



**SENATE ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, April 26, 2023 from 10:02-11:16 am via Zoom

Attendees

- Senators** J. Fox, C. Jaeger (Chair), S. Pelech, I. Price
- Ex Officio** J. Charbonneau, S. Jarvis-Selinger, C. Krebs, R. Ng, S. Saini, E. Salzberg, C. Scaman
- Guests** E. Eberhardt, H. Gerritts, D. Grecov, T. Juba, C. Kam, J. Pelletier, C. Rawn
- Regrets** B. Gopaluni, S. Kenston, B. Morey, L. Moss, B. Nguyen, S. Nicolaou, S. Shirzad, A. Zhao
- Senate Staff** B. Menard

Call to Order and Land The meeting of the Senate Admissions Committee (the “Committee”) was called to order at 10:01 am on 26 April 2023 by C. Jaeger, Chair.

Acknowledgement

Agenda *That the Senate Admissions Committee adopts the 26 April 2023 agenda, as presented.*

Carried by general consent.

Meeting Minutes *That the Senate Admissions Committee adopts the 12 April 2023 meeting minutes, as circulated.*

Moved: C. Jaeger
Seconded: S. Pelech
Carried.

Business Arising C. Jaeger noted that in response to an earlier request, R. Ng had provided additional statistics regarding the admissions versus applications gender percentages.

For Approval

Undergraduate Certificate in Data As presented by C. Kam and C. Rawn:

and Models in Political Science *That the Committee approve and recommend to Senate for approval the admission requirements for the new Undergraduate Certificate in Data and Models in Political Science, effective for the 2023 Winter Session and thereafter.*

Moved: C. Jaeger

Seconded: S. Pelech
Carried.

The Chair invited Dr. Rawn to present the proposal for the admission requirements for the new Undergraduate Certificate in Data and Models in Political Science. C. Rawn provided an overview of the proposed program and its anticipated interest for students.

C. Krebs noted a concern about admission requirement for 75% in POLI 110 brought forward to the Senate Curriculum Committee.

In response, C. Rawn noted that this is a median grade and not a particularly high bar.

S. Pelech stated that POLI 110 appears to include a fair amount of statistical analysis. Looking at the content of the program, there is a fair amount of Indigenous knowledge. He noted that 75% may be a barrier for students who are interested in the certificate.

C. Kam responded to previous comments by stating that roughly 40 students chose a data track. The Faculty expects about that many to enrol in the certificate. C. Kam noted that the intention in requiring 75% in POLI 110 is to ensure that students are equipped to be successful in the capstone.

J. Charbonneau asked if someone takes all of the course requirements through other means, would they be able to apply for graduation?

C. Kam confirmed that a student in that situation would qualify, but in order to complete the course requirements, they may face a bottleneck in completing the capstone course.

J. Fox asked whether a clause should be added to say that an advisor can approve an alternate entry pathway, and provided the example on page 9 of the docket, akin to "or at the discretion of the program director"?

Action item:

B. Menard to work with S. Saini, C. Kam and C. Rawn to prepare revised language for the admission requirements, including POLI 110 or equivalent and how POLI 110 grades would be assessed in the case of over admission.

**Graduate
Certificate in
Applied Geological
Engineering**

As presented by E. Eberhardt:

That the Committee approve and recommend to Senate for approval the admission requirements for the new Graduate Certificate in Applied Geological Engineering, effective for the 2023 Winter Session and thereafter.

Moved: C. Jaeger
Seconded: S. Pelech
Carried.

The Chair invited Dr. Eberhardt to present the proposal for the admission requirements for the new Graduate Certificate in Applied Geological

Engineering. E. Eberhardt provided an overview of the proposed program and who it is expected to attract as potential students.

S. Pelech asked about tuition fees for the program.

E. Eberhardt responded that the tuition is the same for the other Graduate Certificate in Mine Waste. The intention is to make curriculum that serves BC-based industry.

The chair reminded that Committee that tuition is outside of the scope of the Committee and of Senate.

I. Price are whether the tuition fees are competitive for international and domestic?

The Chair responded that the tuition fees are in the middle between the average domestic and international.

E. Eberhardt noted that the market analysis performed in preparing this proposal supports the tuition fee rate.

The Chair that B. Morey had sent feedback via email.

Action item:

Admission requirements on the Faculties of Applied Science and Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies pages to be aligned to only list Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies as the unit that "...granted admission on the recommendation of the appropriate graduate program and approval..."

Action item:

B. Menard to work with E. Eberhardt and J. Jubinville-Mah to finalize admission requirements based on committee feedback.

**Doctor of
Philosophy in
Design,
Technology and
Society**

As presented by C. Girling:

That the Committee approve and recommend to Senate for approval the admission requirements for the new Doctor of Philosophy in Design, Technology and Society, effective for the 2024 Winter Session and thereafter.

Moved: C. Jaeger
Seconded: J. Fox
Carried.

The Chair invited Dr. Girling to present the proposal for the admission requirements for the new Doctor of Philosophy in Design, Technology and Society. C. Girling provided an overview of the proposed program with a focus on its admission requirements.

**Post-
Baccalaureate
Certificate in
Mechanical**

As presented by D. Grecov:

That the Committee approve and recommend to Senate for approval the admission requirements for the new Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in

Engineering in the BC Context

Mechanical Engineering in the BC Context, effective for the 2023 Summer Session and thereafter.

Moved: C. Jaeger
Seconded: C. Krebs
Carried.

The Chair invited Dr. Grecov to present the proposal for the admission requirements for the new Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Mechanical Engineering in the BC Context. D. Grecov provided an overview of the proposed program.

J. Fox requested an explanation regarding the clause in the admission requirements.

The Chair responded by confirming that it is a standard clause because the bachelor degree and the accreditation processes are the two ways to become an engineer.

Other Business

Noting the end of the regular committee cycle of this triennium, S. Pelech thanked C. Jaeger for her chairship. The Committee echoed those thanks.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, May 10, 2023 from 10 am-12 pm

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:16 am.