

Curriculum and Programs Committee  
Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences  
Minutes of Meeting  
Tuesday, May 16, 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, May 16, 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: K. Simonsen/D. Wharram) Carried.

2. Update from Interim Associate Dean (N. Catto)

N. Catto presented data gathered on the iBA and Language Studies. This does not provide solutions for issues experienced at this time. The presentation is recorded and will be shared. Discussion followed each section with the following comments/suggestions put forward:

iBA:

- this is “declared” iBA; special degree designation vs. a regular or hons degree; this is a degree (not a major)
- the study abroad/internship abroad is prohibitive for various reasons; if students had an option for an international research project locally with an international organization or for example, with an organization for an “applied international project” it may help those who cannot go abroad
- there is an option to apply to do something in Canada/apply for a waiver; no one availed of it yet
- several members agreed a coord/prog director is needed similar to dept prog directors
- the study abroad office does help coordination for those who can study abroad
- availability of courses is also a problem
- is relaxing the “4000 Level” requirement an option
- P. Dold will contact L. Ashworth to give some insight on a subcommittee
- N. Catto will speak with the Dean on the information gathered

LS Requirement:

- some are doing languages even though not required
- appears to be a different cohort in French courses; both French 1500/1501
- languages are complimentary studies for other faculties, hence a lot of non-HSS students
- French specifically, can lead to better job possibilities (federal gov and Intn’l agencies)
- helps with study abroad requirement and travel abroad
- some are continuing from high-school French
- ML Assoc. recommends a cap of only 15 students for introductory courses

Time did not allow Dr. Catto’s full presentation, which also includes data for English 1020/1021. The full presentation is on CPC Brightspace shell. Dr. Catto will continue with the presentation at June meeting.

Due to time restrictions, the presentation and remaining agenda items will continue at June meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:13 pm.

**Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 2 p.m.**

**List of Attendees:**

Mario Blaser, Archaeology (Webex)  
Kathryn Simonsen, Classics, Co-Chair (Webex)  
Sarah Thorne, English (Webex)  
Wendy Mosdell-Wadman, English (Non-voting/Webex)  
Sebastien Rossignol, History  
Douglas Wharram, Linguistics  
Phillipe Basabose, MLLC  
Alex Marland, Political Science (Webex)  
Patricia Dold, Religious Studies, Co-Chair  
Adrienne Peters, Sociology (alternate), (Webex)  
Rebecca Newhook, Co-op Education  
Renee Shute, Academic Advisor (Webex)  
Jennifer Porter, Registrar's Office (Webex)  
Norm Catto, Dean's Office  
Rose Frew, Recording Secretary

**Regrets:**

Nikita Lysenko, Economics  
Jillian Gould, Folklore  
Jennifer Dyer, Gender Studies  
Sumangali Rajiva, Philosophy  
Keif Godbout-Kinney, GSU Rep

**Absent:**

Anthropology Rep  
Charles Mather, Geography  
Allyson Stokes, Sociology  
Ashlinn Pennell, Undergrad MUNSU Rep (Student Term Completed)