



470th REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE TO SENATE

PART A: On the APC meeting held on January 14th, 2016

I. TO BE APPROVED BY SENATE

(A) NEW TEACHING PROGRAMS REQUIRING SENATE APPROVAL

Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies/Faculty of Medicine

Ph.D. in Family Medicine and Primary Care (0 cr.) – Appendix A

At a meeting on January 14th, 2016, APC reviewed and approved a proposal for a new Ph.D. in Family Medicine and Primary Care. This new degree program is being proposed as there is very high demand and interest in the Department's current *ad hoc* Ph.D. program, which presently has an enrolment of 21 students. In order to improve the evidence base in family medicine and primary care, there is a need for research training that is appropriate to the primary care context. Once the new Ph.D. program has been approved, the *ad hoc* program will be retired.

APC therefore recommends that Senate approve the following resolution:

Be it resolved that Senate approve the proposed Ph.D. in Family Medicine and Primary Care.

(B) ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE ISSUES / POLICIES / GOVERNANCE/AWARDS

School of Continuing Studies

Proposal for a Grading Scheme for Professional Development Certificates – Appendix B

At a meeting on January 14th, 2016, APC reviewed and approved a proposal for a Grading Scheme for Professional Development Certificates. Non-Credit Professional Development Certificates were approved by Senate in 2014 with a 65% passing grade for each course. However, there is no official Grading Scheme in place for Non-Credit Professional Development Certificates. Currently, there are only two official Grading Schemes recognized at McGill: Undergraduate Level and Graduate Level. All Non-Credit courses and programs fall under the Undergraduate Level Grading Scheme, which results in a passing grade of 55-64% recorded on transcripts. This creates confusion for students, instructors, and administrators. A Grading Scheme specific to Non-Credit programs, modeled after the Graduate Level Grading Scheme with a 65% passing grade, would alleviate such issues and could also be used by other units who wish to offer Non-Credit options in the future.

APC therefore recommends that Senate approve the following resolution:

Be it resolved that Senate approve the proposed Grading Scheme for Professional Development Certificates.

(C) CREATION OF NEW UNITS / NAME CHANGES / REPORTING CHANGES – none

(D) CHANGES IN DEGREE DESIGNATION – none

(E) INTER-UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS – none

(F) OTHER – none

II. TO BE ENDORSED BY SENATE / PRESENTED TO SENATE FOR DISCUSSION – none

III. APPROVED BY APC IN THE NAME OF SENATE

(A) DEFINITIONS – *none*

(B) STUDENT EXCHANGE PARTNERSHIPS / CONTRACTS / INTERUNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS - *none*

(C) OTHER - *none*

IV. FOR THE INFORMATION OF SENATE

A) ACADEMIC UNIT REVIEWS – *none*

B) APPROVAL OF COURSES AND TEACHING PROGRAMS

1. Programs

a) APC Approvals (new options/concentrations and major revisions to existing programs)

i. New Programs

Schulich School of Music

B.Mus.; Minor in Music Entrepreneurship (18 cr.)

At a meeting on January 14th, 2016, APC reviewed and approved this new program, which will be offered in collaboration with the Desautels Faculty of Management. It will be one of many similar programs proposed by various units within the University. The Schulich School of Music receives many queries concerning this type of program. Musicians have an increasing need for entrepreneurial essential skills, which this program will aid students in developing.

Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies/Faculty of Medicine

Ph.D. in Epidemiology; Global Health (0 cr.)

At a meeting on January 14th, 2016, APC reviewed and approved this new concentration of an existing program, which will provide a comprehensive training program in this area. The topic of global health is very popular with students, and interest in this field has been developing within the University.

ii. Major Revisions of Existing Programs

Faculty of Arts

B.A.; Minor Concentration in Gender, Sexuality, Feminist, and Social Justice Studies (18 cr.)

B.A.; Major Concentration in Gender, Sexuality, Feminist, and Social Justice Studies (36 cr.)

B.A.; Joint Honours - Gender, Sexuality, Feminist, and Social Justice Studies Component (36 cr.)

B.A.; Honours in Gender, Sexuality, Feminist, and Social Justice Studies (57 cr.)

Faculty of Religious Studies

S.T.M.; Non-Thesis (45 cr.)

b) APC Subcommittee on Courses and Teaching Programs (SCTP) Approvals
(Summary Reports: <http://www.mcgill.ca/sctp/documents/>)

i. Moderate and Minor Program Revisions

Faculty of Arts

Approved by SCTP on 3rd December 2015, reported to APC on 14th January 2016

B.A.; Minor Concentration in History (18 cr.)

B.A.; Minor Concentration in Computer Science (18 cr.)
B.A.; Supplementary Minor Concentration in Computer Science (18 cr.)
B.A.; Major Concentration in Computer Science (36 cr.)
B.A.; Major Concentration in Software Engineering (36 cr.)
B.A. & Sc.; Major Concentration in Software Engineering (37 cr.)
B.A.; Minor Concentration in Statistics (18 cr.)

Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

Approved by SCTP on 3rd December 2015, reported to APC on 14th January 2016
M.Sc. in Family Medicine (45 cr.)

Faculty of Science

Approved by SCTP on 3rd December 2015, reported to APC on 14th January 2016
B.Sc.; Joint Major in Physics and Geophysics (69 cr.)

ii. Program Retirements

Faculty of Arts

Approved by SCTP on 3rd December 2015, reported to APC on 14th January 2016

B.A.; Honours in Philosophy and Western Religions (60 cr.);
B.A.; Joint Honours - Philosophy and Western Religions Component (36 cr.);
B.A.; Major Concentration in Philosophy and Western Religions (36 cr.);
B.A.; Minor Concentration in Philosophy and Western Religions (18 cr.);
B.A.; Minor Concentration in Sexual Diversity Studies (18 cr.);
B.A.; Minor Concentration in Women's Studies (18 cr.);
B.A.; Major Concentration in Women's Studies (36 cr.);
B.A.; Joint Honours – Women's Studies Component (36 cr.);
B.A.; Honours in Women's Studies (57 cr.).

2. Courses

a) New Courses

Reported as having been approved by SCTP on 3rd December 2015: 29

Faculty of Arts: 18

Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: 8

Schulich School of Music: 1

Faculty of Science: 2

b) Course Revisions

Reported as having been approved by SCTP on 3rd December 2015: 40

Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences: 3

Faculty of Arts: 14

Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: 10

Faculty of Science: 13

c) Course Retirements

Reported as having been approved by SCTP on 3rd December 2015: 24

Faculty of Arts: 16

Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: 7

Faculty of Medicine: 1

(B) OTHER