



Minutes

Academic Planning and Priorities Committee

Wednesday, January 31, 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, Gillian Hatfield, Jackie Hogan, Jassu Parmar, Mark Brosinski, Michael Hitch, Nathan Bialas, Nicola Mooney, Pedro Montoya-Pelaez, Samantha Hannah, Shirley Hardman, Teresa Kisilevich, Vibhu Dikshit, Vlad Dvoracek, Zina Lee

Guests: Allyson Jule, Anna Cook, Elena Chernyshov (Diamond Schmitt), Linda Pardy

Regrets: Awneet Sivia, David McGuire, Gerry Palmer, Liana Thompson, Shawn Geniole, Shel Stefan, Sylvie Murray, Tracy Ryder Glass, Vandy Britton, Vibhu Dikshit

1. CALL TO ORDER and TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Quorum was confirmed and territorial acknowledgment given.

Thanks to Tracy Ryder Glass for her leadership on this committee and as Acting provost this past year.

2. APPROVALS

2.1. Agenda

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

2.2. Minutes

MOTION: That APPC approve the minutes of November 29, 2023 APPC meeting as presented.
M. Hitch/N. Mooney.
Carried.

3. PROVOST'S REPORT

An update was given on UFV's position on the International Student Cap recently announced by the federal government. International students are now required to obtain a Letter of Attestation from each institution.

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

4.1. New School of Education

The APPC recognizes the tremendous effort and leadership for this outstanding proposal. An overview was given noting that merging the Teacher Education and Early Childhood Education programs aligns with the new structure of the Ministry of Education and Childcare. A new school will provide more opportunities for research and shared resources. The School of Education is slated to be housed in Mission which is currently under renovations. Budgetary implications were reviewed by finance and the changes are reflected in the 2024-2025 budget. It was noted that the move to Mission gives great focus and energy, aligns with the labour market to help bring support to domestic students, and collaborative programming conversations have already begun.

MOTION: That the APPC, upon approval of the 2024-2025 budget, recommend to Senate the formation of the School of Education to replace the Teacher Education Department with the inclusion of Early Childhood Education programs.

C. Schinckus/2nd T. Kisilevich.

Carried.

4.2. Program Discontinuance – Philosophy Extended minor

An overview of the discontinuance was given noting that the program review recommended discontinuing this program because it was not attractive to students noting that there is very little distinction between extended minor and minor. The APPC also noted that extended minors are slowly being phased out at UFV.

MOTION: That APPC recommend to Senate approval of the discontinuance of the Philosophy Extended minor.

N. Mooney/2nd S. Hannah

Carried.

4.3. Chilliwack Campus Master Plan

Presentations were given by Elena Chernyshov from Diamond Schmitt and James Mandigo.

UFV relocated to Chilliwack in 2007 and the University is updating the master plan to determine what the needs are and have partnered with Diamond Schmidt.

An overview of the consultation process was given noting that the plan is currently in the “conceptual plan” phase looking at various plans, including UFV’s Integrated Strategic Plan, the City of Chilliwack, and other relevant plans such as BC Transit. The labour market shows that post-secondary education will be critical to fill future jobs, and with the predicted population growth rates, even more successful graduation rates are predicted and current statistics show that approximately 70% of students from the Fraser Valley come to UFV. The Fraser Valley growth rates expect that in 2046, Chilliwack will be as large as Abbotsford is now.

The plan is to have an Indigenous focus on the area’s ecological strengths such as land, river, and animals. This idea stems from the OneHealth concept of a symbiotic relationship between animals, humans, and the environment, with the potential programming geared toward Life Sciences.

The APPC provided additional feedback and questions to consider as the Master Plan moves forward.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

5.2. Board Items – December 1, 2023

- Expedited Program- PBD Digital Communication and Promotion

5.3. Senate Items – January 19, 2024

- New Program – Engineering Common Core certificate
- Program Suspension – Mindfulness-Based Teaching and Learning Graduate certificate

5.4. APPC Vacancies

5.5. APPC Membership

6. ADJOURNMENT and NEXT MEETING

Adjourned at 4:32pm

Motioned by N. Bialas

Next Meeting: February 28, 2024; 2:30-4:30pm; Room A225