

Minutes

Academic Planning and Priorities Committee

Wednesday, April 24, 2024 - 2:30 PM
Abbotsford Campus, Room A225

Present: James Mandigo (Chair), Al Wiseman, Awneet Sivia, Chris Campbell, David Johnston, David McGuire, Gerry Palmer, Liana Thompson, Mark Brosinski, Michael Hitch, Nathan Bialas, Nicola Mooney, Pedro Montoya-Pelaez, Samantha Hannah, Sundeep Hans, Sylvie Murray, Teresa Kisilevich, Tracy Ryder Glass, Vlad Dvoracek

Guests: Afia Raja, Mariano Mapili

Regrets: Betty Poettcker, Camille Callison, Garry Fehr, Gillian Hatfield, Jackie Hogan, Jassu Parmar, Shawn Geniole, Shel Stefan, Shirley Hardman, Vandy Britton, Vibhu Dikshit, Zina Lee

1. CALL TO ORDER and TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Quorum confirmed and territorial acknowledgement given.
The new UFV Chancellor is Jo-Anne Archibald.

2. APPROVALS

2.1. Agenda

MOTION: That APPC approve the agenda as presented.
G. Palmer/2nd P. Montoya-Pelaez.
Carried.

2.2. Minutes

MOTION: That APPC approve the minutes of March 27, 2024 APPC meeting as presented.
G. Palmer /2nd C. Campbell.
Carried.

3. PROVOST'S REPORT

Enrolment numbers show that UFV is still in a growth period and discussion was had regarding the challenges and opportunities it presents. The discussion touches on infrastructure challenges, the importance of the SEM plan, and the use of online classes. There is also talk about the post-secondary funding forum, research into why UFV is experiencing growth, and the importance of careful planning. The discussion also touches on the limits of the number of students, the availability of evening and weekend classes, and the need for

additional resources. There is also mention of the impact of immigration caps and the need for institutions to be more autonomous while still within their mandate.

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

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

The program proposal notes that the Applied Geographic Information Systems (GIS) associate certificate is a 10-14 credit program that will typically be completed concurrently within a four-year degree or two-year diploma. This program will provide an advantage to UFV graduates who seek employment where GIS is a regular part of the job and where GIS-ready applicants are most desired. Those who graduate with general GIS credentials will be able to use GIS as a tool in any field they would like to work in and will be able to provide proof of on-the-job training.

The budgetary analysis notes that there is no significant budgetary impact expected by the initial offering of the GIS associate certificate, however, should demand increase, the Budget Analysis Template Part B reflects anticipated cost increases to offer additional sections of program required courses. Program growth would not be cost recovery as costs exceed revenues.

The APPC notes that the program name may be confused with the currently suspended GIS certificate program and suggests considering a name change.

It was noted that the program will be reviewed against the newly revised Institutional Learning Outcomes at a later date.

MOTION: That the APPC has reviewed the new Applied Geographic Information Systems (GIS) associate certificate program proposal, including the budgetary analysis, and recommend approval to Senate.
Michael/2nd Gerry.
Carried.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1. Program Reinstatement – Power and Place Associate certificate

5.2. Program Suspension and Discontinuance Procedures – revised
Approved by the APPC Chair, Vice-Chair and Assistant on April 17, 2024.
Most changes due to the amalgamation of the SBC and APPC.

5.3. Program Review Progress Reports

- Sociology Program Review Progress Report
- English Language Studies
- Adult Basic Education

5.4. Board Items – March 28, 2024

- New School of Education

5.5. Senate Items – April 12, 2024

- Criminology Program review
- Human Services Program Review Progress Report

5.6. APPC In-camera approvals

- Philosophy Program review – February 28, 2024
- Criminology Program review – March 27, 2024

6. ADJOURNMENT and NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting: May 22, 2024; 2:30-4:30pm; Room A225