

General Faculties Council
Programs Committee
Approved Open Session Minutes

Thursday, June 20, 2024
South Academic Building (SAB) 2-31
10:00 AM - 11:30 PM

ATTENDEES:

Voting Members:

Janice Causgrove Dunn (Chair)
Aman Ullah (Vice-Chair)
Layla Alhussainy
Jennifer Branch-Mueller
Jessica Butts Scott
Florence Glanfield
Anna Hughes
Rija Kamran

Hanne Pearce
Sujata Persad
Tracy Raivio
John Ussher

Regrets

John Lemieux
Tim Tang
John Ussher

Non-Voting Members:

Kate Peters
Laurel Wilkie

Staff

Carley Roth
Jenna Lee

OPENING SESSION

The Chair began by acknowledging the territory and emphasizing the importance of this action during the week of celebrations leading up to National Indigenous Peoples' Day.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Janice Causgrove Dunn, Vice-Provost (Programs) and Chair, GFC Programs Committee (PC)

The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT the GFC Programs Committee approve the agenda.

CARRIED

2. Comments from the Chair (no documents)

Presenter(s): Janice Causgrove Dunn, Vice-Provost (Programs) and Chair, GFC PC

Discussion: The Chair made comments regarding:

- National Indigenous Peoples Day;
- Updates to the community on recent encampments;
- Learning Management System (LMS) updates;
- Convocation; and
- Members completing their terms on PC.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of May 16, 2024

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

The motion to approve the items in the consent agenda was moved and seconded.

THAT the GFC Programs Committee approve the open session minutes of May 16, 2024

CARRIED

4. Course, Minor Program, and Minor Regulation Changes

- Augustana
- Business
- Education
- Engineering
- Campus Saint-Jean
- Nursing
- Medicine & Dentistry
- Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences-
- Rehabilitation Medicine
- School of Public Health

THAT the GFC Programs Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the attached submissions from the Faculties of

- Augustana
- Business
- Education
- Engineering
- Campus Saint-Jean
- Medicine & Dentistry
- Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Rehabilitation Medicine
- Saint-Jean

CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS

5. Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies Graduate Admission Regulation

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Tracy Raivio, Vice-Provost and Dean, Faculty of Graduate & Postdoctoral studies (GPS)

Discussion: The Chair began by reminding members of the recent changes to the PC Terms of Reference including the sub-delegation of authority to the Provost to approve minor changes to regulations. She noted that this provision would allow for the Vice-Provost and Dean of GPS to approve this proposal if it was considered minor, and invited the committee to consider whether they would feel comfortable with classifying the proposal as minor.

T Raivio presented the proposal which sets out changes to the category of "special students" in admission regulations.

Members asked questions and made comments including:

- the category of special students and the relationship between Open Studies students and Special Students, and the impact on the student; and
- whether special students admitted are able to ladder any coursework taken while under that status in their subsequent graduate program.

After the motion was approved, the Chair asked members to comment on whether it would be appropriate to classify this proposal as minor. Members expressed their concern, given the number of comments, in having this kind of approval made with sub-delegated authority.

The motion was moved and seconded.

That GFC Programs Committee approves the policy and calendar changes regarding Conditional Admissions for graduate students, as included, for implementation upon final approval.

CARRIED

6. Proposed Changes to Academic Standing Regulations for Graduate Students (GPS)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Tracy Raivio, Vice-Provost and Dean, Faculty of Graduate & Postdoctoral studies (GPS)

Discussion: The GFC Secretary notified members that the proposal for changes to academic standing regulations for graduate students had been erroneously included under Item 5 without a separate motion. She asked members to reconsider their approval of the Special Students Regulation to include both sets of changes to Conditional Admission and Academic Standing. PC members agreed to reconsider the motion, however requested that the Academic Standing item be added to the agenda separately. Both motions were placed on the floor for discussion and passed.

The motion was moved and seconded.

That GFC Programs Committee approves the naming change of "Special Graduate Students" to "Non-Degree Program Graduate Students" and related policy and calendar changes, as included, for implementation upon final approval.

CARRIED

6. Faculty of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences: Proposed Changes to Doctor of Pharmacy Requirements

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Trent Nabe, Manager, Academic Programs & Student Services, Faculty of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences; Sherif Mahmoud, Associate Dean Academic, Faculty of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences

Discussion: S Mahmoud presented the rationale for the suite of changes.

Members and observers discussed:

- The use of Casper for the process of admissions and concerns about the impact on equity;
- Whether all Indigenous students who meet admission criteria and who are therefore eligible applicants will be admitted or whether only the nine seats held for Indigenous students will be filled;
- A suggestion that the wording as set out indicates a limit to the number of Indigenous applicants who could be admitted and that it should be clarified to indicate that all Indigenous applicants who meet admission criteria will be admitted with an additional nine seats held for Indigenous applicants;
- A comment that there is considerable evidence that the Casper tool has negative impacts on minority groups applying for admission including individuals whose first language is not English.

The proponent agreed to make this change and asked that it be considered a friendly amendment.

The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT the GFC Programs Committee approve the attached calendar changes from the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences pertaining to the PharmD admissions process and requirements as amended for implementation in the 2025-2026 University Calendar.

CARRIED

7. Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry: Proposed Course Designator for Bachelor of Biomedicine Dual Degree

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Tracey Hillier, Associate Dean, MD Program, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry

The Chair clarified that this proposal had been approved by the GFC PC in March, 2022 and had been recently approved by the Ministry. She noted this was before the committee to ensure transparency.

T Hillier referred members to the proposal. There were no questions.

The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT the GFC Programs Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, a new course designator (AIB), new courses and program requirements for the new Bachelor of Biomedicine Program and courses set forth in attachment 1, as submitted by the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry.

CARRIED

8. Faculty of Nursing: Suspension of Registered Psychiatric Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Linda Youell; Joanne Olson

Discussion: The Chair noted this proposal was another example of a case where the committee's terms of reference now include a sub-delegation of authority to the proposal to approve suspension of second-level specialisations. She asked committee members to consider whether they would consider it appropriate for the Provost to approve the suspension with sub delegated approval.

J Olson presented the proposal and there were no questions or comments.

Members agreed it would be appropriate for this proposal to be approved with sub-delegated authority.

The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT the General Faculties Council (GFC) Programs Committee approve, with delegated authority from GFC, the suspension of admissions to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Registered Psychiatric Nurse to BScN program) from the Faculty of Nursing, to take effect July 1, 2024.

CARRIED

9. Office of the Registrar: English as Primary Language of Instruction

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Anna Hughes, Associate Registrar, Enrolment Management

Discussion: A Hughes presented the proposal and there was no discussion.

The motion was moved and seconded.

That the GFC Programs Committee approve the changes to the Language Proficiency Requirements in the Calendar to clarify the primary languages of instruction and assessment.

CARRIED

10. Faculty of Arts : Minors in Agricultural Food Policy and Global Health; Clothing, Textiles and Material Culture; Environmental Policy; and Family Science

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Rebecca Nagel, Associate Dean (Undergraduate Education) Faculty of Arts

Discussion: The Chair noted this was an example of collaboration and noted this was another proposal that could be approved with sub-delegated authority. R Nagel presented the proposal and there were no questions.

The committee discussed whether it would be appropriate to see this proposal approved with sub-delegated authority and commented:

- on requirements for consultation with the Vice-Provost (Indigenous Programs and Research) or with the Vice-Provost (Equity, Diversity and Inclusion) and the need to document that consultation;
- that members of PC will need to rely on the Vice-Provost (Programs) and the Vice Provost and Dean of the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS) to ensure that consultations are being documented;
- that not seeing this kind of proposal at PC may make the meetings less engaging and that part of the work of the committee is hearing about the good news of program development; and
- that there is a need for broader communication on proposals like this while still streamlining these decisions.

The Chair asked the proponent to speak to their comfort with the proposal being approved with sub delegated authority and they noted that because the proposal speaks to collaboration between faculties, it requires oversight of the whole community.

The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT the GFC Programs Committee, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, approve the proposed Minors in Agricultural Food Policy and Global Health; Clothing, Textiles and Material Culture; Environmental Policy; and Family Science, as proposed by the Faculty of Arts, for inclusion in the 2025-2026 University Calendar.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

11. External Programs for Review and Programs in Progress on Campus: Standing Item (no documents)

Presenter(s): Natasja Saranchuk, Portfolio Initiatives Manager (Programs)

Discussion:

12. Question Period

Presenter(s): Janice Causgrove Dunn

Discussion: Members asked about plans for implementing the new terms of reference, specifically how approvals using sub-delegated authority would be enacted. The Chair clarified that over the coming months, the GFC Secretary would be putting together information for the committee's consideration on a process for approvals with sub delegated authority.

INFORMATION REPORTS

13. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings-Information for Members of GFC PC- Join us virtually for a talk about the Moose Hide Campaign
14. Online and Continuing Education: Summary of approvals for EXELP 7141 &7142, EXRI 3588 & 4678

CLOSING SESSION

17. Adjournment
 - Next Meeting of PC: September 12, 2024
 - Next Meeting of GFC: September 23, 2024