



CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE

*Report to Academic Council
at its meeting of November 17th, 2015*

FOR ACTION

1. Faculty of Business and Information Technology

a. Addition of Entrepreneurship Major and Minor

The Curriculum and Program Review Committee recommends:

That Academic Council approve the newly proposed major and minor in Entrepreneurship.

Rationale

The Faculty of Business and Information Technology has been a leader in facilitating internships with entrepreneurial start-ups (both locally and internationally) as well as in the integration of an incubator into its undergraduate and graduate programs. Measures of entrepreneurship activity have become increasingly entrenched as components used to assess the efforts of colleges and universities and as characteristics by which some campuses may be differentiated from others. The proposed major and minor in Entrepreneurship will allow UOIT to address an identified need for Entrepreneurship education. The major has been developed for the Bachelor of Commerce program and the minor would be open to any student in a major at UOIT with approval of their home faculty and the Faculty of Business and IT.

b. Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting – Addition of Simple Pathway (Fleming College)

The Curriculum and Program Review Committee recommends:

That Academic Council approve the proposed simple pathway with Fleming College for the Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting program.

Rationale

Following the success of the ACTU program with Durham College, FBIT proposes to extend the bridge to Fleming students. Fleming students will be join the existing embedded bridge. This program will provide students with the opportunity for a 2 + 2 diploma-to-degree pathway which is in line with UOIT's strategic mandate.

c. Bachelor of Commerce in Marketing – Addition of Simple Pathway (Durham College)

The Curriculum and Program Review Committee recommends:

That Academic Council approve the proposed simple pathway with Durham College for the Bachelor of Commerce in Marketing program.

Rationale

Following the success of the ACTU program with Durham College, FBIT proposes to embed the Commerce Bridge into the Durham College 2-year Marketing Diploma (MKTU). This program will provide students with the opportunity for a 2 + 2 diploma-to-degree pathway which is in line with UOIT's strategic mandate.

2. Faculty of Science

a. Bachelor of Science (3-year degree) – Removal of the Program

The Curriculum and Program Review Committee recommends:

That Academic Council approve the removal of the Bachelor of Science (3-year degree) program.

Rationale

This program was originally approved and modified to address specific objectives (provide appropriate credential to apply to medical school, provide an appropriate exit strategy, offer an alternate pathway for students who have not been able to attain the required cumulative grade point average to proceed to fourth/final year of a Honours B.Sc. program). Currently, these objectives are either not being met or are no longer applicable. As there are no significant impacts on faculty, staff, or students, the Faculty of Science recommends the immediate closure of the 3-year B.Sc. program.

3. Faculty of Social Science and Humanities

a. Bachelor of Arts, Community Development and Policy Studies – Program Name Change

The Curriculum and Program Review Committee recommends:

That Academic Council approve the proposed name change to the Bachelor of Arts in Community Development and Policy Studies to Bachelor of Arts in Political Science.

Rationale

The Community Development and Policy Studies (CDPS) program faculty members propose to change their program name from “Community Development and Policy Studies” to “Political Science.” The name change would address the following issues:

- The name “Community Development and Policy Studies” is one that is non-traditional and holds little meaning for most high school students entering university;
- “Political Science” is a more recognizable and meaningful name for our target demographic. “Political Science” is a name that reflects the main components of the existing program: the study of politics and public policy in international and Canadian communities and contexts;
- “Political Science” name will assist with program recruitment initiatives by appealing to a broader range of students looking to develop knowledge about, and the skills for employment in, Canadian politics and public service, international and domestic non-profit organizations, and multinational corporations;
- “Political Science” will provide a more broadly recognizable degree major for those seeking employment in Canadian politics and public service, international and domestic non-profit organizations, and multinational corporations.

b. Bachelor of Arts, All Majors – Addition of a Simple Pathway (Bermuda College)

The Curriculum and Program Review Committee recommends:

That Academic Council approve the proposed additions of simple pathways with Bermuda College to the Bachelor of Arts majors in Communication and Digital Media Studies, Community Development and Policy Studies, Criminology, Forensic Psychology, and Legal Studies.

Rationale

The Faculty of Social Science and Humanities proposes a new 2+2 pathway with Bermuda College for all of its Bachelor of Arts majors. These pathways are in line with the university’s 2015-2020 International Plan. In particular, they will emphasize an objective within the first Strategic Direction: setting international pathways as the focus of our international recruitment. Moreover, they will enhance our institutional capacity for internationalization and increase our international presence. This agreement will assist in the international market development of Bermuda, and increase international enrolments of high quality students. UOIT will enter into an enrolment agreement with Bermuda College whereby graduates with Associate of Arts or Associate of Applied Science degrees in Human Services would be eligible to complete a BA in Communication and Digital Media Studies, Community Development and Policy Studies, Criminology, Forensic Psychology, and Legal Studies in two years at UOIT.

FOR INFORMATION

4. Faculty of Business and Information Technology – Bachelor of Information Technology – Admission Requirement Adjustment

The admission requirement adjustment consisted of the addition of Science (ICS4U) with a recommended minimum average of 70 per cent. After review of the learning outcomes from the course, it was determined that the programming curriculum would be an appropriate admissions indicator for student success given the importance of programming skills in the program. The addition of this course to the admission requirements will provide potential students the clear indication the importance of programming to both majors in the Bachelor of Information Technology program.

5. Faculty of Social Science and Humanities – Bachelor of Arts, Forensic Psychology

The Faculty of Social Science and Humanities is removing the faculty-wide honours thesis courses and replacing them with honours thesis courses specific to Forensic Psychology. These changes will provide Forensic Psychology Honours Thesis I and II (PSYC 4101U and PSYC 4102U), as they were (1) originally proposed in the Forensic Psychology BA program and (2) previously approved by external assessors and UOIT's Quality Assurance process. In Forensic Psychology, the emphasis on human participant research (and research ethics board approval), experimental design, and quantitative data analysis lends itself to greater course supervision and, thus, it is why Forensic Psychology has always proposed more intensive honours thesis courses.

6. Faculty of Social Science and Humanities – Bachelor of Arts, Legal Studies

The Faculty of Social Science and Humanities is changing the fourth year alternative to Honours Thesis II to one 4000-level General Elective in year 4. The change is to ensure that those students who achieve a passing grade below an A- in SSCI 4101U Honours Thesis I are still able to graduate in their 4th year.