



Minutes

Academic Planning and Priorities Committee

Wednesday, November 29, 2023 - 2:30 PM
Abbotsford Campus, Room A225

Present: Tracy Ryder Glass (Chair), Al Wiseman, Awneet Sivia, Chris Campbell, Claire Carolan, David Johnston, David McGuire, Gillian Hatfield, Jackie Hogan, Jassu Parmar, Liana Thompson, Mark Brosinski, Nathan Bialas, Nicola Mooney, Shirley Hardman, Sylvie Murray, Teresa Kisilevich, Vibhu Dikshit, Zina Lee, Lin Long (guest), Allyson Jule (guest)

Regrets: Alisa Webb, Betty Poettcker, Camille Callison, Garry Fehr, Gerry Palmer, Michael Hitch, Pedro Montoya-Pelaez, Samantha Hannah, Shawn Geniole, Shel Stefan Vlad Dvoracek

1. CALL TO ORDER and TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Quorum achieved. Territorial acknowledgment given. Welcomed Jassu to the APPC.

2. APPROVALS

2.1. Agenda

MOTION: That APPC approve the agenda as presented.
N. Bialas/2nd Z. Lee.
Carried.

2.2. Minutes

MOTION: That APPC approve the minutes of November 1, 2023 APPC meeting as presented.
C. Campell/2nd V. Britton.
Carried.

3. BUSINESS ITEMS

3.1. Engineering Common Core certificate – New program

Attached: PDQA Cover Memo
All other documents: S:\Public\UFV\info\APPC or Blackboard

MOTION: That the APPC has reviewed the Engineering Transfer Program change request to be converted into the Engineering Common Core certificate in both the budget and academic lenses as presented and recommend approval to Senate.

C. Campbell/2nd N. Mooney.

Discussion: An overview and history of the program was given and the APCC notes that the Engineering Transfer Program has been offered at UFV for many years and as per the signed Common First-Year Engineering Curriculum Agreement between the BC Council on Admissions and Transfer (BCCAT) and multiple BC Institutions, this program is now requesting to be converted to a credential certificate. There is no change to the program contents as the program has already been updated to align with the Agreement and there are no budgetary concerns. There is no negative impact for the students currently enrolled in this program. It was noted that this program fell into a grey area between a major program change and a new program and since this program has many ladderling possibilities, including programs at UFV. The Ministry recommended posting it to the Post-secondary Institution Proposal System (PSIPS) for peer review where it is currently at with a comment deadline of December 23, 2023.

CARRIED.

3.2. Program Suspension - Mindfulness Based Teaching and Learning Graduate Certificate

MOTION: That APPC has reviewed the budgetary implications of the Faculty of Education and Community Development request to suspend the Mindfulness-Based Teaching and Learning Graduate Certificate for one year and recommends it to the Provost.

J. Hogan/2nd N. Bialas.

Discussion: An overview of the suspension was given, noting that enrolments had dropped below the break-even number. Due to the nature of the program, enrolment was reliant on expensive intensive marketing. This future of this program is being considered and transforming it to an undergraduate program or a micro-credential is being considered. The program currently has only one student enrolled in the program, so the budgetary considerations are minimal. A 2-year suspension was considered, and it was noted that they will have the option to extend the suspension if more time is needed to revamp the program. As per Policy

222, consultation included Education, Community and Human Development Curriculum Committee and their Faculty Council as well as the AVP, Research and Graduate Studies.

CARRIED.

4. PROVOST'S REPORT

As this may be the last meeting as Chair of APPC, Tracy thanked everyone for their support and work this year so far and provided everyone with an update on the President's return noting that a return date is not yet set, but they are doing well.

An update on the Chilliwack Master Plan may be coming to APPC in January.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1. Senate Items – November 17, 2023

- Interim Procedures – Expedited Program Review Process
- Expedited Program - Post-baccalaureate diploma, Digital Communication and Promotion

6. ADJOURNMENT and NEXT MEETING

2:55pm

6.1. Next Meeting: January 31, 2024; 2:30-4:30pm; Room A225