

Minutes

Academic Planning and Priorities Committee

Wednesday, April 19, 2023 - 2:30 PM
Abbotsford Campus, Room A225

Present : Tracy Ryder Glass (Chair), Al Wiseman, Awneet Siva, Betty Poettcker, Camille Callison, Claire Carolan, Dale McCartney, David Johnston, David McGuire, Derek Ward-Hall, Garry Fehr, Gerry Palmer, Lin Long, Nathan Bialas, Nicola Mooney, Pedro Montoya-Pelaez, Peter Geller, Rupinder Sandhu, Shelley Stefan Sundeep Hans, Sylvie Murray, Tracy Ryder Glass, Vandy Britton, Vlad Dvoracek, Melinda Saretzky (Recorder)

Guests: Alastair Hodges, Lucy Lee, Heather Davis-Fisch

Regrets: Aiden Haagensen, Alisa Webb, Claire Carolan, Deanna Devitt, Karn Dhillon, Lin Long, Nathan Bialas, Rupinder Sandhu, Shelley Canning, Sundeep Hans

1. CALL TO ORDER and TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Quorum confirmed and territorial acknowledgement given.

2. APPROVALS

2.1. Agenda

MOTION: That APPC approve the agenda as presented.

P. Montoya-Pelaez /2nd G. Palmer.

Carried.

2.2. Minutes

MOTION: That APPC approve the minutes of January 25, 2023 as presented.

D. McCartney/2nd S. Murray

Carried.

3. PROVOST'S REPORT

- An update will be given regarding the SBC/APPC amalgamation later in the meeting

- Convocation dates have been confirmed, June 13, 14, 15 and ceremonies are announced as well
- Due to convocation conflict, the APPC meeting is moved from June 14 to June 21

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

4.1. Program Discontinuance - Bachelor of Science in Nursing Three-year Fast Track option

Overview of the proposal was given, directing members to the chart on page 12 that gives additional context. This discontinuance is beneficial because it allows for a net growth in the overall nursing program because of changes being made to the LPN access program. These changes align with the Ministry's call for proposals to increase seats. The proposal mentions that because it is moving to accommodate two intakes of 40 students each, clinical placements and sessional requirements will be consistent across the BSN Program, an advantage given the challenge in staffing clinical placements.

The Senate Budget Committee confirms that budget implications will be managed within the Nursing program restructuring as reflected in the discontinuance proposal.

There are no students impacted because the program has been in suspension since June 2022.

MOTION: That APPC recommend to Senate the discontinuance of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Three-year Fast Track option.

G. Palmer/2nd D. Johnston
Carried.

4.2. Program Discontinuance - Hospitality Event Planning certificate

MOTION: That APPC recommend to Senate the discontinuance of the Hospitality Event Planning certificate.

G. Palmer/2nd D. Johnston
Carried.

4.3. Program Discontinuance - Associate of Arts, Theatre option

The proposal notes that enrollments have been very low, and since 2016, only 2 of the 9 enrolled students registered for the courses.

The Senate Budget Committee confirms that there are no budgetary implications.

There are no students impacted because there are no students enrolled in the program.

MOTION: That APPC recommend to Senate the discontinuance of the Associate of Arts, Theatre option.
S. Murray/2nd P. Montoya-Pelaez.
Carried.

4.4. New School of Communication

It was noted that Faculty Council approval was given on April 17, 2023

The New School of Communication is a transformation from the current Department of Communications, one of our largest departments within the College of Arts. The proposal notes that there is an increasing student demand, and this transformation will allow for broader curriculum offerings, interdisciplinary collaborations, and greater visibility with external partners. It was noted that the budgetary resources are already accounted for.

MOTION: THAT APPC recommend to Senate the formation of the School of Communication in the College of Arts to replace the Department of Communications.
S. Murray/2nd D. McCartney
Carried. 1 abstention.

Discussion was had regarding the definition of schools and departments and it was noted that UFV does not currently have a definition. There are definitions of department heads and directors in the collective agreement.

Action: Tracy: Bring discussion regarding the definition of schools and departments to Deans council.

4.5. Program Report and Plan

MOTION: That APPC recommend to Senate the approval of the 2023 Program Report and Plan to the Board of Governors, with the inclusion of the deadline extensions.
Gerry/2nd Vandy.
Carried.

A history of the Program Report and Plan was given noting that this is a way of seeking board approval for new program developments. It was noted that Senate has the academic responsibilities and reports to the board.

4.6. Terms of Reference review

A draft 2023 Terms of Reference (ToR) was attached that included items from the Senate Budget Committee (SBC) Terms of Reference.

MOTION: That APPC recommend to Senate Governance Committee the draft Terms of Reference as presented.

S. Murray/ 2nd V. Britton

Carried.

Filling the seats of the positions will be reviewed after Senate approval.

The composition of both committees are very similar. Designates of standing committees are faculty, so the bulk of the committee are faculty members. Ex-officio members have increased.

Discussion was had regarding the designate option for some members. There are historical reasons for them and discussions to amend can take place next year.

Other changes and discussions regarding the purpose of other responsibilities can take place at a future meeting, such as the meaning of #9 and a possible committee name change that is inclusive to link to the use of space as related to programs and academic responsibilities.

Next steps: SBC will review the Draft ToR on April 20th, a final copy will go to APPC and SBC for a final vote. The ToR will then go to Senate Governance Committee, they will make a recommendation to Senate.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1. Program Suspension - English Language Studies

5.2. Program Suspension – Migration and Citizenship Graduate certificate and diploma

5.3. Program Suspension – Bachelor of Integrated Studies, Applied Management Concentration

5.4. APPC Annual Report to Senate

5.5. APPC Meeting Schedule 2023-24

5.6. APPC In-Camera Approval – January 17, 2023

- Program Reviews
 - Anthropology
 - Art History
 - Aviation
 - Communications
 - Theatre
 - Visual Arts

5.7. Board Items – February 2, 2023

- Concept Paper – Masters of Science (MSc) in Computing Science
- Program Discontinuance - Mennonite Studies certificate

5.8. Senate Items – February 10, 2023

- New program – Bachelor of Regional and Community Planning
- Program Reviews
 - Anthropology
 - Art History
 - Aviation
 - Communications
 - Theatre
 - Visual Arts

6. ADJOURNMENT and NEXT MEETING

G. Palmer/2ND S. Murray

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