



UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE (UEC) MEETING

January 30, 2015
10:00 AM - A225
Abbotsford Campus

APPROVED MINUTES

PRESENT: Sue Brigden, Rod McLeod, Maria Bos-Chan, Steven Marsh, John English, Peter Geller, Samantha Pattridge, Heather Compeau, Rhonda Colwell, Shirley Hardman, Simon Xi, Stan Manu, Nancy Goad, Darren Francis, Maureen Wideman, Lisa Moy, Arlene Leon
ABSENT: Vlad Dvoracek, Eric Spalding, Satwinder Bains, David McGuire, Anthony Iliev, Kate McCulloch
GUESTS: Michael Baumann, Samantha Hampton, Pat Harrison, Karin Jager, Cynthia Loten, Sylvie Murray, Hamish Telford, David Thomson, Betty-Joan Traverse, Tracy Ryder Glass, Ron Wilen
RECORDER: Amanda Grimson

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION:

To approve the agenda as presented.
CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF UEC MINUTES

2.1. UEC draft minutes: December 12, 2014

MOTION:

To approve the draft minutes as presented.
CARRIED

3. COURSE OUTLINES

3.1. Agriculture

Changes including total hours and course number: AGRI 306 (formerly AGRI 206)

The change to 300 level fits the academic level and expectations of the students. These changes are also a better fit with the proposed Bachelor of Agricultural Science.

MOTION:

To approve the AGRI 306 course outline as presented.
CARRIED

3.2. Communications

Review with changes including credits, prerequisites, and total hours: CMNS 360

The calendar description for this course includes a note that students "will be required to participate in social media environments". This may be something

that should be considered for other courses (and programs) as well.

MOTION:

To approve the CMNS 360 course outline as presented.
CARRIED

3.3. Nursing

Changes including title and total hours: NURS 101

Changes including title, credits, and total hours: NURS 102, 103

Changes including credits: PNUR 240

Changes including credits and total hours: PNUR 246

PNUR learning outcomes must follow the provincial curriculum and cannot be altered.

MOTION:

To approve the NURS and PNUR course outlines as presented.
CARRIED

3.4. Mathematics and Statistics

Review with changes: MATH 255/ENGR 255

Review with changes including pre/corequisites: MATH 316

Review with changes: STAT 450/MATH 450

MOTION:

To approve the MATH and STAT course outlines as presented.
CARRIED

3.5. Physics

Review with changes: PHYS 381/MATH 381/ENGR 257

The prerequisites on the cross-listed outlines need to be updated to match the main outline.

MOTION:

To approve the PHYS 381/MATH 381/ENGR 257 course outline as presented.
CARRIED

Discontinuation: PHYS 332, 342, 362, 372

PHYS 342 and 372 are included in the Physics Honours; this program will need to be revised.

MOTION:

To approve the discontinuation of PHYS 332, 342, 362, and 372 as presented.
CARRIED

4. SHORT PROGRAMS

4.1. Short Programs Subcommittee report

S. Murraray (Program Development Coordinator) indicated that UEC's acceptance

of the subcommittee's recommendations chart will inform revisions to the Graduation Awards policy (64).

UEC supported most of the recommendations, but there were some concerns about those that relate to multiple credentials (recommendations #5-7). For instance, recommendation #6 (students graduating with a degree cannot apply those credits to a short program credential) precludes students graduating with certificates at the same time as their degree. Students often try to avoid paying multiple graduation request fees, and so often graduate with laddered credentials at the same time, or with certificates related to their degree. Marketing for the TESL program, for example, is based around the ability to get this certificate while completing a bachelor's degree.

S. Murray clarified that these recommendations are intended to address the complicated issue of double-dipping and credential inflation. However, based on comments already received from the Dean's Council and other areas, she suggested withdrawing recommendations #5, 6, and 7. Double-dipping is a larger issue with wider implications than the scope of this subcommittee, and an additional working group or subcommittee may be required. The report will be adjusted to recommend that regulations in this area should be established.

The report also includes a recommendation that the Certificates in Extended Studies be discontinued. These were originally created as a way for students to come back and complete programming that was not available to them at the time, but many have been added that do not fulfill this need. Accepting the recommendations does not mean that anything will change immediately, but may inform the discussion of items that are later on the agenda.

Next steps for this subcommittee were briefly discussed. If there are policy implications, the policy subcommittee could take over some items, but the Short Programs Subcommittee could continue. This will be further discussed at a later meeting.

R. McLeod (UEC chair) formally thanked the subcommittee for their work on this.

MOTION:

To accept the recommendations of the Short Programs Subcommittee with the following adjustment:

- "We further recommend that UEC approve the following **recommendations regarding establishing** regulations regarding credentials that draw from the same pool of credits:"

5. PROGRAMS

5.1. Co-operative Education

Change to program: Co-operative Education program

Most changes to the program are required for external articulation, but it was unclear in the memo exactly which parts of the program are being revised. M. Baumann (Career Centre Director) will revise the memo to better highlight the changes as this moves forward in the approval process.

MOTION:

To recommend the approval of the changes to the Co-operative Education program as amended, effective September 2015:

- Admission and continuation requirements: 2. Hold and maintain a Cumulative Grade Point Average...

CARRIED

5.2. Biology

Change to program requirements: Biology major and Honours

MOTION:

To approve the change to the Biology major and Honours program requirements as presented, effective September 2015.

CARRIED

5.3. Fine Arts

Change to program: Bachelor of Fine Arts

MOTION:

To approve the change to the Bachelor of Fine Arts reasoning requirement as presented, effective September 2015.

CARRIED

MOTION:

To approve the change to the Bachelor of Fine Arts visual literacy requirement as presented, effective September 2015.

CARRIED

5.4. Graphic and Digital Design

Change to program requirements: Graphic and Digital Design extended minor and minor

MOTION:

To approve the changes to the Graphic and Digital Design extended minor and minor program requirements as presented, effective September 2015.

CARRIED

5.5. Mathematics and Statistics

Change to program requirements: Data Analysis Post-degree certificate

MOTION:

To approve the changes to the Data Analysis Post-degree certificate as presented, effective September 2015.

CARRIED

5.6. Political Science

Change to program requirements: Political Science major

The total lower-level credits should be 18-19, rather than 19, and the sentence at the beginning of the upper-level requirements is redundant and can be removed.

MOTION:

To approve the changes to the Political Science major as presented, effective September 2015.

CARRIED

Change to program requirements: Political Science minor and extended minor

MOTION:

To approve the changes to the Political Science minor and extended minor as presented, effective September 2015.

CARRIED

5.7. Modern Languages

Change to program: French minor

MOTION:

To approve the change to the French minor as presented, effective September 2015.

CARRIED

New program: Certificate in Extended Studies in Arts: French major

New program: Certificate in Extended Studies in Arts: French extended minor

The French major certificate is primarily intended for students who graduated before the major was available. The extended minor certificate is intended for students who may want to upgrade their current degree, as the subsequent degree policy does not currently provide a way for students to come back and get an additional French credential.

There was some discussion about the original purpose of extended studies certificates, which was to allow students to gain a credential that was not available when they graduated. The proposed French major certificate fits this purpose, but the extended minor certificate does not. Since a rationale for these programs is that students with degrees from elsewhere may be looking to upgrade their degree for teaching purposes, it was suggested that a post-degree certificate within Teacher Education might better fulfill this need. There was also the suggestion that a time limit should be placed on extended studies certificates, allowing students to upgrade only for a set period of time.

There were also concerns about students who had graduated with the French minor coming back for the extended minor certificate, as they would only be required to take two additional courses to receive another credential. B. Traverse (Modern Languages representative) indicated that most students interested in this credential will not already have a French minor, and agreed that students who do could be excluded. A note to that effect will be added.

MOTION:

To approve the new Certificate in Extended Studies in Arts: French major as presented.

CARRIED

MOTION:

To approve the new Certificate in Extended Studies in Arts: French extended minor as amended:

- Note to be added: "This program is not available to students with an existing French minor; those students should consider the Certificate in Extended Studies in Arts: French Major."

CARRIED

5.8. Education

New program/change to Teacher Education Program: Bachelor of Education
Appendices available online at www.ufv.ca/senate/uec/uec-agendas-and-minutes/

The residency requirement has been updated in the program proposal but not in the calendar copy (appendix 3); this will be corrected.

MOTION:

To recommend the approval of the new Bachelor of Education degree as presented.

CARRIED

5.9. Agriculture

New program: Bachelor of Agricultural Science, Horticulture major

The prerequisites for many of the included GEOG courses will soon be changed to 45 credits, rather than specific courses. Program students may require prerequisite waivers until then.

The residency requirement has been updated in the calendar copy but not in proposal; this will be corrected. Reference to the "representative in the PLAR office" will also be removed.

MOTION:

To recommend the approval of the new Bachelor of Agricultural Science and Horticulture major as presented.

CARRIED

5.10. Applied and Technical Studies

Name change: Automation and Robotics Technician (formerly Automation and Control Systems Technician)

UEC recommended this program to APPC last month.

MOTION:

To recommend that the recently-recommended Automation and Control Systems Technician diploma be changed to Automation and Robotics Technician diploma as presented.

CARRIED

Discipline code change: ELTR (Electronics), formerly EACT (Electronics Automation Control Technician)

MOTION:

To approve the creation of the new discipline code ELTR (Electronics) in place of the previously-approved EACT (Electronics Automation Control Technician).
CARRIED

6. OTHER BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1. Course Numbering policy (58)

This item was not discussed; members can send feedback directly to Elaine Harris.

6.2. Locally developed courses

This item was postponed.

6.3. Admissions Subcommittee report and membership

This item was postponed.

6.4. Transfer Credit Subcommittee report and membership

This item was postponed.

6.5. Policy Subcommittee report and membership

This item was postponed.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1. Minor course changes (outlines will be available at www.ufv.ca/calendar/courseoutlines)

EDUC 410, 412, 413, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 431, 432, 434A, 434B, 435, 436, 437A, 437B, 435, 436, 437A, 437B, 440, 441, 442, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 450, 452, 453, 454, 460, 490, 492, 495A-D, 498

PHYS 100

8. ADJOURNMENT

8.1. The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 pm.