

Curriculum and Programs Committee
Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 2:00 p.m.
(Room AA5014 & Via Webex)

A meeting of the Curriculum and Programs Committee, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, was held Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. in room AA-5014 and via Webex. P. Dold Chaired the meeting. A list of attendees is attached.

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

(Moved/Seconded: D. Wharram/P. Basabose) Carried.

2. Approval of Minutes

The following minutes of meeting of the Curriculum and Programs Committee were approved as presented:

November 15, 2022; (Moved/Seconded: K. Simonsen; M. Blaser) Carried.

November 22, 2022; (Moved/Seconded: D. Wharram; S. Rossignol) Carried.

November 29, 2022; (Moved/Seconded: S. Rossignol; K. Godbout-Kinney) Carried.

There were four abstentions, as they were not in attendance at those meetings: P. Basabose, N. Catto, S. Rajiva, and S. Thorne

3. Language Study (LS) Requirement issues

There is confusion for students with the current listed Language Study Requirement related to English courses, particularly for students where English is not the 1st language. N. Catto is in the process of organizing a meeting with the Registrar's Office as a high-level conversation to see what changes may be needed and what is in the best interest of the students. A subcommittee consisting of the following members will review and report back: N. Catto, D. Wharram, P. Basabose, K. Simonsen, and Wendy Mosdell.

4. CRW review

The current CRW Course Guidelines are dated 2014, and the guidelines call for a periodic review of designated CRW courses. A subcommittee comprised of S. Rossignol, S. Thorne, K. Simonsen, and P. Dold will gather information and stats on the CRW courses and report back.

Information from Department Heads indicate that the Dean's Office is pursuing increases in course caps as a budgetary constraints measure. Concerns were raised that increasing course caps for CRW courses poses risks to the quality and effectiveness of these courses. N. Catto, P. Dold, and K. Simonsen will meet with the Dean to discuss areas of concern.

5. iBA issues

Students are experiencing difficulties finding courses available to complete the program. The Undergraduate Waivers and Appeals Committee has received numerous requests regarding iBA because of the issues being experienced. A review of the requirements for completion of the iBA may be required. There is currently no coordinator for the program, but it is on the Dean's agenda to get a coordinator in place for the program. R. Newhook noted various problems with the international experience requirement and submitted that a solution might be an option in local volunteer or work experience that is international. N. Catto and the Dean's Office will gather information and report back to the committee.

6. Email polls or alternatives

It has been the practice of CPC to use email polls when seeking approval of Calendar Change Proposals if time constraints don't allow for a formal meeting, though this does not happen often. Committee Co-Chairs have been asked to consider the D2L/Brightspace shell as an alternative option. Concerns were raised and discussed, and it was re-stated that there still has to be an opportunity for discussion to take place. After discussion, it was agreed that email polls would continue. Response to be issued "Reply all" only if there are items/comments for discussion. Responses with only yes/no to be issued only to Recording Secretary (RFrew). Recording Secretary will update all members on final outcome of votes.

7. New Business

An update is required for some course titles to include designations if they are CRW, LS, or QR courses. This will ensure they can be easily identified.

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:12 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 2 p.m.

List of Attendees:

Mario Blaser, Archaeology (Webex)
Kathryn Simonsen, Classics, Co-Chair (Webex)
Nikita Lysenko, Economics (Webex)
Sarah Thorne, English (Webex)
Wendy Mosdell-Wadman, English (Non-voting/Webex)
Jennifer Dyer, Gender Studies (Webex)
Sebastien Rossignol, History (Webex)
Douglas Wharram, Linguistics
Phillipe Basabose, MLLC
Sumangali Rajiva, Philosophy (Webex)
Alex Marland, Political Science (Webex)
Patricia Dold, Religious Studies, Co-Chair
Allyson Stokes, Sociology, (Webex)
Rebecca Newhook, Co-op Education
Renee Shute, Academic Advisor
Keif Godbout-Kinney, GSU Rep (Webex)
Ashlinn Pennell, MUNSU Rep
Meghan Collett, Registrar's Office
Rose Frew, Recording Secretary

Regrets:

Jillian Gould, Folklore
Charles Mather, Geography

Absent:

Anthropology Rep