

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS AND STUDIES (CCUAS)**

February 10, 2021

9:00 a.m.

Location: Zoom meeting

Members Present: Darlene Chambers, Stephen Cheng, Doug Cripps, James D’Arcy, Naomi Deren, David deMontigny, Fidji Gendron, Karen Lehmann, André Magnan, David Meban, Nader Mobed, Pamela Osmond Johnson, Wes Pearce, Joe Piwowar, Morina Rennie, Yaya Siggins, Glenys Sylvestre, Sean Whalley, Scott Wilson (Chair)

Regrets: Alfred Adenuga, Katlyn Richardson, Glenys Sylvestre

Observers: Heather Antonini, Jordan Courtney, Barb Elich, Christine McBain, Sarah Stewart

Recorder: Coby Stephenson

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by S. Wilson, Chair.

1. Approval of the Agenda

D. Cripps – K. Lehmann

MOVED Agenda as presented.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes

J. Piwowar – J. D’Arcy

MOVED that the minutes of the January 13, 2021, meeting be approved as distributed.

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1 Report from the Registrar’s Office

J. D’Arcy presented the report on behalf of the Registrar’s Office

3.1.1 REVISIONS TO THE GRADUATION SECTION IN THE UNDERGRADUATE CALENDAR

J. D’Arcy – J. Piwowar

MOVED to approve the revisions to the Graduation section (p. 50) of the Undergraduate Calendar as outlined on page 2 of the Agenda, **effective 202220**.

During discussion it was asked if there will be a grandfathering clause or will it be immediately effective starting 202220. This effective date is for over a year from now so faculties should be able to prepare for

this change. It was suggested that the following sentence be revised: "The PGPA will be calculated only on those courses which form part of the degree, diploma, and certificate program (failed courses and extra courses are not included)." Replace "and" with "or". J. D'Arcy accepted this suggestion as a friendly amendment.

Motion moved as amended.

CARRIED

4. REPORTS FROM FACULTIES AND OTHER ACADEMIC UNITS

4.1 FACULTY OF NURSING

K. Lehmann presented the report on behalf of the Faculty of Nursing.

4.1.1 REVISION TO FACULTY OF NURSING ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

K. Lehmann – J. D'Arcy

MOVED that the admissions section of the Undergraduate Calendar "Admissions from Universities and Colleges" Faculty of Nursing requirements be revised, as outlined on pages 2-3 of the Agenda, **effective 202210**.

During discussion, the wording of the second bullet of the motion was discussed at length. Could the current wording preclude someone with 18 credit hours when it needs to include students with 15-30 credit hours? The regulation already states that applicants with 15 credit hours or more, therefore; the most recent 30 credit hours is appropriate as it includes those with more than 30 credit hours and those with 15-30 credit hours. The Mover and Seconder agreed to revise the second requirement listed by removing the word "last" and inserting "most recent":

- A minimum 65.00% ~~UGPA~~ Admissions Grade Point Average (AGPA) on ~~all~~ the most recent 30 credit hours of approved postsecondary courses presented; and

Motion was carried as revised above.

CARRIED

4.2 FACULTY OF SCIENCE

N. Mobed presented the report on behalf of the Faculty of Science.

4.2.1. CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM CHANGE

N. Mobed – S. Cheng

MOVED to include CHEM 140 as a required course for admission to the Co-operative Education Program in Chemistry and Biochemistry as outlined in the Agenda on pages 3-4, **effective 202130**.

During discussion it was asked if students admitted to this program right as soon as they are admitted out of high school? If so, then CHEM 140 needs to be a part of those additional requirements as well. Students apply to the co-op program through the Faculty, not at time of admissions.

**1 ABSTENTION
CARRIED**

4.2.2. PHYSICS PROGRAM CHANGES

N. Mobed – S. Cheng

MOVED to include ASTR 300-level courses in the BSc and BSc Honours in Physics, BSc and BSc Honours in Applied Physics, and the Minor in Physics as outlined on page 4 of the Agenda, **effective 202220**.

No discussion.

CARRIED

The rest of the report from the Faculty of Science was received as information.

4.3 UR International and Enrolment Services

The report from UR International and Enrolment Services was presented by Y. Siggins.

4.3.1 ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TEST – DUOLINGO

Y. Siggins – N. Deren

MOVED that the Duolingo Online English Test with a minimum score of 110 be accepted as an approved test of proficiency in English for undergraduate admissions, on a temporary basis for the 2021-2022 academic year (May 1 to April 30), **effective immediately**.

During discussion it was asked why the U of R scores presented in the Agenda were lower than other universities. When reviewing our counterparts in admission offices across Canada, scores are similar with comparative universities. Is there a plan to make the Duolingo a permanent approved English language proficiency test? We are using it temporarily for now and we are monitoring results of Duolingo students.

Perhaps the rationale should be amended to include more universities in our category that have a 110 minimum score. For future reference, use the 15 universities in our category of comprehensive universities as a comparison.

The effective date needs to be changed to July 1, 2021 as the next Senate meeting isn't until June. What will happen to intakes between May and July? We could conditionally admit as long as they are starting classes after Senate approval. Should this be something discussed with the USEC? What happens between May and July will need to be decided before it goes to E of C. The USEC office will contact FGSR, URI and ES.

CARRIED

5. Adjournment – P. Osmond Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 a.m.