

Academic Planning and Priorities Committee of Senate

Minutes

May 13, 2020

2:30 – 4:30pm | Video Conference

Present: James Mandigo (Chair), Emilio Landolfi (Vice-Chair), Adrianna Bakos, Al Wiseman, Bruce Kirkley, David McGuire, David Johnston, Derek Ward-Hall, Garry Fehr, Gerry Palmer, Hailey Flikkema, Jackie Hogan, Jon Thomas, Lorne Mackenzie, Maureen Wideman, Nicola Mooney, Patti Wilson, Peter Geller, Sandra Smith, Shelley Canning, Shirley Hardman, Sylvie Murray, Vlada Dvoracek, and guests Tracy Ryder-Glass, Talia Q, Christina Neigel, Carl Janzen, Sue Brigden, Michelle Rhodes, Carolyn MacLaren, Linda Pardy

Regrets: Alastair Hodges, Fiona Macdonald, Shahbaig Boparai, Shelley Stefan

1. CALL to ORDER

Quorum noted.

2. ITEMS for ADOPTION

2.1. Agenda

MOTION: That APPC approve the agenda as presented.

Emilio/2nd Gerry. Carried.

2.2. Minutes – April 15, 2020

MOTION: That APPC approve the minutes of April 15, 2020 as presented.

Adrianna/2nd Lorne. Carried.

3. BUSINESS

3.1. Proposal for the Creation of a School of Computing

Overview of the proposal was given and it was noted that this move represents the organic growth of the department with a very large international student presence and a graduate program in process.

MOTION: THAT APPC approve and recommend to Senate the formation of a School of Computing (to replace the current Department of Computer Information Systems).

Lorne/2nd Jon. Carried.

- Discussion was had regarding the timing of this request given the current COVID situation and whether there will be impact to the international enrolments. It was mentioned that while International enrolments are numbers are dropping this term, the domestic enrolments are increasing and the department is only considering this as a temporary situation as International enrolments have increased steadily over the last few years and domestic enrolments have remained relatively constant.

- It was also noted that there is no financial impact on this move as all the costs are currently being covered in the current budget.
- The Computing major will remain as part of the BSC and will continue to be taught by CIS Faculty.

3.2. Proposal for the Department of Library & Information Technology Name Change

MOTION: THAT APPC approve and recommend to Senate the change in name of the Department of Library & Information Technology to the Department of Information Studies.

David J. /2nd Gerry P. Carried.

It was noted that the name change accurately reflects the move of the department and will allow the department to pursue scholarship and other things related to adult education.

3.3. Concept Papers

Concept Paper Rubric and Full Proposals located on here H:\UFVinfo\APPC\Concept Papers 2020

The committee reviewed and discussed the concept papers brought forward for inclusion in the Program Report and Plan 2019.

3.3.1. Graduate Certificate in Technology, Innovation and Society

MOTION: That APPC recommend to Senate the approval of the Concept Paper for the Graduate Certificate in Technology, Innovation and Society in the Faculty of Professional Studies.

Lorne/2nd Jon. 1 Abstention. Carried.

Stage 1 Ministry approval not required, and the full program proposal will come to APPC for information only.

- The APPC provided valuable feedback which will be brought to the Program Working Group.

3.3.2. Certificate in Civic Governance and Innovation

MOTION: That APPC recommend to Senate the approval of the Concept Paper for the Certificate in Civic Governance and Innovation in the Faculty of Access and Continuing Education.

Hailey/2nd Nicola. Carried.

Stage 1 Ministry approval will not be required, and the full program proposal will come to APPC for information only.

- Overview of the concept paper was given and it was noted that this program is designed to provide a similar training experience in various municipal governments.

- Consultation was had with Political Science and a future one is planned with Sociology. It was noted that some of the courses will be credited and may be used by UFV programs.

3.3.3. Communications major

MOTION: That APPC recommend to Senate the approval of the Concept Paper for the Communications major in the College of Arts.
Sandra/2nd Hailey. Carried.

Will require Stage 1 proposal for APPC approval.

The department took the feedback and made changes after the Bachelor of Professional Communications degree was declined by the Ministry's Degree Quality Assurance Board (DQAB), and then decided to change the program to a Communications major.

The APPC provided various feedback including recommendations towards the learning outcomes; digital footprint (web management, computing skills, social media, etc), exceptional communication skills, and intercultural communications.

3.3.4. Freelance Backpack Journalism Minor and Extended Minor

Brief overview of the program given, which is geared towards those interested in podcasting, blogging, and freelancing.

Will require Stage 1 proposal for APPC approval.

MOTION: That APPC recommend to Senate the approval of the Concept Paper for the Freelance Backpack Journalism Minor and Extended Minor in the College of Arts.
Adrianna/2nd Nicola. Carried.

It was mentioned that this program could be useful to any student in any degree and recommends that consultation with other departments may be useful.

3.3.5. Associate Certificate in Intercultural Studies

A brief overview of the program was given and it was noted that this program was created by various interdisciplinary faculty.

MOTION: That APPC recommend to Senate the approval of the Concept Paper for the Associate Certificate in Intercultural Studies in the College of Arts.
Nicola/2nd Lorne. Carried.

Stage 1 Ministry approval will not be required, and the full program proposal will come to APPC for information only.

3.4. Program Report and Plan

The committee reviewed the Program Report and Plan 2020.

MOTION: That APPC recommend to Senate the approval of the Program Report and Plan 2020 to the Board of Governors, with the inclusion of the recommended concept papers and deadline extensions.

David J./2nd Jackie. Carried.

Update:

- Bioinformatics – approved at Senate
- Some program review site visits will be conducted remotely, while others will be postponed to the Fall.

3.5. Provost Report

- Strategic Planning has started again with some goals identified after some excellent consultation. The next stage is to identify some strategic imperatives to the goals. Community town halls are planned for June 9 & 10
Post meeting update: Town halls will be rescheduled
- James gave an overview of what can be expected at UFV for the next few months and mentioned that Provincial guidelines will need to be followed and the guidelines for the post-secondary sector are expected by the beginning of June and will be monitored by WorkSafeBC.

3.6. Terms of Reference Review

Tabled.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1. 2020-2021 Meeting Schedule

4.2. Senate Approvals (April 17, 2020)

4.2.1. New Program - Certificate in Bioinformatics

4.2.2. Program Suspension - Hospitality Event Planning certificate

5. ADJOURN - 4:33pm

Next Meeting: June 17, 2020, 2:30 – 4:30pm, Video Conference

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