

General Faculties Council
GRADUATE ACADEMIC PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEE
Approved Minutes

Meeting #23
November 23, 2016, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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Voting Members

Lisa Young, Co-Chair
Rob Kremer, Academic Co-Chair
Abubaker Abdelhafiz
Jalel Azaiez
Lorraine Doepel
Cheryl Dueck
Lawrence Harder
David Nordstokke
Quentin Pittman
Angelique Saweczko

Non-Voting Members

Liza McCoy
Tanya Zdorenko

Secretary

Susan Belcher

Scribe

Cherie Tutt

Regrets

Christine Johns

Guests

Jaydeep Balakrishnan, Acting Director, PhD Program, Haskayne School of Business – present for Item 4
Michele Jacobsen, Associate Dean, Graduate Programs in Education, Werklund School of Education – present for Item 5
Pat Braul, Manager, Graduate Programs in Education, Werklund School of Education – present for Item 5
Gillian Robinson, Senior Director (Strategic Operations) Faculty of Graduate Studies

Observers

Lindsay Penner, Program Proposal Support Specialist – present for Item 5
Heather Smith-Watkins, Analyst, Planning and Reviews – present for Items 4 and 5

The Co-Chair called the meeting to order at 1:59 p.m. and confirmed quorum.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved/Seconded

That the Agenda for the November 23, 2016 Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee meeting be approved.

Carried

2. Remarks of the Co-Chair and Academic Co-Chair

There were no remarks.

3. Approval of the October 19, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda.

Moved/Seconded

That the Minutes of the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee meeting held on October 19, 2016 be approved.

Carried

4. Recommendation of the Creation of Ten New Specializations in the PhD in Management

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Jaydeep Balakrishnan, Acting Director, PhD Studies, Haskayne School of Business (HSB), presented this item.

Highlights:

- The proponent reported that the HSB is proposing to create ten specializations within the PhD in Management, and explained that the addition of the specializations will provide students with more focus and structure and will be reflected on the parchment. Having defined specializations will also allow for distinct candidacy examinations to be set, while abiding by the new candidacy regulations set by the Faculty of Graduate Studies.
- In response to questions, it was stated that:
 - The proposed specializations are currently included as major areas of study in the PhD in Management
 - The HSB would like the proposed PhD specializations to replace any currently existing PhD specializations listed in PeopleSoft
 - More specializations will be available in the PhD than in the MBA
 - The HSB would like to use the OBHR course code in place of the HROD course code to align with the changes made at the undergraduate level
 - The HSB is not departmentalized, but has areas of focus in all of the areas of specializations being proposed except environmental management/sustainable development
- The Committee discussed:
 - The slight variations in the specialization names between the PhD and the MBA programs, and the proponent stated that further consideration could be given to making the names consistent
 - Why the different specialization areas require different candidacy examinations
 - The enrolment numbers for the proposed specializations, and the rationale for including specializations with potential low enrolment. It was suggested that HSB could consider consolidating similar subject areas.
 - The potential benefits for recruitment

- The Committee decided to postpone approval of the motion and requested the following prior to the proposal returning to the GAPS for consideration:
 - That greater detail be added to the proposal to describe the specializations and explain what distinguishes them
 - That it be considered whether the Environmental Management/Sustainable Development specialization be included in the proposal given that this is not an area of focus in the HSB
 - That an outline of the specific requirements for each specialization be added to the Calendar entry, and if there are no specified requirements, that an explanation be added of how students determine the requirements
 - That definitions for 'specialization' and 'major and minor area of study' be added to the proposal and Calendar entry, and that specialization and area of study not be used as synonyms
 - That the enrolment numbers in the proposal be reviewed for consistency and to demonstrate whether the intention is to grow the program
 - That the proponent work with the Registrar to determine what specializations are currently listed in PeopleSoft
 - That the proposal and Calendar entry be updated to use units instead of half or full course

Moved/Seconded

That the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee recommend that the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve the creation, effective September 2017, of the following ten new specializations within the PhD in Management, Haskayne School of Business:

- Accounting
- Business Technology Management
- Entrepreneurship
- Environmental Management/Sustainable Development
- Finance
- Organizational Behaviour and Human Resources
- Marketing
- Operations and Supply Chain Management
- Risk Management and Insurance
- Strategy and Global Management,

as set out in the proposal provided to the Committee.

Postponed

Secretary's Note: The motion to approve the Calendar wording for the specializations within the PhD in Management was withdrawn.

5. Recommendation of the Alignment of Graduate Programs, Werklund School of Education

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Michele Jacobsen, Associate Dean, Graduate Programs in Education, Werklund School of Education (WSE), and Pat Brault, Manager, Graduate Programs in Education, WSE, presented this item.

Highlights:

- The proponents reported that, after a review of programs listed in PeopleSoft and the government's Provider and Program Registry System, the WSE is proposing to close a number of obsolete programs and to rename altered programs
- The proponents confirmed that there have been no students in the programs the WSE is proposing to close for several decades
- In response to a question, the proponents explained the focus of the Doctor of Education, Education Research Specialization, and outlined the other specializations within the Doctor of Education program
- The Registrar informed the Committee that there is an issue with the proposal to change the name of the credential for the Diploma of the Faculty of Education, Educational Research specialization as this Diploma has two other areas of specialization one of which resides within the Cumming School of Medicine (CSM), and making this change would impact that specialization.

Secretary's Note: In light of the information provided by the Registrar concerning the Diploma of the Faculty of Education, the Committee decided it would be best to withdraw the motion for the change to the name of the credential for the Diploma of the Faculty of Education.

Moved/Seconded

That the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee recommend that the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve the immediate suspension and termination of the certificate programs in Applied Psychology, Educational Psychology, and Campus Alberta Applied Psychology, as set out in the proposal provided to the Committee.

Carried**Moved/Seconded**

That the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee recommend that the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve the immediate suspension and termination of the Applied Psychology Specialization in the diploma program of the Faculty of Education, as set out in the proposal provided to the Committee.

Carried**Moved/Seconded**

That the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee recommend that the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve the immediate suspension and termination of the Educational Psychology Specialization in the diploma program in the Faculty of Education as set out in the proposal provided to the Committee.

Carried**Moved/Seconded**

That the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee recommend that the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve the immediate suspension and termination of the Master of Arts in Continuing Education, as set out in the proposal provided to the Committee.

Carried

Moved/Seconded

That the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee recommend that the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve the immediate suspension and termination of the Master of Continuing Education in Educational Research, as set out in the proposal provided to the Committee.

Carried**Moved/Seconded**

That the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee recommend that the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve the immediate suspension and termination of the Master of Continuing Education in Leadership and Development, as set out in the proposal provided to the Committee.

Carried**Moved/Seconded**

That the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee recommend that the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve the immediate suspension and termination of the Master of Continuing Education (MCE) in Workplace Learning, as set out in the proposal provided to the Committee.

Carried**Moved/Seconded**

That the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee recommend that the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve the immediate suspension and termination of the Master of Education in Educational Technology, as set out in the proposal provided to the Committee.

Carried**Moved/Seconded**

That the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee recommend that the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve the immediate suspension and termination of the Master of Education programs in Educational Administration, Educational Foundations, Curriculum and Instruction, Educational Policy and Administrative Studies, Teacher Education and Supervision, and BSW Outreach, as set out in the proposal provided to the Committee.

Carried**Moved/Seconded**

That the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee recommend that the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve the immediate suspension and termination of the Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction, as set out in the proposal provided to the Committee.

Carried

Moved/Seconded

That the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee recommend that the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve the change of name from the Education specialization within the Doctor of Education to the Education Research specialization within the Doctor of Education, effective September 2017, as set out in the proposal provided to the Committee.

Carried**6. Approval of Calendar Changes: Cumming School of Medicine and Werklund School of Education**

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Rob Kremer, Academic Co-Chair and Tanya Zdorenko, Graduate Calendar Coordinator, presented this item.

Highlights:

- The Academic Co- Chair remarked that the GAPS Calendar Working Group reviewed all of the proposed Calendar changes, and recommends the changes to the GAPS
- CSM:
 - An overview of the CSM's changes was provided, including the creation of one-unit courses approved by the GAPS last year and subsequent changes as a result of the new one-unit courses
 - The Committee discussed the anti-requisites for the one-unit courses, and it was explained that the CSM will track internally if any registration issues arise, as there is only a small number of students who may be impacted
 - In response to questions, it was confirmed that:
 - The MDSC course code still exists, the new MDGE course code indicates these courses are medical graduate education courses, but are not specific to medical science
 - The MDGE courses are not cross-listed in any other Faculties
- WSE:
 - An overview of the WSE's changes was provided, including changes to course hours, minor updates to course titles and descriptions, course creations, and updates to program descriptions to improve the readability of the Calendar for students
 - There were no questions.
- The Committee discussed the continued use of the terms half-course and full-course, and the Registrar explained that these terms are used in Degree Navigator the academic planning tool for students, and that once this system is replaced the terms will be changed to units

Moved/Seconded

That the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee (GAPS) approve the Calendar changes for the Cumming School of Medicine, as set out in the Summary provided to the Committee, and as recommended by the GAPS Calendar Working Group.

Carried

Moved/Seconded

That the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee (GAPS) approve the Calendar changes for the Werklund School of Education, as set out in the Faculty Summary provided to the Committee, and as recommended by the GAPS Calendar Working Group.

Carried**7. Status of Program Approvals**

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda for information only.

8. Other Business

The WSE brought forward an item for information. Michele Jacobsen, Associate Dean, Graduate Programs in Education, Werklund School of Education (WSE), presented this item.

The proponent reported that in 2002 the University approved graduate certificates and diplomas which could ladder into the Master of Education for the WSE. However, the proposal for the certificate component of the laddering, was never formally submitted to the Ministry of Advanced Education for approval. The WSE is now working with the Office of the Provost to submit this proposal, so that the certificate component, if approved can be entered into the Provider and Program Registry System (PAPRS).

9. Adjournment**Moved/Seconded**

That the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee adjourn the November 23, 2016 meeting.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m.