

Minutes - Public

Academic Planning and Priorities Committee

Wednesday, April 14, 2021 - 2:30 PM
Video-Conference

Present: James Mandigo (Chair), Emilio Landolfi (Vice-Chair), Adrianna Bakos, Al Wiseman, Alastair Hodges, Betty Poettcker, Bruce Kirkley, David McGuire, David Johnston, Derek Ward-Hall, Donna Alary, Garry Fehr, Gerry Palmer, Kim Isaac, Lorne Mackenzie, Maureen Wideman, Nicola Mooney, Peter Geller, Shelley Stefan, Shirley Hardman, Sylvie Murray, Vlada Dvoracek, Melinda Saretzky (recorder), Lucy Lee (Guest), Stefania Pizzirani (Guest), Shirley Hardman (Guest), Carol Dickson (Guest)

Regrets: Amir Shabani, Hailey Flikkema, Jobanpreet Singh Thind, Jon Thomas, Karin Jager, Shelley Canning

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Roll Call, Voting Procedure, and Territorial Acknowledgement

Assume reverse voting procedure as per the in-camera motion.

2. APPROVALS

2.1. Agenda

MOTION: That APPC approve the agenda as presented.
Emilio/2nd Derek. Carried.

2.2. Minutes

MOTION: That APPC approve the minutes of March 17, 2021 as presented.
Gerry/2nd Adrianna. Carried.

3. BUSINESS ITEMS

3.1. Provost's Report

Update: Implementation of the Integrated Strategic Plan: the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) are being reviewed by the President and the Vice-Presidents. Templates will be available for all areas to implement.

Proposals will be sought and funding will be available from the Strategic Initiatives Fund (previously named Fund for Innovation Teaching) and winners will be announced at the end of summer.

Update was given on expectations for Fall 2021.

3.2. New Program – Environmental Studies minor

An overview of the new program was given and it was noted at APPC that a strong interest is expected due to a strong uptake in the current environmental studies programs. This new program offers plenty of interdisciplinary course options, and it was suggested that it will be helpful to track student interest. It also addresses UFV's mandate and strategic direction very well and may be of great interest to International students. Tracking student interest would also be useful to ensure course offerings meet the demand.

MOTION: That the APPC recommend to Senate the approval of the new program, Environmental Studies minor, in Faculty of Science.
Emilio/2nd Nicola. Carried.

3.3. Lálém ye mestíyexw – Indigenizing the Academy

The APPC recognized the amount of work that was done to bring this plan forward. The plan includes six recommendations, that include the creation of; an advisory council, organizing and communication structures, a new position to oversee indigenous and indigenized curriculum, a new administrative position, and a recommendation to ensure wide-spread consultation with indigenous leadership. It was noted that implementation of these recommendations could result in UFV to be seen as the institution of choice for both indigenous employees and students. The APPC provided feedback and recommended approval for Senate.

MOTION: That the APPC recommend to Senate approval of the plan for Lálém ye mestíyexw: Indigenizing the Academy and request that Senate provide guidance for implementing the plan and recommendations.
Emilio/2nd Shelley S. carried.

3.4. Terms of Reference Review

Terms of Reference was circulated and included all suggested changes from each of the ad-hoc committees.

Thanks to everyone for following through on this extensive terms of reference review, including; Al Wiseman, Alastair Hodges, Melissa Walter, & Randy Kelley for the initial report and recommendations; Sylvie Murray

for the workplan creation; Melinda Saretzky for keeping us on track; plus all ad-hoc committee members.

Overall, it was determined that the APPC has been very effective in advising Senate throughout the majority of its responsibilities.

MOTION: That the APPC recommend to Senate Governance Committee approval of the revisions to the APPC Terms of Reference and Membership Composition as presented with the following amendment.

- #7 - remove 'resource centres'

David/2nd Emilio. Carried.

Additional follow up/action items that resulted from the review:

- Follow up with the Senate Budget Committee to see how APPC can be more involved
- Changes to Library policies will flow between the APPC and the Library Advisory Committee
- Develop a new "Educational Services" policy
- Review Terms of Reference to determine if any sub-committees could be formed
- Future discussion: re: Management of Property - University Act Section 27 (2)(d) – and how APPC could be involved in advising Senate along with SBC

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1. Program Suspension - Graduate certificate in Program Evaluation

4.2. Senate Approvals – March 19, 2021

- Concept Paper - Bachelor of Regional and Community Planning
- New Department of Arts Studies

4.3. APPC – In-Camera Approval – March 17, 2021

- Psychology Program Review

5. ADJOURNMENT – 4:35pm

Gerry

Next Meeting: May 12, 2021; 2:30-4:30pm; Video-Conference