

Curriculum and Programs Committee
Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
Minutes of Meeting, Tuesday, February 15, 2022

A meeting of the Curriculum and Programs Committee, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, was held Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. via WebEx. Dr. N. Catto occupied the Chair and the following members were in attendance:

Norm Catto	Shannon Hoff	Renee Shute
Giovanna Del Negro	Daniel Kudla	Kathryn Simonson
Patricia Dold	Wendy Mosdell-Wadman	Renee Skinner
Keif Godbout-Kinny	Sebastien Rossignol	Douglas Wharram

Regrets: Paul Ledger, Maria Mayr, Eva Redmond, Peter Trnka

N. Catto opened the meeting with a welcome and a note that it is important for all departments to be represented. For future meetings, if anyone cannot attend, please coordinate an alternate to attend on behalf of the department. Future meeting notices shall include a request to that effect as well.

1. Approval of Agenda

Agenda was approved as presented.

2. Calendar Change Proposals

- Political Science Graduate changes – 2022
-It was pointed out that some page numbers are out of order and N. Catto responded that it has been accepted on previous occasions
Motion moved by P. Dold, seconded by D. Kudla Carried
- Major and Minor in Medieval and Early Modern Studies
Motion moved by K. Simonsen, seconded by D. Wharram Carried

3. New Business

- Discussion of ASL Course: S. Hoff presented the idea for discussion the possibility of offering a couple of ASL courses to satisfy the Language Studies requirement, so as to get an initial sense of whether committee members thought this would get support from the faculty. After some discussion, positive feedback, and strong support from committee members, the idea was favoured in principle. S. Hoff to gather additional information and pursue further.
- Course Definitions/Senate Teaching and Learning Committee Proposal: S. Hoff stated that a request for feedback was issued, and as a faculty was submitted two days ago. She had received feedback from several Heads and during the Heads meeting. She is on the working group for the committee and can bring further feedback from this CPC for these definitions. It was confirmed everyone had received the information. Committee members gave additional feedback on several of the definitions for S. Hoff to bring back to the working group. N. Catto stated he can also bring it back to SCUGS.

4. Other Business

- Dr. A. Marland sent an email to be relayed that he is “currently drafting the Political Science teaching plan on the basis that the special topics 6xxx-level course numbers will be available so that we can “piggyback” some of our 4000-level courses beginning Fall 2022”. There were no issues or concerns raised by committee members, and that is to be conveyed to Dr. Marland.

- S. Hoff gave an update on teaching plans in response to query from P. Dold. It’s a challenging and a complicated process considering a difficult budgetary situation. She is working with the Dean to streamline and optimize teaching plans and both are working with departments on curriculum and collaborating with Heads to come up with solutions. She has studied the history of teaching plans over the last few years – what’s been offered, # of classes, enrolment vs offerings, cap sizes, etc. – working to discern good use of resources, attract majors, and support healthy enrolments.

- In response to a concern raised about departmental isolation (which may be due to pandemic), and the lack of a sense of solidarity within the faculty, S. Hoff stated that communication between Dean’s Office and Heads, from Heads to departments, and among departments is important, and inter-departmental collaboration may allow for mutual support; cross-section meetings can also be of great benefit, and there may be opportunities for departments to help each other. Service work can give better awareness and greater understanding of what’s going on across the Faculty.

Meeting adjourned at 2:37.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March, 15, 2022 at 2 p.m.