



Date: September 20, 2023
To: Senate
From: Senate Committee on Academic Standards
Re: **2022/23 Annual Report**

The [Terms of Reference for the Senate Committee on Academic Standards](#) define its scope and relationship with Senate and other Senate committees. Each fall term the committee presents an annual report to Senate on its business and proceedings over the previous academic year.

The Senate Committee on Academic Standards met nine times in 2022/23. Meetings occurred on September 20, 2022, October 19, 2022, November 8, 2022, December 6, 2022, January 11, 2023, February 8, 2023, March 8, 2023, April 12, 2023, and May 25, 2023. During the course of the year, the committee approved the convocation lists of faculties, approved a posthumous degree, made a number of recommendations to Senate, initiated projects in areas of the committee's concern, and received proposals for the committee's input from other areas.

During 2022/2023, the committee considered several issues including:

Recommendations to Senate:

- revisions to the requirements for concurrent credit in graduate certificate, diploma and degree programs
- revisions of the transfer of academic credit and credit granted upon re-admission for graduate students
- revision to the graduate academic calendar to include an option for non-hierarchical supervisory committees
- revision to clarify the Results of Oral Examination in the graduate academic calendar
- revisions to the Undergraduate Examinations and Graduate Evaluation of Student Course Work in the undergraduate and graduate academic calendars
- creation of a Final Examination Conflict and Hardship regulation for the undergraduate and graduate academic calendars
- creation of a Black Student Admissions regulation for the Juris Doctor (JD) and Juris Indigenarum Doctor (JID) admission requirement in the Faculty of Law
- revisions to the undergraduate admissions requirement for the Bachelor of Engineering and the Bachelor in Software Engineering
- revisions to the undergraduate program requirements for the Minor in Mechanical Systems in the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science
- revision to the graduate admissions requirement for the School of Nursing
- revisions to the undergraduate admission requirements for transfer students in the School of Exercise Science, Physical and Health Education
- proposed requirements for admission and transfer to the Bachelor of Arts in Indigenous Proficiency

Continued Projects in 2022/23:

- annual review of the University Grading Patterns Report
- examination of the definition of the Aegrotat (AEG) grade notation
- revisions to the undergraduate and graduate Academic Integrity Policy
- review and revisions to the examination cancellation guidelines

Consultation:

- proposed revisions to the Policy for the Establishment of Certificate and Diplomas (AC1135) to include Micro-Certificates, and the proposed delegation governance process outlined in revisions to the Terms of Reference for the Senate Committee on Planning
- proposed creation of a undergraduate university-wide Dean's List
- feedback to the Chair of the Department of English and the Acting Director of the Academic and Technical Writing Program on the academic writing requirement.
- residency requirement in Chemistry for Medical Sciences BSc for graduate of Selkirk College
- residency requirement in the School of Nursing for the BSN Nursing Program

Approval of the convocation lists of the faculties:

The committee approves, on behalf of Senate, the granting of degrees. At its October 2022 and May 2023 meetings, the committee approved the fall 2022 and spring 2023 convocation lists, respectively. At the September 2022 meeting, the committee considered a request for a posthumous degree.

Recommendations to Senate:

To approve the Final Examination Conflict and Hardship Regulation

At its September, October, and January meetings the committee reviewed and approved the Final Examination Conflict and Hardship Regulation for publication in the Academic Calendars. The proposal was approved by Senate at its March 3, 2023 meeting.

To approve revisions to the requirements for concurrent credit in Graduate Certificate and Diploma programs and Graduate Degree programs

At its November meeting, the committee reviewed and approved revisions to the requirements for concurrent credit in Graduate Certificate and Diploma, and Graduate Degree programs. The proposal was approved by Senate at its December 2, 2022 meeting.

To approve revisions of the transfer of academic credit and credit granted upon re-admission

At its November meeting, the committee reviewed and approved the clarification of the transfer of academic credit and credit granted upon re-admission. The proposal was approved by Senate at its December 2, 2022 meeting.

To approve the revision to the Graduate Academic Calendar for the inclusion of an option for non-Hierarchical Supervisory Committees

At its December meeting, the committee reviewed and approved the revision to the Graduate Academic calendar for the inclusion of an option for non-Hierarchical Supervisory Committees. The proposal was approved by Senate at its January 6, 2023 meeting.

To approve the revisions to the JD/JID Admission requirement for the Faculty of Law

At its January and April meetings, the committee reviewed and approved a proposal from the Faculty of Law to add a Black Student Admission regulation. The proposal was approved by Senate at its May 5, 2023 meeting.

To approve revision to the Results of Oral Examination in the Graduate Academic Calendar

At its February meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a proposal from the Faculty of Graduate Studies on revisions to the section of the Results of Oral Examination in the Graduate Academic Calendar. The proposal was approved by Senate at its March 3, 2023 meeting.

To approve revisions to the Academic Calendars regarding Undergraduate Examinations and Graduate Evaluation of Student Course Work

Throughout the year, the committee reviewed and approved a number of revisions to the Academic Calendars regarding Undergraduate Examinations and Graduate Evaluation of Student Course Work. The proposal was approved by Senate at its May 5, 2023 meeting.

To approve revisions to the undergraduate admissions requirement for the Bachelor of Engineering and the Bachelor in Software Engineering

At its April meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a proposal from the Associate Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science for the revision to the undergraduate admissions requirement for the Bachelor of Engineering and the Bachelor of Software Engineering. The proposal was approved by Senate at its May 5, 2023 meeting.

To approve revisions to the undergraduate program requirements for the Minor in Mechanical Systems

At its April meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a proposal from the Associate Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science for the revision to the undergraduate program requirements for the Minor in Mechanical Systems. The proposal was approved by Senate at its May 5, 2023 meeting.

To approve the revision to the School of Nursing graduate admissions requirement

At its April meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a proposal from the Associate Dean of the Faculty of Human and Social Development to revise the requirements for admission to the School of Nursing Master's Level (APL, NUeD, HUI double-degree, NP, and post-degree NP stream). The proposal was approved by Senate at its May 5, 2023 meeting.

To approve revisions to the School of Exercise Science, Physical and Health Education undergraduate transfer admission requirements

At its April meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a proposal from the Associate Dean, Faculty of Education, and the Chair, School of Exercise Science, Physical and Health Education, to revise the requirements for admission to the Year 2 School of Exercise Science, Physical and Health Education, Recreation and Health Education (RHED) and Kinesiology (KINE). The proposal was approved by Senate at its May 5, 2023 meeting.

To approve the requirements for admission and transfer to the Bachelor of Arts in Indigenous Proficiency

At its April meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a proposal from the Associate Dean, Faculty of Education, and the Indigenous Language Programs Manager, on the proposed requirements for admission and transfer to the Bachelor of Arts in Indigenous Proficiency. The proposal was approved by Senate at its May 5, 2023 meeting.

Continued Projects in 2022/23

Annual Review of Grading Patterns Report

At its December meeting, reviewed the 2021/22 report.

Aegrotat Grade Notation

At its September, November meetings, the committee began to review the various definitions regarding the university's Aegrotat grade notation.

Academic Integrity Policy

Throughout the academic year, the committee received updates and proposed revisions to sections of the policy.

Revisions to the Examination Cancellation Policy – Undergraduate Academic Calendar

At its May meeting, the committee began to review a proposal for revisions to the Examination Cancellation Policy. A final proposal would be brought to the committee in the Fall 2023 for approval and recommendation to Senate.

Provided Feedback from Other Areas:

At its November meeting, the committee provided feedback on proposed revisions to the Policy for the Establishment of Certificate and Diplomas (AC1135), and the proposed delegation governance process outlined in revisions to the Terms of Reference for the Senate Committee on Planning.

At its December meeting, the committee provided feedback to the Associate Deans of the Faculties of Humanities and Social Sciences on a proposal to establish consistency regarding a notation on the transcript as faculties currently have different procedures and criteria surrounding their Dean's list calculation.

At its December meeting, committee members provided feedback to the Chair of the Department of English and the Acting Director of the Academic and Technical Writing Program on the academic writing requirement.

Throughout the academic year, the committee reviewed a proposal from the Faculty of Science to waive 7.5 units of UVic residency requirements in Chemistry for Medical Sciences BSc for graduates of Selkirk College Rural Pre-Medicine Program. After numerous discussions, the committee suggested that the faculty look at other options which could be supported through the Office of the Vice-President Academic and Provost.

At its October and January meetings, the committee reviewed a proposal from the School of Nursing to waive 3.0 units of the residency requirement for the BSN Nursing Program. After discussions, the Committee encouraged the BSN Nursing Program re-examine the program design and curriculum course weighting to find a solution to the limitations of transfer credit agreement with the partner colleges, noting that the Associate Vice-President Academic Planning was available for consultation.

Respectfully submitted,

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