



UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE (UEC) MEETING

February 28, 2025
10:00 AM - A225
Abbotsford Campus

APPROVED MINUTES

PRESENT: Donna Alary, Thais Amorim, Michael Batu, Chris Campbell, Rhonda Colwell, Vlad Dvoracek, Joy Enyinnaya, Samantha Hannah, David Johnston, Allyson Jule, Dana Landry, Stan Manu, Sylvie Murray, Cindy Schultz, and Susan Stoneson

ABSENT: Afeef Alam, Shirley Hardman, Claire Hay, Bobby Jaswal, Amber Johnston, Pavandeep Judge, Selena Karli, Carolyn MacLaren, David McGuire, Lisa McMartin, and Shel Stefan

GUESTS: Ian Affleck, Avril Alfred, Anna Cook, Donna Derkson, Geetanjali Gill, Anna Griffith, Zina Lee, Shelley Liebembuk, Curtis Magnuson, Delinah Marples, Heather McAlpine, Sheryl McMath, Linda Pardy, Afia Raja, Michelle Rhodes, Molleen Shilliday, Mark Thompson, Tannaz Zargarian, Frank Zhang

RECORDER: Amanda Grimson

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Bachelor of Arts was moved to a separate item from Arts and Integrated Studies (now items 3.12 and 3.13).

2. APPROVAL OF UEC MINUTES

2.1. UEC draft minutes: January 31, 2025

MOTION:

To approve the draft minutes as presented.
CARRIED

3. COURSES AND PROGRAMS

3.1. Education

New course: EDUC 480

MOTION:

To approve the EDUC 480 course outline as presented.
CARRIED

Changes to entrance and program requirements: Early Childhood Education certificate

MOTION:

To recommend approval of the changes to the Early Childhood Education certificate as presented, effective September 2025.
CARRIED

3.2. Social Work and Human Services

Changes to entrance and program requirements: Bachelor of Social Work and BSW Child Welfare specialization

The BSW entrance requirements include one of SOWK 225 or PSYC 250, but PSYC 250 requires both PSYC 101 and PSYC 102, effectively creating a hidden prerequisite. This has been the case since the degree was created, but is an area the BSW committee will look at in the future.

UEC has previously been concerned that the list of accepted “general and discretionary electives” is only maintained on the School of Social Work and Human Services’ website rather than in the academic calendar, as these can be updated at any time without consultation or approval. This is of particular concern since the electives are part of the entrance requirements, and UFV's Admission policy requires notice of increased requirements (i.e., removal of applicable courses) in the calendar for at least 12 months. Curtis Magnuson (Director, School of SWHS) confirmed that courses are not typically removed from the list, but if this were to occur it would not disadvantage a student who has already completed the course. The School works with Academic Advising and students to ensure they meet the elective requirements, and feels the current approach allows them to better update the list as changes occur across the institution.

It was agreed that SWHS will bring the list of general and discretionary elective courses to UEC for review on an annual basis, and that it will continue to be maintained on the School's website.

MOTION:

To recommend approval of the changes to the Bachelor of Social Work and BSW Child Welfare specialization as amended, effective September 2025:

- Entrance requirement 1, bullet #5: "chosen from **a list** available on the BSW application page" will remain as "chosen from **the approved list** available on the BSW application page"

CARRIED; 1 OPPOSED

3.3. Social Innovation

New program: Social Innovation certificate

MOTION:

To recommend approval of the Social Innovation certificate.

CARRIED

New course: INNV 100

New course: INNV 200

New course: INNV 300

New course: INNV 400

MOTION:

To approve the new course code INNV (Innovation).

CARRIED

MOTION:

To approve the INNV course outlines as presented.

CARRIED

3.4. Adult Education

Review with changes: ADED 360, 380

Review with changes including prerequisites: ADED 415

MOTION:

To approve the ADED course outlines as presented.
CARRIED

3.5. Business

Review with changes: BUS 100

Review with changes including prerequisites: BUS 203

Review with changes: BUS 304

There was a suggestion to add an Indigenous text for BUS 100. The School of Business confirmed that the included textbook was chosen because it provides Indigenous perspectives and case studies.

MOTION:

To approve the BUS course outlines as presented.
CARRIED

3.6. Communications

Review with changes including title: CMNS 125

It was noted that many programs include a requirement of either ENGL 105 or CMNS 125, although they are very different courses. Sylvie Murray (Dean, College of Arts) indicated that Arts will be looking at the various writing courses to consider their differences and clarify the purpose of each course.

MOTION:

To approve the CMNS 125 course outline as presented.
CARRIED

3.7. Computing

New course: COMP 298, Special Topics in Computing

New course: COMP 299, Directed Studies in Computing

New course: COMP 398, Special Topics in Advanced Computing

New course: COMP 399, Directed Studies in Advanced Computing

MOTION:

To approve the COMP course outlines as presented.
CARRIED

3.8. Criminology and Criminal Justice

Review with changes including prerequisites: CRIM 211, 213

Review with changes including title and prerequisites: CRIM 214

Review with changes including prerequisites: CRIM 240

MOTION:

To approve the CRIM course outlines as presented.
CARRIED

3.9. English

New course: ENGL 389, Careers in Writing and Publishing

MOTION:

To approve the ENGL 389 course outline as presented.

CARRIED

3.10. Global Development Studies

Changes including prerequisites, credits, total hours, and discontinuation of cross-listing as ANTH 330: GDS 330

MOTION:

To approve the GDS 330 course outline as presented.

CARRIED

3.11. Modern Languages

Review with changes: GERM 101

Review with changes including prerequisites: GERM 102

Review with changes: GERM 201, 202

MOTION:

To approve the GERM course outlines as presented.

CARRIED

Review with changes: MAND 101

Review with changes including total hours: MAND 102

Review with changes including prerequisites: MAND 201, 202

Review with changes including total hours: MAND 210

Review with changes including prerequisites: MAND 301, 302

MAND 210, 301, and 302 are not attached to a program since there is no Advanced Proficiency certificate in Mandarin, but Molleen Shilliday (Department Head, Modern Languages) indicated that they are popular electives for international students.

MOTION:

To approve the MAND course outlines as presented.

CARRIED

Review with changes: PUNJ 101, 102, 209

Review with changes including total hours: 210, 211

PUNJ 209 is not currently included in a program.

MOTION:

To approve the PUNJ course outlines as presented.

CARRIED

3.12. Arts

Change to entrance and program requirements: Bachelor of Arts

MOTION:

To recommend approval of the changes to the Bachelor of Arts as presented, effective September 2025.

CARRIED

3.13. Arts and Integrated Studies

New course: AIS 210, Introduction to Work and Labour Studies

AIS expects this course to be of particular interest to international students entering the labour market.

MOTION:

To approve the AIS 210 course outline as presented.

CARRIED

Discontinuation: Bachelor of Integrated Studies Applied Management concentration

Students currently in the Applied Management concentration will be assisted in completion of their program.

MOTION:

To recommend discontinuation of the Bachelor of Integrated Studies Applied Management concentration as presented, effective September 2025.

CARRIED

3.14. Philosophy

New course: PHIL 199, Hot Topics in Philosophy

The proposed course title was discussed, and the Philosophy department was asked to consider an alternative such as "Current Topics in Philosophy".

Course title was revised after the meeting to "Topics in Philosophy".

MOTION:

To approve the PHIL 199 course outline as presented.

CARRIED

Change to program requirements: Philosophy major

Change to program requirements: Philosophy minor

MOTION:

To approve the changes to the Philosophy major and minor as presented, effective September 2025.

CARRIED

3.15. Creative Arts courses

Discontinuation: THEA 206, 301/ENGL 365, 302, 305, 306/MUSC 306, 314, 315, 351, 352, 401, 451, 452

MOTION:

To discontinue THEA 206, 301/ENGL 365, 302, 305, 306/MUSC 306, 314, 315, 351, 352, 401, 451, and 452.

CARRIED

Review with changes including title: THEA 101, 111, 112

Review with changes including prerequisites: THEA 121, 123

Review with changes including title and prerequisites: THEA 125, 199

Review with changes including title: THEA 203/ENGL 233, 204/ENGL 234, 205

New course: THEA 209, Popular Theatre

Review with changes including title: THEA 211, 215

Review with changes including title and prerequisites: THEA 220

Review with changes including title: THEA 250/ENGL 253

Review with changes including change from special topics: THEA 290

Review with changes: THEA 291

Review with changes including change from special topics: THEA 295

Review with changes including title, prerequisites, and change from special topics: THEA 299

Review with changes including credits and total hours: THEA 303

Review with changes including title, prerequisites, credits, and total hours: THEA 304

Review with changes including prerequisites, credits, and total hours: THEA 307

Review with changes including title, prerequisites, credits, and total hours: THEA 311

Review with changes including title, credits, and total hours: THEA 312, 316

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

Review with changes including title, prerequisites, credits, and total hours: THEA 370

New course: THEA 404, Directing

New course: THEA 405, Devising

Review with changes including credits and total hours: THEA 490

MOTION:

To approve the THEA course outlines as amended:

- THEA 370: THEA added to list of applicable prerequisite credits.

CARRIED

3.16. Creative Arts programs

Change to program requirements: Theatre major

MOTION:

To recommend approval of the changes to the Theatre major as presented, effective September 2025.

CARRIED

Change to program requirements: Theatre extended minor

Change to program requirements: Theatre minor

MOTION:

To recommend approval of the changes to the Theatre extended minor and minor as presented, effective September 2025.

CARRIED

Change to program requirements: Theatre diploma

MOTION:

To recommend approval of the changes to the Theatre diploma as presented, effective September 2025.

CARRIED

Change to program requirements: Visual Arts major

MOTION:

To approve the change to the Visual Arts major as presented, effective September 2025.

CARRIED

3.17. Planning, Geography, and the Environment

New course: GEOG 160, Settlements: Why We Live Where We Do

New course: GEOG 256, Knowledge and Ethics in Geographic and Environmental Research

New course: GEOG 325, Health and Place

The wide range of applicable prerequisite courses for GEOG 256, and 325 was discussed. Michelle Rhodes (Planning, Geography, and Environmental Studies representative) indicated that students need to have some social science or relevant science background, but that environmental assessment is a multidisciplinary and transdisciplinary process.

MOTION:

To approve the GEOG course outlines as presented.

CARRIED

Changes including course code: ENV 111 (currently GEOG 111)

Review with changes including prerequisites, credits, total hours, and course code: ENV 331 (currently GEOG 331)

Review with changes including title, prerequisites, total hours, and course code: ENV 412 (currently GEOG 412)

MOTION:

To approve the ENV course outlines as amended:

- ENV 331: prerequisite corrected to "...including 6 credits of..."

CARRIED

Change to program requirements: Geography major

Discontinuation of the Urban Studies concentration will not impact current students' ability to complete the concentration, as the courses will continue to be offered as part of the Bachelor of Regional and Community Planning.

Some editorial changes will be made to the calendar copy prior to submission to Senate for final approval.

MOTION:

To recommend discontinuation of the Geography major Urban Studies and Planning concentration, effective September 2025.
CARRIED

MOTION:

To recommend approval of the changes to the Geography major as presented, effective September 2025.
CARRIED

Change to program requirements: Geography minor

MOTION:

To recommend approval of the changes to the Geography minor as presented, effective September 2025.
CARRIED

Change to program requirements: Geography Honours

MOTION:

To recommend approval of the changes to the Geography Honours as amended, effective September 2025:

- How to apply section of the calendar will be simplified in consultation with the Registrar.

CARRIED

4. OTHER BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

4.1. UEC Subcommittees

Subcommittees requiring volunteers to fill vacant positions:

- Admission Subcommittee
- Transfer Credit Subcommittee
- Pre-Check Subcommittee

4.2. UEC Liaison reports

There were no reports.

4.3. Policy Subcommittee report

Most of the recent work has been focused on Policy 105 (Course Credits).

4.4. APPC report

Discontinuation of the Digital Manufacturing diploma and the Latin American Studies extended minor were recommended to Senate, as was approval of the draft annual consolidated budget recommendations.

4.5. Senate report

Senate approved the Financial Analytics post-baccalaureate diploma name changes and changes to the Health Care Assistant certificate, and completed

reorganization of the Faculty of Education, Community, and Human Development into four schools.

4.6. Senate Teaching and Learning Committee report

STLC is still working on defining holistic assessment.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 am.