



UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE (UEC) MEETING

November 27, 2015

10:00 AM - A225

Abbotsford Campus

APPROVED MINUTES

PRESENT: Maria Bos-Chan, Gurbir Brar, Sue Brigden, Rhonda Colwell, Heather Compeau, Darren Francis, Peter Geller, Nancy Goad, Shirley Hardman, Arlene Leon, Stan Manu, Steven Marsh, David McGuire, Rod McLeod, Lisa Moy, Sylvie Murray, Samantha Pattridge, Kirsten Robertson, Maureen Wideman, Simon Xi

ABSENT: Vlad Dvoracek, John English, Kate McCulloch, Eric Spalding

GUESTS: Lucki Kang

RECORDER: Amanda Grimson

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION:

To approve the agenda as amended:

- Removal of GEOG 315

CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF UEC MINUTES

2.1. UEC draft minutes: October 30, 2015

MOTION:

To approve the draft minutes as presented.

CARRIED

3. COURSE OUTLINES

3.1. Communications

Changes including title and prerequisites: CMNS 312

MOTION:

To approve the CMNS 312 course outline as presented.

CARRIED

3.2. Geography

~~Review with changes including prerequisites: GEOG 315~~

Changes including prerequisites: GEOG 419/BIO 419

MOTION:

To approve the GEOG 419/BIO 419 course outline as presented.

CARRIED

3.3. Biology

Changes including title and prerequisites: BIO 202

MOTION:

To approve the BIO 202 course outline as presented.
CARRIED

4. PROGRAMS

4.1. Social Work and Human Services

Change to entrance and graduation requirements: Bachelor of Social Work

There were a number of questions about this proposal, and ultimately UEC asked that it be revised and resubmitted to a future UEC meeting.

Among the issues discussed:

- Weighting of specific criteria should be available on the department website and should be referenced in the calendar. L. Kang (School of Social Work and Human Services representative) noted that the type of interview questions and the criteria would be communicated to students in the admission package.
- There should be a means to accommodate students who cannot travel for the interview, such as online interviews.
- Notice should be given for increases in entrance requirements.
- Changes to entrance criteria may affect students at a partner institution in China.
- Guidelines for "Educational Equity" have not yet been developed. If some language can be provided to explain this, it can remain. Otherwise, it should be removed.
- Social Work may need to revisit the entrance requirements for the diploma, so that students don't spend two years completing that program before finding out that they cannot get into the BSW.

This discussion prompted the suggestion that a subcommittee be created to look into interviews and basis for admission decisions. L. Moy, D. Francis, N. Goad, and D. McGuire agreed to sit on this subcommittee. It was also suggested that someone from Visual Arts and/or Teacher Education be invited to participate.

MOTION:

To recommend the changes to the Bachelor of Social Work entrance and graduation requirements as presented, effective September 2017.
DEFEATED

MOTION:

To strike an ad hoc subcommittee to investigate the criteria for interviews and clarify the process for the basis for admission decisions.
CARRIED

5. OTHER BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1. Extended Studies certificates

The Short Program Subcommittee report, which was accepted by UEC on January 30, 2015, included a recommendation that extended studies certificates be discontinued unless there was a compelling reason to retain them. As this

falls under APPC's purview, it was suggested that UEC request that APPC review these programs. R. McLeod will look into this further.

5.2. Admissions Subcommittee report

There was no report from this subcommittee.

5.3. Curriculum Quality Subcommittee report

UEC's recommendations have been incorporated into the draft document. Supporting materials will be prepared before this is sent out for wider consultation.

5.4. Transfer Credit Subcommittee report

There was no report from this subcommittee.

5.5. Policy Subcommittee report

Policy 105 (Assignment of Course Credit) is almost complete. The Graduate Studies Committee will be consulted, and then this will be sent on to the Senate Governance Committee. Policy 101 (Grading System) has been revised significantly to address some concerns. The revised policy will be sent back out for consultation. Policy 99 (English Language Proficiency Requirements) is being revised and should be coming to UEC in December.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

BUS 100, 120, 143, 144, 145
CMNS 300, 351, 353, 375, 376, 385, 480
GEOG 116

7. ADJOURNMENT

7.1. The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 am