

Minutes

Academic Planning and Priorities Committee

Wednesday, March 27, 2024 - 2:30 PM

Abbotsford Campus, Room A225

Present: James Mandigo (Chair), Al Wiseman, Awneet Sivia, Chris Campbell, Claire Carolan, David Johnston, David McGuire, Garry Fehr, Gillian Hatfield, Jackie Hogan, Jassu Parmar, Mark Brosinski, Michael Hitch, Nathan Bialas, Pedro Montoya-Pelaez, Samantha Hannah, Teresa Kisilevich, Vandy Britton, Zina Lee

Regrets: Betty Poettcker, Camille Callison, Gerry Palmer, Liana Thompson, Nicola Mooney, Shawn Geniole, Shel Stefan, Shirley Hardman, Sylvie Murray, Tracy Ryder Glass, Vibhu Dikshit, Vlad Dvoracek

1. CALL TO ORDER and TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Quorum was met and Territorial Acknowledgement was given.

2. APPROVALS

2.1. Agenda

MOTION: That APPC approve the agenda as presented.

N. Bialas/2nd S. Hannah.

Carried.

2.2. Minutes

MOTION: That APPC approve the minutes of February 28, 2024 APPC meeting as presented.

J. Hogan/2nd T. Kisilevich

Carried.

3. PROVOST'S REPORT

- An update regarding the International cap allocations was provided noting that the caps were very favourable to UFV and we will be able to move forward with our SEM plan
- Thanks to our Registrar for assisting the Ministry with the PAL letter process noting that many have already been issued by UFV.

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

4.1. Research Centre Proposal - Berry Environmental Resilience Research & Innovation (BERRI) Centre

An overview of the new BERRI Centre was given noting that a Canada Research Chair in Horticulture has been hired and they have already connected with the First Nations and local community. This centre meets all of the research focused KPI's from the Integrated Strategic Plan and students have already begun some research work which will be integrated into the Centre once built. Construction is underway on the Chilliwack campus.

The budget analysis notes that the research overhead costs have not yet been completely determined, but it is not unlike any of the other centres and institutes and will be an ongoing process. It was noted that future personnel, project, and equipment needs for this lab will be funded externally, and all wish list asks will come from the external funds. It was also noted that this lab has the potential to save money by providing in-house lab testing at a reduced cost and generating revenue through testing for external organizations.

The APPC notes that it takes a lot of work to hire a Canada Research Chair and the APPC congratulates the Research team. The CRC Horticulture aligns with the needs of the community, such as the Berry industry in the Fraser Valley. Research is more important now than ever as challenges continually present themselves, such as flooding.

MOTION: That the APPC has reviewed the budgetary implications of the new Berry Environmental Resilience Research & Innovation (BERRI) Centre proposal and recommend to Senate Research Committee.
C. Schinckus/2nd G. Hatfield
Carried.

4.2. New Program – Applied Geographic Information Systems (GIS) associate certificate

Motion: That the APPC table the Applied Geographic Information Systems (GIS) associate certificate program to next month.
M. Hitch/2nd J. Hogan.
Carried.

4.3. Terms of Reference Review

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

S. Hannah/2nd C. Schinckus.

Carried.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1. Human Services Program Review Progress Report

5.2. Senate Items – March 15, 2024

- Annual Consolidated Budget
- Philosophy Program review
- Program Suspensions
 - Physical Geography major
 - Physical Geography minor
 - Geographical Information Systems certificate
- Program Review Progress Reports
 - General Studies diploma
 - Bachelor of Integrated Studies
 - Psychology
 - Modern Languages Program

6. ADJOURNMENT and NEXT MEETING

3:15pm

Next Meeting: April 24, 2024; 2:30-4:30pm; Room A225