



CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE

Report to Academic Council
at its meeting of October 4th, 2016

FOR ACTION

1. Office of the Registrar

a. Revision and Clarification of Program Change Calculation of Cumulative Grade Point Average

The Curriculum and Program Review Committee recommends:

That Academic Council approve the clarification to the Program Change Policy. Specifically, that the exclusions of D and F grades will occur for 'degree' changes only, rather than major or specialization changes.

Rationale

In February 2016 Academic Council approved the Revision to the Program Change Process. The intent of the change was to treat all internal program transfers the same as transfer students from other institutions, meaning that no D or F grade would be counted in the CGPA calculation. After two academic terms it has been noted that the process is not working as intended and there have been a large amount of exceptions to the rule. By limiting the process to degree changes only, we will solve the majority of the special case situations. As per current practice, all attempts will continue to remain on the official transcript.

b. Bachelor of Health Science in Kinesiology - Major Program Modification

The Curriculum and Program Review Committee recommends:

That Academic Council approve the creation of a Kinesiology major without specialization.

Rationale

Currently the Kinesiology Major does not exist as a program without specializations. Some students have been asking for more flexibility within their program so that they can pursue minors in other faculties such as Science, Business and Information Technology, and Social Science and Humanities. The creation of a "generalist" program, in addition to the three current specializations, would address the issues. The program would retain the "core" group of kinesiology courses currently common to the specializations, so that all Kinesiology programs continue to meet accreditation requirements, while omitting courses that are specialization-specific to create room for general electives and student selected upper year kinesiology courses.

FOR INFORMATION

2. Faculty of Health Sciences

a. Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Collaborative – Minor Program Adjustment

In June 2016 Academic Council received for information the change to the Foundations I course whereby the course was adjusted from a pass/fail grade to a standard letter grade with 3.0 credit hours. The Faculty has now made a similar change to the Foundations II course. To allow for this change, PSYC 2010U will be removed as a required course. Students will be encouraged to take PSYC 2010U as one of their general electives. Students in the RPN to BScN pathway will continue to be required to take PSYC 2010U.

b. Bachelor of Health Science in Kinesiology – Minor Program Adjustment

The Faculty of Health Sciences proposes the inclusion of a new core course in the second year of all Kinesiology Major programs: HLSC XXXX Quantitative Reasoning for Kinesiology, which will replace PHY 1810U Physics for Health Sciences as well as course changes in the Fitness and Health Promotion (FHP) Degree Completion Pathway based on recommendations from a recent Credit Transfer Institutional Grant (CTIG) report. The new Quantitative Reasoning for Kinesiology course being introduced for all kinesiology students means that the Mathematical Reasoning for Health Sciences is no longer needed in the FHP Pathway, as the essential material will be covered in the new course. The CTIG report recommended that Comprehensive Anatomy and Physiology be removed from the FHP Pathway and be replaced by Anatomy and Physiology II.