



## SENATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 27, 2025 from 1:00-1:53pm on Zoom

### Attendees

<b>Senators</b>	S. Bredin (Vice-Chair), A. Chui, S. Gopalakrishnan (Chair), C. Lim, S. Singh
<b>Ex Officio</b>	K. Accurso, A. Beedle, S. Brown, P. Culbert, G. Dake, S. Parker, P. Rizzotti, G. Werker
<b>Guests</b>	R. Chow, J. Fletcher, H. May, R. Morrison, J. Swift
<b>Regrets</b>	B. Agafitei, S. Bates, A. Dulay, P. Englezos, J. Fox, B. Goold, C. Holmes, C. Jaeger, R. Kozak, S. Lavallee, K. Mathu-Muju, S. McElduff, C. Menzies, I. Price, A. Riseman, A. Uzama, J. Viveiros, A. Wang, J. Xu
<b>Senate Office</b>	J. Iverson, T. Tseng

**Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement** The meeting of the Senate Curriculum Committee (the “Committee”) was called to order at 1:00 pm on 27 October 2025 by S. Gopalakrishnan, Chair. G. Dake provided a land acknowledgement.

**Agenda** **Motion:** *That the Senate Curriculum Committee adopts the 27 October, 2025 meeting agenda*

**Carried by general consent.**

**Meeting Minutes** **Motion:** *That the Senate Curriculum Committee approves the 22 September 2025 meeting minutes.*

**Carried by general consent.**

**Business Arising** None to report.

**Membership Changes**

- Brian Agafitei, Student Senator (incoming)
- Alex Chui, Student Senator (incoming)



- Chaeyoung Lim, Student Senator (incoming)
- Jasper Lorien, Student Senator (outgoing)
- Siobhán McElduff, Senator, Joint Faculties (incoming)
- Catherine Rawn, Senator, Joint Faculties (outgoing)
- Maddie Reid, Student Senator (outgoing)
- Salva Sherif, Student Senator (outgoing)
- Amy Wang, Student Senator (incoming)
- Judy Xu, Student Senator (incoming)
- Solomon Yi-Kieran, Student Senator (outgoing)
- William Zhu, Student Senator (outgoing)

The two student senators who were present, A. Chui and C. Lim, introduced themselves.

## SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

**Applied Faculties** Presented by A. Beedle:

New Undergraduate Certificate: Undergraduate Certificate in Geomatics for Environmental Management.

**Motion:** *That the Senate Curriculum Committee approves and recommends to Senate for approval the new undergraduate certificate.*

Moved: A. Beedle  
Seconded: S. Brown  
**Carried.**

**Arts** Presented by S. Bredin:

New Courses: POLI\_V 300, RMST\_V 317, RMST\_V 417, SPAN\_V 415, SPAN\_V 425, SPAN\_V 435

**Motion:** *That the Senate Curriculum Committee approves and recommends to Senate for approval the new courses.*

A. Chui asked about the difference between POLI\_V 300 and other POLI\_V courses with similar content; POLI\_V 308 was used as an example. A member answered that POLI\_V 300 is designed as an upper-level introductory course, suitable to fulfill third-year level designation.



S. Singh asked if POLI\_V 300 is open to students from other Faculties.  
S. Bredin answered it is open to everyone with the exception of students specializing in Political Science and International Relations.

Moved: S. Bredin  
Seconded: A. Beedle  
**Carried.**

## Graduate

Presented by G. Dake:

New Courses: ARST\_V 518, ENGL\_V 523, ENGL\_V 524, ENGL\_V 554, ENGL\_V 570, LIBR\_V 518, LIBR\_V 530, NURS\_V 573, NURS\_V 574, NURS\_V 575

New Graduate Certificate: Graduate Certificate in Nurse Practitioner Oncology

**Motion:** *That the Senate Curriculum Committee approves and recommends to Senate for approval the new courses and new graduate certificate.*

G. Dake requested a friendly amendment: remove two sentences from page 54 of the meeting materials: “Students from out of province may also be required to pay additional preceptor fees. The additional preceptor fees are estimated to be \$9,000 per learner based on the current NP preceptor honorarium program payment scale.” The Committee accepted the amendment.

A. Beedle asked if this certificate was offered at UBC Okanagan. J. Swift answered that the certificate is only offered by UBC Vancouver, however, courses can be taken virtually and the practicum can be taken at BC Cancer or Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA) sites located in Kelowna.

S. Singh asked if the new courses will be taught by new faculty members or existing faculty members, with concern to workload increasing for existing faculty members. J. Swift answered that adjunct faculties will be teaching the certificate courses, while over time, they plan to hire more instructors with both nurse practitioner and oncology experience.



S. Singh asked if the program was designed for students of diverse learning abilities who may need support to complete the program. J. Swift answered that it hasn't been the experience of the department where specially designed support was needed. Eligible students must already have completed a two-year masters in the nurse practitioner program. Furthermore, students in the program would have the same access to concessions and services from the Centre For Accessibility.

A. Beedle asked if nurse practitioners with specialization in oncology will be a change in the model of care and workforce demand. J. Swift answered that part of building the certificate in partnership with BC Cancer was their long-term workforce planning. The program was designed to address steep learning curves, set students up for success in the field, and avoid burnout. Additionally, BC Cancer and PHSA are offering a one-year, full-time fellowship outside of UBC. The fellowship is a paid position for somebody who has a job, either at BC Cancer or PHSA, or is being recruited to a job. They are not expected to work outside of the program. In this way, the certificate is both an upscaling and recruitment tool.

Moved: G. Dake  
Seconded: P. Rizzotti  
**Carried.**

## Health and Education

Presented by S. Gopalakrishnan:

New Course: BMEG\_V 300

**Motion:** *That the Senate Curriculum Committee approves and recommends to Senate for approval the new course.*

J. Iverson suggested a friendly amendment: course title to be changed to "Topics in Biomedical Engineering I." The Committee accepted the suggestion.

S. Singh asked about the expected instructional format. The Chair answered that the flexibility of the instructional format and variable credit is meant to be broad, as this course has not been offered before and is acting as a placeholder.

Moved: S. Gopalakrishnan  
Seconded: P. Rizzotti



**Carried.**

**Non-Credit  
Credentials**

Presented by S. Gopalakrishnan:

New Non-Credit Program Microcertificate:

- Non-Credit Program Microcertificate in Natural Language Processing to Improve Patient Care

**Motion:** *That the Senate Curriculum Committee approves and recommends to Senate for approval the new non-credit program microcertificate.*

Moved: S. Gopalakrishnan

Seconded: A. Chui

**Carried.**

**DISCUSSIONS**

**Other Business**

J. Iverson presented a revised two-column curriculum proposal form. This version explicitly collects Special topics Variable Credit (STVC) information and expands the criteria for submitting a supplemental course information form. Units are asked to start using the new form immediately. Any proposals currently in process do not need to use the new form, and the Senate team will be in touch if any additional information is required.

**Next meeting**

Monday 24 November 2025 from 1-3pm in-person at IKBLC Chilcotin Boardroom (Rm. 256).

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:53 pm.