes for the graduate programs in the Faculty of Arts, as set out in the Summary provided to the Committee, and as recommended by the GAPS Calendar Working Group.

Carried**MOTION 2:****Moved/Seconded**

That the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee (GAPS) approve the Calendar changes for the graduate program in Sustainable Energy Development, as set out in the Summary provided to the Committee, and as recommended by the GAPS Calendar Working Group, with the requested amendments.

Carried**MOTION 3:****Moved/Seconded**

That the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee (GAPS) approve the Calendar changes for the graduate program in the School of Public Policy, as set out in the Summary provided to the Committee, and as recommended by the GAPS Calendar Working Group, with the requested amendment.

Carried**5. Approval of Calendar Changes to reflect the Closure of the International Foundations Program**

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Angelique Saweczko presented this item.

Highlights:

- The proponent reported the proposed Calendar changes reflect the removal of text from various Calendar sections resulting from the closure of the International Foundations Program (IFP). The updates of the various areas in the Calendar were collectively expedited by the Office of the Registrar.

- The Committee learned that the suspension and closure of the IFP program was based upon a review that was completed by the Werklund School of Education and that the final intake of students was in September 2019
- In response to a question, it was explained that the changes will be implemented in the 2020-2021 Graduate Calendar

Moved/Seconded

That the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee approve the Calendar revisions for the International Foundations Programs (IFP), resulting from the Suspension and Closure of the IFP, as set out in the documents provided to the Committee, effective for the 2020-2021 Calendar.

Carried**6. Recommendation of Curriculum Changes for the Master in Music, Music Education specialization**

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Joelle Welling presented this item.

Highlights:

- The proponent reported on the proposed revisions for the Master of Music (MMus), Music Education (MUED) specialization and explained that the changes reflect a course load reduction and changes to the requirements for the MUED specialization
- The Committee learned that the reduction in course load from 24 units to 18 units will enable students to complete their course requirements in two semesters instead of three, and will allow them to commence their thesis research earlier
- The Committee discussed the proposed curriculum changes and in particular, the option for students to continue to receive credit for MUED 695. The GAPS suggested this option be clarified in the proposal.

MOTION 1:**Moved/Seconded**

That the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee recommend that the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve the revisions to the program requirements for the specialization in Music Education within the Master of Music program, effective August 15, 2020, as set out in the proposal provided to the Committee, with the requested amendment.

Carried

MOTION 2:**Moved/Seconded**

That the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee approve the Calendar revisions for the specialization in Music Education within the Master of Music program, effective August 15, 2020, as set out in the document provided to the Committee, contingent upon the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee's approval of the revised program requirements.

Carried**7. Recommendation of a Name Change of the MSc and PhD Specialization from Specialization in Sport History to Specialization in Sociocultural Aspects of Sport and Physical Activity**

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. William Bridel and Alix Westgard presented this item.

Highlights:

- The proponents reported that the proposed name change of the specialization in Sport History to Sociocultural Aspects of Sport and Physical Activity within the Master of Science (MSc) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programs in Kinesiology will ensure consistency and alignment with other graduate programs in Kinesiology that are presently offered at other Canadian institutions
- The Committee learned that the Faculty of Kinesiology no longer has any faculty members who explicitly research in the sport history area. There is only one faculty member whose research specifically focuses on sociocultural aspects of sport and physical activity and a number of faculty members whose research programs encompass socio-cultural components.
- The Committee discussed the proposed name change, the processing timeline for applications and suggested that the implementation date for the name change be reflected as March 30, 2020

Moved/Seconded

That the Graduate Academic Programs Subcommittee recommend that the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve a change of name of a Specialization in the Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy programs in Kinesiology from 'Sport History' to 'Sociocultural Aspects of Sport and Physical Activity', as set out in the proposal provided to the Committee, with the requested amendment.

Carried

8. Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee Calendar Working Group Membership

The Co-Chair presented this item. The Committee discussed the Working Group Membership and noted that the Working Group requires one additional member. Jim Field agreed to join the Working Group.

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. Motion to Adjourn

Moved/Seconded

That the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee adjourn the November 20, 2019 meeting.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

Cherie Tutt
Secretary