



Council Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Studies

Approved Meeting Minutes of
April 6, 2023
10:00 a.m.

Location: Zoom meeting

Members Present: Taehan Bae, John Barden, Darlene Chalmers, James D’Arcy, David deMontigny, Naomi Deren, Sophie Gaudet, Fidji Gendron, Leanne Groeneveld, Susan Johnston, Karen Lehmann, Robin Markel, Richard Manzon, Pamela Osmond-Johnson, Wes Pearce, Yvonne Petry, Morina Rennie, Yaya Siggins, John Smith, Glenys Sylvestre (Acting Chair)

Regrets: Jacob Muthu, Kartik Patel, Nisarg Patel, Toby Sperlich

Observers: Heather Antonini, Tatum Cruise, Barb Elich, Courtney Oleksinski

Recorder: Coby Stephenson

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by G. Sylvestre.

1. Approval of the Agenda

W. Pearce – R. Manzon

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes – Meeting February 2, 2023

D. Chalmers – K. Lehmann

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1. Media, Art, and Performance and the Pathway Program

Because the Pathway Program was presented and approved at Senate, it is best that any errors are submitted as they were originally approved. MAP cannot be removed from the Pathway Program without a motion being brought forward. It was proposed that (1) the Pathway Program motion submitted by the Faculty of Science (4.1.1) be amended to include MAP, or (2) withdraw 4.4.1 and bring back a motion in May that includes both MAP and SC. Chair proceeded with the agenda.

4. Reports from Faculties and Other Academic Units

4.1. Faculty of Science

R. Manzon presented the report on behalf of the Faculty of Science.

4.1.1. Pathway Program – Faculty of Science and Enrolment Services

R. Manzon – M. Rennie

MOVED that the revisions to the admission requirements to the Faculty of Science through the Pathway Program be approved as indicated on page 3 of the Agenda, effective 202330.

Further to the Business Arising from the Minutes discussion, R. Manzon preferred the motion to remain as presented and to go to the next level of approval as soon as possible.

CARRIED

4.1.2. Residency and Transfer Credit Revisions – Faculty of Science

R. Manzon – K. Lehman

MOVED that the Faculty of Science’s “Residency and Transfer Credit” regulation be revised as indicated on p. 3 of the Agenda, effective 202330.

CARRIED

4.1.3. Bachelor of Science Honours in Geology Program Revision

R. Manzon – W. Pearce

MOVED that the revisions to the requirements for the major in Geology in the Bachelor of Science Honours outlined in the template on p. 4 of the Agenda be approved, effective 202330.

CARRIED

4.1.4. Bachelor of Science Honours in Statistics

R. Manzon – T. Bae

MOVED that the revisions to the requirements for the major in Statistics in the Bachelor of Science Honours be approved as indicated on pp. 4-5 of the Agenda, effective 202330.

CARRIED

4.2. Faculty of Arts

S. Johnston was present to answer any questions about the item for information.

No discussion.

4.3. Faculty of Business Administration

M. Rennie presented the report on behalf of the Faculty of Business Administration

4.3.1. Qualifying Status

M. Rennie – J. D’Arcy

MOVED that a Qualifying Status be initiated on a three-year trial wherein applicants to Faculty of Business Administration undergraduate programs who meet all admissions requirements with the exception that they are lacking one of the required high school courses will be admitted to their program with qualifying status, as described on p. 7 of the Agenda, effective 202330.

No discussion.

CARRIED

Remainder of the report was received as items for information.

4.4. Faculty of Education

P. Osmond-Johnson presented the report on behalf of the Faculty of Education

4.4.1. Le BAC Program Revisions

P. Osmond-Johnson – D. Chalmers

MOVED that *Le Baccalauréat en éducation élémentaire, après diplôme*, and *Baccalauréat en éducation (DFRN)* programs be revised as indicated on pp. 9-12 of the Agenda, effective 202430.

CARRIED

4.4.2. Secondary BEd After Degree – General Science Major

P. Osmond-Johnson – W. Pearce

MOVED that the revisions outlined on p. 13 of the Agenda be made to the *Secondary BEd After Degree (BEAD) General Science Major* (60 credit hours), effective 202430.

CARRIED

4.4.3. Literature Education Major and Minor Revision

P. Osmond-Johnson – W. Pearce

MOVED that the Major and Minor requirements of the *Literature Education (ELIT)* in the *Arts Education Secondary program* be revised as indicated on p. 14 of the Agenda, effective 202330.

CARRIED

4.4.4. Faculty of Education Regulation Revisions

P. Osmond-Johnson – R. Manzon

MOVED that the *Faculty Action/ Sanctions de la Faculté* and *Academic and Professional Development/ Développement scolaire et professionnel* sections of the Undergraduate Calendar be revised as indicated on pp. 14-15 of the Agenda effective 202330.

CARRIED

The remainder of the report was received as items for information.

4.5. UR International and Enrolment Services

Y. Siggins presented on behalf of UR International and Enrolment Services

4.5.1. English Language Proficiency Test – Duolingo English Test (DET)

Y. Siggins – J. Smith

MOVED that the Duolingo Online English Test, with the scores outlined directly below, be used on a permanent basis, as an accepted, approved test of proficiency in English for undergraduate admissions (with the exception of the Faculty of Nursing).

During discussion, it was asked if any issues were brought forward with students who have been admitted with Duolingo. No issues have come forward to URI nor Enrolment Services. It was asked why IELTS admits do 10% better than Duolingo admits. The sample size is small, so it is unclear. FGSR will be piloting Duolingo for one more year is there a reason for this. The assumption is FGSR has a smaller sample size than undergraduate admissions. Is using Duolingo because of an access issue? Is it an appropriate measure of English language proficiency? Initially it was implemented because of access issues due to COVID however; accessibility is too valuable to give up as a form of testing for students.

CARRIED

4. W. Pearce called for adjournment at 9:43 AM.