



**SENATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

Monday 24 January 2022
1:01-1:54 pm via Zoom

Attendees

Senators

P. Englezos
S. Gopalakrishnan
C. Jaeger
S. Kandola
R. Kozak
C. Krebs (Chair)
S. Matsui
C. Menzies
J. Schumacher
S. Singh
J. Stewart
G. Yee (Vice-Chair)

Ex Officio

S. Bates
J. Hoegg
C. Holmes
N. Hutchinson
S. Jarvis-Selinger
E. Jovel
S. Parker
C. Rawn
A. Webb
E. Whitney
Z. Xu

Regrets

E. Cantiller
P. Culbert
A. Dulay
H. Leong
D. Parkes
M. Quayle
K. Ross
L. Stothers
H.C. von Bergmann

Guests

J. Fletcher

Senate Staff

M. Davis
J. Iverson
B. Menard

**Call to Order and
Territorial
Acknowledgement**

The meeting of the Senate Curriculum Committee (the “Committee”) was called to order at 1:01 pm on 24 January 2022 by C. Krebs, Chair.

**New Committee
Members**

Dee Goyal – Student Senator, Faculty of Dentistry
Dr. Eduardo Jovel – Interim Director, First Nations House of Learning
Shaktiraj Kandola – Student Senator, Faculty of Education

Agenda

THAT THE Senate Curriculum Committee adopts the 24 January 2022 agenda as presented.

Carried by General Consent.

Meeting Minutes

THAT THE Senate Curriculum Committee approves the 29 November 2021 meeting minutes as presented.

Moved: C. Krebs
Seconded: C. Holmes
Carried.

**Business Arising
from the Minutes**

Draft Changes to Guide to Curriculum Submissions

THAT THE Senate Curriculum Committee approves the changes to “A Guide to Curriculum Submissions for UBC Vancouver” as presented.

Moved: C. Krebs
Seconded: S. Gopalakrishnan
Carried.

C. Rawn suggested adjusting the proposed wording to emphasize that implementation is at an early stage for some faculties. C. Krebs noted that the proposed wording allows space for faculties that are beginning to implement the ISP.

S. Bates confirmed that the Quality Assurance Criteria is currently being reviewed by the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training. S. Bates noted that the proposed revisions to the Guide to Curriculum Submissions resonates with the new language supported in Stage 1 of the Ministry review process. It was noted that the updated language included in the Guide to Curriculum Submissions is aligned with what the Ministry will be looking for in new program proposals.

Action Item:

S. Bates to report back to the Committee once the Ministry review is completed.

It was noted by a committee member that it may be beneficial to include the full language of any ISP Actions, rather than only noting their Goal and Action numbers.

The Committee decided to approve in principle the changes to the Guide and for the Senate Office to distribute once those changes have been made.

Action Item:

Senate Office to revise Guide to Curriculum Submissions and circulate updated version once edits are completed.

Action Item:

**A discussion of Workday to be included in a future SCC meeting agenda.
C. Krebs to prepare a presentation.**

**Subcommittee
Reports – Applied
Faculties**

S. Gopalakrishnan presented:

- New Course: HGSE 394

This new course from the Faculty of Forestry is titled Marine Conservation and focuses on how to care for the marine environment in British Columbia. Initially piloted as a directed studies course, this proposal aims to regularize the course. This course may be taken by students from other faculties and is widely promoted across Canada and the world.

THAT THE Senate Curriculum Committee approves the new course as circulated.

Moved: S. Gopalakrishnan
Seconded: R. Kozak
Carried.

**Subcommittee
Reports – Arts**

J. Schumacher presented:

- New Programs: Bachelor of Arts > Major in Urban Studies, Major in Romance Studies, Minor in Romance Studies, Minor in English: Teacher Education Preparation
- Revised Programs: Bachelor of Arts > Honours in Romance Studies, Bachelor of Media Studies
- New Course Code: MDIA
- New Courses: GERM 207, INFO 441, MDIA 150, MDIA 290, MDIA 300, MDIA 350, MDIA 450

The new Urban Studies Major, in which new courses will follow soon, is jointly offered by the Department of Geography and the School of Community and Regional Planning (SCARP). Students will apply for entry after completing their first year. Several core courses will be offered plus courses from 5 focus areas for a total of 30 credits. This major seeks to provide specialized programming that will influence the development of cities and urban areas.

The Department of French, Hispanic and Italian Studies offers a new Major and Minor in Romance Studies, as well as updating their Honours program. The major will be similar to the honours program, less 18 credits. New courses will eventually be added to the curriculum thereby increasing flexibility to introductory courses. This proposal also included a recoding of courses to the RMST course code and reducing language proficiency requirements.

The new Minor in English: Teacher Education Preparation by the Department of English Language and Literatures synergizes with the Education Major. Designed with two types of students in mind: those wanting to be a primarily English teaching secondary school teacher and secondary school teachers who have a background in other subjects (ex. History, French, Biology or Chemistry) but want a second teachable area.

The Bachelor of Media Studies proposal updates the core program requirements and allows focus on three areas: the narrative, visual and data areas. These changes are intended to help outline disciplinary core courses, create a spine of media studies core courses and decrease the number of program electives.

THAT THE Senate Curriculum Committee approves the new programs, revised programs, new course code and new courses as circulated.

Moved: J. Schumacher
Seconded: S. Gopalakrishnan
Carried.

**Subcommittee
Reports –
Graduate**

N. Hutchinson presented:

- Revised Program: Master of Public Health > Medical Resident Pathway
- New Courses: IWME 506, SPHA 512

M.P.H. is creating a new pathway for medical residents who have already completed a Doctor of Medical (M.D.) degree, thereby acknowledging work previously completed which in turn shortens the program length. New course SPHA 512 aligns with the ISP as it includes more indigenous content in the Master of Health Administration (M.H.A.) program. The Department of Civil Engineering, proposes a new course IWME 506 as part of the Master of Engineering Leadership (M.E.L.) program, which entails a water infrastructure capstone experience.

THAT THE Senate Curriculum Committee approves the revised program and new courses as circulated.

Moved: N. Hutchinson
Seconded: J. Hoegg
Carried.

**Subcommittee
Reports - Science**

J. Stewart presented:

- New Course: MATH 425

This proposal improved the course description and broadened the prerequisites.

THAT THE Senate Curriculum Committee approves the new course as circulated.

Moved: J. Stewart
Seconded: S. Gopalakrishnan
Carried.

DISCUSSIONS

Indigenous Strategic Plan (ISP) - Sharing Experiences with Implementing ISP in Curriculum

C. Rawn noted that the four departments from Faculty of Arts, that had proposals reviewed during today's meeting, all took very different approaches to incorporating the ISP into their submissions. It was noted that the SCC conversations over the last several months have greatly informed the approach that the Faculty of Arts has been taking.

Other Business None to report.

Next Meeting The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday 28 February 2022
1-3 pm.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 1:54 pm.