

Minutes of the meeting of the **Academic Policy Committee** held on Thursday, January 25th, 2024, from 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. virtually.

Present: C. Buddle (Vice-Chair), K. Baybayon, G. Beaudry, L. Bornstein, I. Cossette, J-P. Ferguson, M. Fronda, A. Hundemer, B. Low, M. Manikis, J. Nalbantoglu, S. Phillips, P. Pondicherry, C. Weil, L. Winer, V. Wright, E. Zimmermann, K. Tiitson (secretary).

Regrets: C. Manfredi (Chair), K. Joseph, L. Khoury, F. Labeau, C. Lyons*, G. Nycum, N. Pastrana Mankovitz, D. Thomas, M. Vennat.

*C. Lyons (delegate) was away for this meeting, and G. Beaudry attended on his behalf.

The meeting was chaired by Prof. Christopher Buddle, Associate Provost (Teaching and Academic Planning), Vice-Chair of APC.

1. Agenda

Members in attendance approved the agenda.

2. Minutes

Members in attendance approved the minutes for the meeting of December 14th, 2023.

3. New business

i. Subcommittee on Courses and Teaching Programs (SCTP)

- The SCTP report #4 on the meeting of December 7th, 2023.

Schulich School of Music

B.Mus.; Minor in Applied Performance Sciences

APC reviewed a proposal to create a B.Mus. Minor in Applied Performance Sciences, which was presented by Prof. Isabelle Cossette, Schulich School of Music's APC representative. This Minor introduces students to crucial performance science topics, emphasizing the integration of scientific knowledge into music learning, performing, and teaching. It fosters scientific awareness and literacy, enabling students to apply research evidence to their performance practices. Additionally, it equips Bachelor of Music students with foundational research skills, positioning them for success in future graduate studies.

APC approved the creation of the proposed B.Mus.; Minor in Applied Performance Sciences. It will be submitted to Senate for information in APC's 524th Report to Senate for its meeting of February 14th, 2024.

ii. Office of the Provost and Executive Vice-President (Academic)

• Advisory Committee to the Provost on Professional Programs

- Vice-Chair Buddle explained the rationale behind replacing the APC Subcommittee on Professional Programs with an Advisory Committee. This transition promises increased

flexibility, enabling swift responses to emerging concerns within the institution and direct communication with the Provost and Executive Vice-President (Academic).

- Membership allocation rests with the Deans of each faculty, ensuring diverse representation. The flexible composition allows for adaptation based on specific discussion topics, fostering a dynamic environment. This adaptability proves invaluable in assisting various faculties with different levels of support in matters such as course development, program accreditation, and site visits. Moreover, the Advisory Committee serves as a platform for cross-faculty discussions, facilitating the sharing of resources and experiences.
- Following deliberation, the Vice-Chair suggests the possibility of expanding membership to include representatives from faculties lacking professional programs. In subsequent discussions, APC will consider amendments to the mandate and terms of reference, potentially incorporating provisions for community representation.

APC approved to replace the APC Subcommittee on Professional Programs with an Advisory Committee on Professional Programs. It will be submitted to Senate for information in APC's 524th Report to Senate for its meeting of February 14th, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.