



General Faculties Council
GRADUATE ACADEMIC PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEE
Approved Minutes

Meeting #52
April 22, 2020, 2:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

Voting Members

Robin Yates, Co-Chair
Paul Mains, Academic Co-Chair
Mohamed Abdelsamie
Jalel Azaiez
Jim Field
David Paskevich
Angelique Saweczko
Jewel Spangler

Regrets

Jim Brandon
Michael Sideris

Non-Voting Members

Christine Johns
Francine Smith
Louise Wells

Secretary

Susan Belcher

Scribe

Jyoti Myers

Observers

Jaclyn Carter, Governance and Student Appeals Office
Coordinator
Alex Paquette, incoming Vice President (Academic),
Graduate Students' Association
Gillian Robinson, Senior Director, Strategic Operations,
Graduate Studies

Guests

George Colpitts, Professor, Department of History, Faculty of Arts – present for Item 6
Sandra Davidson, Dean, Faculty of Nursing – present for Item 4
Reed Ferber, Professor, Faculties of Kinesiology and Nursing and Cumming School of Medicine – present for
Item 5
Kathryn King-Shier, Professor, Faculty of Nursing – present for Item 4
AJ Macaulay, Program Coordinator, We-TRAC CREATE, Faculty of Kinesiology – present for Item 5
Melanee Thomas, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Faculty of Arts – present for Item 6
Alix Westgard, Graduate Programs Coordinator, Faculty of Kinesiology – present for Item 5
Sara Fedoruk, Analyst, Planning and Reviews, Office of the Provost – present for Items 4 - 6
Kelly Hogle, Program Proposal Specialist, Office of the Provost – present for Item 4 - 6

The Co-Chair called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. and confirmed quorum.

1. Approval of the Agenda**Moved/Seconded**

That the Agenda for the April 22, 2020 Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee meeting be approved.

Carried

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

The Co-Chair introduced Alex Paquette as an Observer to the meeting and thanked Mohamed Abdelsamie for his service on the Committee.

The Academic Co-Chair made no remarks.

3. Approval of the March 18, 2020 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 March 18, 2020 be approved.

Carried

4. Recommendation of the Creation of a new Specialization in Healthcare Innovation and Design within the Graduate Certificate in Advanced Nursing Practice I and II

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Sandra Davidson and Kathryn King-Shier presented this item.

Highlights:

- The proponents reported that the new Specialization in Healthcare Innovation and Design in the Faculty of Nursing will be an addition to the four existing specializations, and will provide students with opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration and enable experiential and team-based learning opportunities that will leverage the diverse educational backgrounds of students
- In response to questions the proponents explained that the specialization will align with the Master of Nursing (MN) Laddered Certificate Pathway (course-based) degree which is designed to meet the existing MN program learning outcomes and core competencies, and courses will be taught by faculty members with external subject matter experts lending their expertise to the assignments

- The Committee discussed the proposal and requested that:
 - The deletion of the reference to “MELAB” and the “International Foundations Program” be deleted as these are no longer available to students
 - The statement “Prerequisite: Consent of the Faculty” in the Calendar description be deleted
 - The statement related to the admission of students from “non-nursing backgrounds” be moved to earlier in the proposal

Moved/Seconded

That the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee recommend that the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve the creation of a new Specialization in Healthcare Innovation and Design within the Graduate Certificate in Advanced Nursing Practice I and II, as set out in the proposal provided to the Committee, with the suggested amendments to the proposal.

Carried**5. Recommendation of the Creation of an Interdisciplinary Specialization in Wearable Technology**

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Reed Ferber, AJ Macaulay and Alix Westgard presented this item.

Highlights:

- The proponents reported that the proposed creation of an interdisciplinary Specialization in Wearable Technology within the Master of Science (MSc) (thesis-based) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programs in Kinesiology, Biomedical Engineering and Electrical and Computer Engineering will incorporate software development, data visualization, entrepreneurship and human mechanics related to human health and performance monitoring
- The proponents then reported that wearable sensor technology is one of the fastest growing markets in the world and the proposed specialization will address the high demand for well-trained professionals in the wearable technology sectors
- In response to a question about the definition of wearable technology, the proponents explained that wearable technology incorporates tracking and sensor application systems that enable the detection of movement, and collect, monitor and analyse data
- The Committee discussed the proposal, noting that there is no other university in North America that currently offers a program in wearable technology that provides students with hands-on, multidisciplinary training in combination with industry experience
- The Committee requested that:
 - The definition of wearable technology be added to the beginning of the proposal
 - The letters of support that have been received from key community members be included to support the proposal

- The reference to “MELAB” and the “International Foundations Program” be deleted, as these are no longer available to students
- The actual number of lecture/course hours be reflected in Appendix A-1

MOTION 1:**Moved/Seconded**

That the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee recommend that the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve the creation of the Interdisciplinary Specialization in Wearable Technology within the Master of Science (MSc) (thesis-based) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programs in Kinesiology, as set out in the proposal provided to the Committee, with the suggested amendments to the proposal.

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

That the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee recommend that the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve the creation of the Interdisciplinary Specialization in Wearable Technology within the Master of Science (MSc) (thesis-based) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programs in Biomedical Engineering, as set out in the proposal provided to the Committee, with the suggested amendments to the proposal.

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

That the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee recommend that the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve the creation of the Interdisciplinary Specialization in Wearable Technology within the Master of Science (MSc) (thesis-based) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programs in Electrical and Computer Engineering, as set out in the proposal provided to the Committee, with the suggested amendments to the proposal.

Carried

6. Recommendation of the Creation of a Course-Based Master of Arts in Political Science and Approval of Associated Calendar Changes

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. George Colpitts and Melanee Thomas presented this item.

Highlights:

- The proponents reported that the course-based Master of Arts (MA) in Political Science will be offered in conjunction with the thesis-based degree and that the new course-based MA is designed for students who seek to move towards a Doctor of Philosophy as quickly as possible
- The proponents highlighted that changes have been made to the proposal based on the feedback received from the Committee at its last meeting, including the deletion of reference to the MELAB and the International Foundations Program in the Calendar description, the addition of a decimalized system reflecting different sections and the addition of the total tuition fees for International students in the U15 comparison table
- In response to questions, the proponents explained that:
 - Students that are enrolled in the Spring/Summer term are expected to complete their research work within the same timelines as set for undergraduate thesis students, and applications for a 30-day extension would be submitted to the Faculty of Arts for approval by the Associate Dean
 - It was determined that the course-based fee structure, separated by sections, would be more suitable in order to avoid the creation of individualized rosters for each student
 - There are no concerns with faculty members teaching in the Spring/Summer sessions as long as they consent to do so
- The Committee discussed the proposal and, in particular, the concerns related to the proposed structure of the course-based MA program, noting that the program fees structure would provide more freedom and flexibility than the course-based fee structure, and that overall the proposal has merit and should move forward to APPC for approval

MOTION 1:

Moved/Seconded

That the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee recommend that the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve the creation of a course-based Master of Arts in Political Science, as set out in the proposal provided to the Committee.

Carried

MOTION 2:**Moved/Seconded**

That the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee approve the Calendar changes for the creation of a course-based Master of Arts in Political Science, as set out in the document provided to the Committee and as recommended by the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee Calendar Working Group, and conditional on approval of the program by the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee, with the requested amendments.

Carried**7. Recommendation of the Changes to Academic Regulations: D.6.3 Program Extensions**

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Jalel Azaiez and Louise Wells presented this item.

Highlights:

- The proponents reported that the proposed changes to the Academic Regulations in the Graduate chapter of the University Calendar reflect the addition of a statement to clarify that, if an extension has been declined, a student may be required to withdraw from their program
- There was no discussion

Moved/Seconded

That the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee recommend that the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve the revisions to the Academic Regulation D.6.3 Program Extensions in the Graduate chapter of the University Calendar, as set out in the document provided to the Committee.

Carried**8. Approval of Calendar Changes for the Graduate Programs: Faculty of Nursing**

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Robin Yates and Louise Wells presented this item.

Highlights:

- The proponents reported that the proposed Calendar changes for the graduate programs in the Faculty of Nursing have been reviewed by the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee (GAPS) Calendar Working Group, and the suggested changes reflect an amendment in the admission requirements allowing Registered Psychiatric Nurses with a Bachelor of Psychiatric Nursing to apply for admission to the Stackable Certificate Program and Master of Nursing Programs (course and thesis-based) in the Faculty of Nursing
- There was no discussion

Moved/Seconded

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

Carried

9. Changes to Academic Regulations:**K. Statement on Principles of Conduct****L. Integrity in Scholarly Activity in the University Calendar**

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

Highlights:

- The proponent reported that the changes to the Academic Regulations in the University Calendar reflect the addition of Section L. *University Statement on Free Expression* and the renaming of the titles for Section K. *Integrity and Conduct* and Section L. *Free Expression*
- There was no discussion

10. Status of Program Approvals

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

11. Other Business

There was no other business.

Secretary's Note: Due to the loss of quorum, the meeting was adjourned.

12. Adjournment

The April 22, 2020 Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee meeting was adjourned by consensus.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

Susan Belcher
Secretary