



SENATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 24, 2025 from 1:03-1:52 pm in person

Attendees

Senators S. Bredin (Vice-Chair), J. Fox, P. Englezos, S. Gopalakrishnan (Chair), J. Xu

Ex Officio K. Accurso, S. Bates, A. Beedle, S. Brown, P. Culbert, G. Dake, C. Holmes, C. Jaeger, K. Mathu-Muju, P. Rizzotti

Guests J. Fletcher, H. May, R. Morrison

Regrets B. Agafitei, A. Chui, A. Dulay, B. Goold, R. Kozak, S. Lavallee, C. Lim, S. McElduff, C. Menzies, S. Parker, I. Price, A. Riseman, S. Singh A. Uzama, J. Viveiros, A. Wang, G. Werker

Senate Office J. Iverson, T. Tseng

Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement The meeting of the Senate Curriculum Committee (the “Committee”) was called to order at 1:03 pm on 24 November 2025 by S. Gopalakrishnan, Chair. K. Accurso provided a land acknowledgement.

Student senator, J. Xu, joined the Committee meeting. A round of introductions took place.

Agenda **Motion:** *That the Senate Curriculum Committee adopts the 24 November 2025 meeting agenda.*

Moved: S. Bredin
Seconded: P. Culbert
Carried.

Meeting Minutes **Motion:** *That the Senate Curriculum Committee approves the 27 October 2025 meeting minutes.*



Moved: A. Beedle
Seconded: P. Culbert
Carried.

Business Arising None.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

The Chair inquired if there were any objections to moving the Non-Credit Credentials report to the top of the list. The Committee agreed to the amendment.

Non-Credit Credentials

Presented by S. Bates:

New Non-Credit Program Microcertificate:

- Communicating Ocean Science: Stakeholder Engagement and Impact Non-Credit Program Microcertificate
- Introduction to the Blue Economy: Concepts, Challenges, and Opportunities Non-Credit Program Microcertificate

Revised Non-Credit Program Certificate

- Physio Refresh Non-Credit Program Certificate

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

S. Bates clarified that Communicating Ocean Science is open to learners with high school education or equivalent as a minimum requirement, whereas Introduction to the Blue Economy is designed for interdisciplinary students and working professionals.

Moved: S. Bates
Seconded: S. Brown
Carried.

Applied Faculties Presented by C. Holmes:

New Courses: CHBE_V 412, MANU_V 231, MANU_V 456, MANU_V 457, MECH_V 494, MTRL_V 434



Revised Program: Bachelor of Applied Science > Minor in Honours
Mathematics

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

K. Accurso asked if MANU_V 231, a core course becoming mandatory, will impact the prerequisites for the other courses. C. Jaeger confirmed that Category 2 proposals were submitted to accommodate for this.

K. Accurso asked if vectors have to add up to the credit value of a course. C. Jaeger explained there is flexibility among Faculties in how vectors are calculated. For Applied Science, the second digit is generally multiplied by 0.50 to determine the credit value for the laboratory component. Accreditation requirements are considered in the design of vectors. Vector usage varies among Faculties.

Moved: S. Gopalakrishnan
Seconded: A. Beedle
Carried.

Arts

Presented by S. Bredin:

New Courses: CRWR_V 210, ENGL_V 369, RMST_V 243, RMST_V 348, RMST_V 370, WRDS_V 395

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

A. Beedle asked why ENGL_V 369 is variable credits when it appears to be a standard 3-credit course. P. Rizzotti confirmed that it is common for many 300-level English courses to be 3-6 credits.

A. Beedle asked about the restriction statement on year standing of WRDS_V 395 when Workday cannot identify year standing. J. Iverson confirmed that Workday can identify and restrict by year standing. Class standing is different from year standing in Workday configuration. It was further explained that proposals indicating “restricted to student with third-year standing” are interpreted as third-year as minimum requirement.

Moved: S. Bredin
Seconded: K. Accurso



Carried.

Graduate

Presented by G. Dake:

New Courses: EECE_V 572, EECE_V 573, EECE_V 574, EECE_V 575, EECE_V 576, EECE_V 577, EECE_V 578, MECH_V 583, ARST_V 562, ENGL_V 548, ENGL_V 574, LIBR_V 513, SPPH_V 610

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

Moved: G. Dake
Seconded: C. Jaeger
Carried.

Health and Education

Presented by S. Brown:

New Courses: PHAR_V 398, PHAR_V 399, PHAR_V 498, PHAR_V 499, PHRM_V 331

New Program: Bachelor of Pharmaceutical Sciences > Co-operative Education

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

Moved: S. Brown
Seconded: S. Bredin
Carried.

Science

Presented by P. Englezos:

Revised Program: Vantage One Science > Program Requirements

Motion: *That the Senate Curriculum Committee approves and recommends to Senate for approval the revised program.*

Moved: P. Englezos
Seconded: J. Fox
Carried.

DISCUSSIONS

The Chair presented ideas for other ways to use Committee meeting times.



1. An information session is planned for the January 2026 Committee meeting. R. Kozak and members of the Faculty of Education involved in non-credit credentials have been invited to discuss how workload is managed in their Faculties.
2. The Committee could discuss lessons learned from the curriculum process, feedback about missteps, and suggestions that could be incorporated into the process.
3. Creating further efficiencies for the Category 1 approval process for routine proposals.

C. Fox suggested learning about the supports offered by Extended Learning and their viewpoint on what works across Faculties for non-credit credentials.

J. Iverson commented on the possibility of adopting consent agendas. The triennial review may be an appropriate mechanism to make suggestions on how the Committee could amend its operations and terms of reference.

Other Business

None.

Next Meeting

The Committee reviewed and approved all November business and therefore the Wednesday 26 November 2025 meeting was cancelled. The next scheduled meeting is Monday 26 January 2026 from 1-3 pm via Zoom.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:52 pm.