



## **Minutes**

### **Academic Planning and Priorities Committee**

Wednesday, February 28, 2024 - 2:30 PM  
Abbotsford Campus, Room A225

Present: James Mandigo (Chair), Al Wiseman, Betty Poettcker, Camille Callison, Chris Campbell, Claire Carolan, David Johnston, Garry Fehr, Gerry Palmer, Gillian Hatfield, Jackie Hogan, Liana Thompson, Mark Brosinski, Michael Hitch, Nathan Bialas, Nicola Mooney, Pedro Montoya-Pelaez, Shirley Hardman, Sylvie Murray, Teresa Kisilevich, Tracy Ryder Glass, Vlad Dvoracek, Zina Lee

Guest: Mark Thomson (In-Camera)

Regrets: Awneet Sivia, David McGuire, Jassu Parmar, Samantha Hannah, Shawn Geniole, Shel Stefan, Vandy Britton, Vibhu Dikshit

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER and TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Quorum was noted and territorial acknowledgment was given.  
Pink Shirt day today.

#### **2. APPROVALS**

##### **2.1. Agenda**

MOTION: That APPC approve the agenda as presented.  
G. Palmer /2<sup>nd</sup> T. Kisilevich.  
Carried.

##### **2.2. Minutes**

MOTION: That APPC approve the minutes of January 31, 2024 APPC meeting as presented.  
G. Palmer /2<sup>nd</sup> T. Kisilevich.  
Carried.

### **3. PROVOST'S REPORT**

An update on the International cap numbers are coming soon, noting that OReg has been involved in the letter of attestation process.

### **4. BUSINESS ITEMS**

#### **4.1. Program Suspensions**

- Physical Geography major
- Physical Geography minor
- Geographic Information Systems certificate

An overview of the suspensions were given, noting that enrolments have been very low with most of the upper-level courses being taught as directed studies. Suspending these programs provides an opportunity to develop a relevant curriculum with teaching and learning outcomes that coincide with community interests. The Budget Office provided an initial assessment noting that there is limited impact expected for the lower-level enrolments due to potential program growth in other areas. The fourth-year courses would continue as directed studies to accommodate the current students. The upper-level courses required by other programs are limited and offer alternatives for most. The budget office recommends reviewing the remaining course requirements for existing Physical Geography students and limiting the number of upper-level physical geography courses to the number required for students to meet graduation requirements. This would offset any financial impact from reduced department enrolments because of the suspensions. A question and answer period was had and it was noted that faculty teaching these courses will be involved in a curriculum reform work program for these programs and that almost all Physical Geography courses can be taught by human geographers. The department's obligation is to ensure that the current students will be able to graduate and will work with the students and Academic Advising to develop a course plan.

MOTION: THAT the APPC has reviewed the budgetary implications of the Faculty of Science request to suspend the Bachelor of Science Physical Geography major for two years.

G. Palmer/2<sup>nd</sup> T. Kisilevich.

Carried.

MOTION: THAT the APPC has reviewed the budgetary implications of the Faculty of Science request to suspend the Bachelor of Science Physical Geography minor for two years.

C. Campbell/2<sup>nd</sup> G. Palmer

Carried.

MOTION: THAT the APPC has reviewed the budgetary implications of the Faculty of Science request to suspend the Geographic Information Systems certificate for two years.

T. Kisilevich/2<sup>nd</sup> G. Palmer.

Carried.

#### **4.2. Annual Consolidated Budget**

Presentation was shown and notes that the consolidated budget plan development is guided by the Budget Principles and priorities include the Lálém ye mestíyexw (“House of the Peoples”), Strategic Enrolment Management Plan, Campus Renewal, 50th Anniversary, EDI Action Plan, and Internationalization efforts. We have a balanced budget and preliminary enrolments projecting into next year showed that domestic numbers are rising and expected to meet 2024-25 targets that were held flat from the prior year. International numbers exceeded current year plans and the growth is reflected in next years budget. Program growth is noted in new Post-Baccalaureate programs, Education, Health Studies, and Technology related programs. It was noted that domestic FTE's rebounded 5-6% and are projected to continue to increase. The increase of Budget revenue put us in a good position to handle the extra costs due to additional salaries and benefits stemming from the new Collective Agreement, and additional operating costs, while still maintaining a contingency. The floor opened to questions and comments where it was noted that projected Ancillary revenues from the closure of the cafeteria and some parking areas are down a bit but are offset from the housing rental rates.

The APPC noted that this budget proposal puts UFV in a good position.

MOTION: THAT the APPC has reviewed and recommends the 2024/25 Draft Annual Consolidated Budget Recommendation to Senate.

M. Hitch/2<sup>nd</sup> P. Montoya-Pelaez.

Carried.

#### **4.3. Terms of Reference Review**

An overview was given of the extensive review that was done a few years ago and then again last year with the amalgamation of SBC and APPC.

The committee provided a few additional changes to consider and this will be brought to the next APPC meeting.

Tabled to the next meeting.

## **5. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **5.1. Program Review Progress Reports**

- General Studies diploma
- Bachelor of Integrated Studies
- Psychology
- Modern Languages Program

### **5.2. Board Items – February 1, 2024**

- Program Suspension – Mindfulness-Based Teaching and Learning Graduate certificate

### **5.3. Senate Items – February 16, 2024**

- New School of Education
- Program Discontinuance – Philosophy extended minor

## **6. ADJOURNMENT and NEXT MEETING**

Next Meeting: March 27, 2024; 2:30-4:30pm; Room A225

Adjourned at 3:56pm