

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 6.0

April 26, 2011 at 12:30 P.M. in SS 1339

PRESENT:

McQuillan (Chair)	Bruce (Econ)	McCaugherty (Dram)	Moss (Dnce)
Gaisford (AD-Students)	Cameron (Poli)	McCoy (Soci)	Pexman (Psync)
	Carroll (Ling)	McKerlie (Phil)	Schneider (C&C)
	DeLong (Musi)	Mercader (Arch)	Vanderspoel (G&R)
	Konrad (Fisl)	Moorman (Geog)	Zekulin (Gsea)

DESIGNATES:

Beaty (Engl)	Elofson (Hist)	Shantz (Rels)	Yessenova (Anth)
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REGRETS:

Gibbs Van Brunschot (VD)	Hill (Hist)	Mather (Anth)	Moore (Rels)
	Rudy (Engl)		

ABSENT:

Eiserman (Art)

RECORDER: McLeod

6.1.0 WELCOME:

- Welcome – McQuillan

Faculty Council on May 2nd, 2011.

Next year, all meeting dates will be set in advance and all meeting materials will have a firm deadline date to be submitted and circulated to the committee members.

- Strategic plan is ready to present to Faculty Council.
- CAR Committee has several items to address today.

Motion #1: Moved by Pexman, seconded by Moorman
That the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

6.2.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING DOCUMENT: (McQuillan)

Discussion: recommended that last sentence of second paragraph be ended at 'investigation' or use term 'such as...' or reword accordingly.

Recommendation #12 was discussed as it had no "owner", as do all the other recommendations. Change to read "The Associate Deans (Student) will..."

Kevin thanked the committee for the tremendous amount of work and time put into this document. He was pleased with the input from everyone in the faculty. The three focus groups and three open forums were well attended and received good feedback.

6.3.0 SPACE PLANNING DOCUMENT: (Simmins)

Simmins has been charged with working with units and responding to space issues. There is a University wide space planning policy and we have followed it closely to develop a Faculty of Arts policy.

Discussion and suggestions were exchanged in reference to the draft document.

Simmins thanked everyone for their input and suggestions.

6.4.0 CARC SUBMISSIONS: (Gaisford)

MOTION #2: Moved by Gaisford, seconded by Elofson

Interdisciplinary Fields –

That the Executive Committee of the Faculty of Arts approves removing the maximum number of courses in interdisciplinary fields for minor, major and honours programs.

CARRIED

Explanation: The following types of changes would apply to all interdisciplinary programs in the Faculty of Arts whether free-standing (e.g., Canadian Studies) or organized and run by groups of Departments (e.g., Ancient and Medieval History).

Typical Statement for Honours

Students must successfully complete a minimum of 9.0 ~~and a maximum of 12.0~~ full-course equivalents in the Field of X...

Typical Statement for Majors

Students must successfully complete a minimum of 8.0 ~~and a maximum of 10.0~~ full-course equivalents in the Field of X...

Typical Statement for Minors

Students must successfully complete at least 5.0 ~~and not more than 6.0~~ full-course equivalents from the field of X...

Rationale: The upper limits on the number of courses within interdisciplinary fields are not transparent to students and not enforceable due to the complexity of fields. In discipline-based majors, a maximum number of courses is warranted to prevent over-specialization. In broader interdisciplinary, however, overspecialization is less of a problem. Further, the upper limits are largely redundant because students are limited to a maximum of 6.0 FCEs in any one disciplinary field unless they declare a second discipline-based major.

MOTION #3: Moved by Gaisford, seconded by Cameron

Convocation Awards

That the Executive Committee of the Faculty of Arts approves the proposal for Convocation Awards for 2012 onward including:

1. The decision criteria for Convocation Medals specified in the document "02b Faculty – Guidelines for Convocation Medals"; AND
2. The eligibility criteria for Convocation Medals, which include non-honours as well as honours students, specified in the document "02c Faculty – Proposed Convocation Medals"; AND
3. The list of Convocation Medals specified in the document "02c Faculty – Proposed Convocation Medals".

CARRIED

MOTION #4: Moved by Gaisford, seconded by Beaty
DEST 201

That the Executive Committee of the Faculty of Arts approves the changes in lecture and laboratory hours for Development Studies 201.

CARRIED

CHANGES TO EXISTING COURSES

Development Studies 201

Introduction to Development Studies

An interdisciplinary course focusing on development in both a northern and international context. Explores factors that shape development processes; introduces concepts and issues such as poverty; colonialism and self-determination; human ecology and sustainable development; and appropriate technology. Examines the origins, purposes, and performance of contemporary national and international institutions and their effect on people in different geographical and socio-economic contexts.

Course Hours: H(~~2-13-0~~)

Rationale:

For reasons that remain somewhat obscure, DEST 201, unlike other introductory interdisciplinary courses from the former Faculty of Communication and Culture, has been historically been scheduled with two lecture hours and one "laboratory" hour. While the current structure has significant budgetary implications, there does not appear to be a compelling rationale for giving this course special treatment. The proposal therefore would modify the course time-tabling to be consistent with the other 200-level (introductory) offerings in interdisciplinary courses across the Faculty of Arts.

MOTION #5: moved by Gaisford, seconded by Moorman
GEOG 339 and 340

That the Executive Committee of the Faculty of Arts:

- (i) endorses the introduction of GEOG 340 on qualitative methods, which was previously approved by the Faculty of Social Sciences, and
- (ii) approves the removal of the historically incorrect reference to "qualitative" methods in the description of GEOG 339.

CARRIED

Background Information and Rationale:

GEOG 340 is a new course proposed by the Department, which was approved by Social Sciences in 2010. It has been sent back to the Faculty for further review from PCC due to potential conflicts with an already offered statistical-based course GEOG 339. The proposal below removes the word "qualitative" from the GEOG 339 course description. This places the description in line with long-time teaching practice; historically GEOG 339 has **not** included a qualitative focus. In effect the new course proposal will create a qualitative methods-based course (340) to accompany the de facto quantitative methods-based course (339).

Qualitative methods are employed within the field of Geography and Urban Studies, yet the University of Calgary currently does not offer a course covering this material at the undergraduate level, leaving students at a disadvantage. Consultation with the Urban Studies Program Coordinator has shown that there is very strong support for GEOG 340. Indeed, there is a critical need for a qualitative methods course because students currently encounter many difficulties in fulfilling the research methods requirement in the Urban Studies program. Consultation with Environmental Science is underway. The discussion suggests that this course could be beneficial and support has been expressed.

NEW COURSE

Geography 340 Qualitative Methods in Human-Environmental Research H(3-0)

Description:

Introduction to qualitative research methods and research design in human geography and environmental geography.

Prerequisite: One of Geography 205, 251, 253; or consent of the Department

CHANGES TO EXISTING COURSE

Geography 339

Analytical Methods in Geography I

Introduction to ~~qualitative and~~ quantitative research methodology, sampling and survey design in geography. Covers the background analytical techniques for an understanding of geographic literature. Examples will involve the use of statistical computer packages.

Course Hours: H(3-2)

Prerequisite(s): [Geography 231](#) or consent of the Department.

MOTION #6: Moved by Gaisford, seconded by Moorman

GEOG 397.07

The Executive Committee of the Faculty of Arts endorses offering GEOG 397.07 in the 2011-2012 academic year and supports in principle changing it to a distinct separately numbered course for 2012-2013.

CARRIED

Background Information:

The Department currently offers a Regional Geography topics course GEOG 397 and would like to offer a topic 07 "Natural Events and Human Disasters" for 2011-12. The course is not a perfect fit under the 397 umbrella, and the Department intends to bring it forward as a distinct course with its own number for 2012-2013. The Registrar will allow the topics version of the course to be timetabled on a one-time basis for 2011-12 if the Faculty that provides assurance that approval as a distinct course is likely for 2012-2013. There has been preliminary discussion with Geoscience regarding their GOPH 375 "Natural Disasters and Critical Earth Phenomena" course (see below), which appears to have similarities in content to GEOG 397.07. Through consultation it has been determined that the foci of the two courses would be substantially different. Since the potential overlap appears to be a non-issue, credit for both courses should be permissible.

NEW COURSE TOPIC

Geography 397

Regional Geography of Selected World Areas

Selected regional geographies. A survey of the physical, cultural and historical geography of a world region.

397.01. The United States of America

397.02. Former Soviet Union

397.03. Australia, New Zealand, Oceania

397.04. Europe

397.05. The Arctic

397.06. Southeast Asia

Course Hours: H(3-0)

Prerequisite(s): A previous course in geography is strongly recommended.

Antirequisite(s): [Geography 397.01](#) is not open to students with credit in 379; 397.02 is not open to students with credit in 387; 397.03 is not open to students with credit in 389.

GEOG 397.07 Natural Events and Human Disasters

An investigation of how various Earth processes create hazards for humans in different regions. Topics include, but are not limited to: earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, tsunamis, floods, landslides, hurricanes, drought, famine and disease. Lectures will focus on: (1) the causes of dangerous natural events, (2) how the physical geography of a region affects its vulnerability, (3) historic human impacts, and (4) how people in different regions perceive and mitigate risk from these events.

MOTION #7: Moved by Gaisford, seconded by Schneider

That the Executive Committee of the Faculty of Arts approve the following:

(a) - To approve in principle the closure of the Culture and Society (CUSP) MA and PhD program and restructure the Communication Studies (COMS) program to become the Communication and Culture (CMCL) program. (Refer to documents "05a C&C – CMCL Proposal; 05f C&C – CMCL Proposed Graduate Calendar Submission; 05g C&C – CMCL Revision Summary; 05h C&C – Faculty Research Expertise".)

(b) - To suspend admission to the Masters of Communication Studies (MCS) program, effective Fall 2012 until further notice. (Refer to the document "05a –C&C CMCL Proposal; 05b C&C – MCS Suspension Proposal"; supporting information in document "05c C&C – MCS Suspension Proposal Appendix A".)

(c) - To eliminate sub-degree specializations for the Communication Studies and Culture and Society graduate programs. (Refer to the documents "05a C&C – CMCL Proposal; 05d C&C – CUSP Proposed Graduate Calendar Changes and 05e C&C – COMS Proposed Graduate Calendar Changes and 05i C&C – CMCL Green Sheet".)

(d) - To change the course descriptions of COMS 601/CUSP 601 and COMS 613/CUSP 613 introduction and theory courses so they are the same. (Refer to the documents "05d C&C – CUSP Proposed Graduate Calendar Changes and 05e C&C – COMS Proposed Graduate Calendar Changes and 05i C&C – CMCL Green Sheet".)

CARRIED

The Academic Misconduct Procedures document was for informational purposes only. Discussion and input was exchanged. Thank you for your comments.

6.4.0 FACULTY COUNCIL AGENDA: (McQuillan)

MOTION #8: Moved by Moorman, seconded by Zekulin
That the agenda for Faculty Council, May 2, 2011 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

6.6.0. OTHER BUSINESS: (McQuillan)

NEXT MEETING:

Next Executive Meeting – TBA in the new academic year.

MOTION #9: Moved by Delong, that the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting Adjourned – 2:12