



CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE

Report to Academic Council
at its meeting of March 20th, 2018

FOR ACTION

1. Centre for Institutional Quality Enhancement

a. Cyclical Program Review Final Assessment Summary Reports

The Curriculum and Program Review Committee recommends:

That Academic Council approve the summary reports of the undergraduate program reviews outlined below.

Rationale

In accordance with UOIT's Quality Assurance Framework, the Committee reviewed the reports and recommendations for the following two programs that underwent a cyclical review to ensure that they meet provincial quality assurance requirements and to support their ongoing rigour and coherence:

- Bachelor of Science in Health Physics and Radiation Science
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Each review involves an examination, by both program faculty and staff and external reviewers, of the program's goals and requirements, its curriculum content, structure, modes of delivery, and assessment of student learning, and its use of available resources to support the program. Their work has generated a valuable set of documents that reflect a great deal of care and attention to the ongoing development and refinement of programs that best meet the needs of students and best represents the current state of each particular field of study. The Committee commends all Faculty and staff who contributed to these program reviews for their important input into the process.

The attached executive summaries provide an overview of the outcomes of the recommendations resulting from the program reviews, identifies particular strengths of the programs as well as opportunities for improvement and enhancements, and outlines the agreed-upon implementation plan.

Also included are the 18-month follow-up reports for the following program reviews:

- Bachelor of Arts in Legal Studies
- Bachelor of Science in Health Physics and Radiation Science

2. Faculty of Social Science and Humanities

a. Program Proposal: Minor in Sustainability Studies

The Curriculum and Program Review Committee recommends:

That Academic Council approve the new Minor in Sustainability Studies.

Rationale

The Faculty of Social Science and Humanities, in cooperation with several other Faculties, proposes a new interdisciplinary Minor in Sustainability. The Minor will provide foundational knowledge and skills related to the emerging discipline of sustainability and prepare students to become innovators within their diverse fields. The Minor seeks to educate students in the concepts and best practices in sustainability, and to teach them to consider economic, environmental, and social factor when making decisions. The Minor draws from courses across all Faculties, and enhances and reflects each student's individual academic and career interests.

b. Bachelor of Arts – Degree Requirements for a BA from the Faculty of Social Science and Humanities

The Curriculum and Program Review Committee recommends:

That Academic Council approve the regulations governing the requirements for a Bachelor of Arts degree from the Faculty of Social Science and Humanities.

Rationale

The Faculty of Social Science and Humanities is introducing a formal differentiation between “degree requirements” and “program requirements”, allowing for clear identification of courses that are required for the Major program vs. courses that are required more generally for the degree. No actual changes are being made to the degree requirements. This clarification will provide a means to make changes specifically to Majors and allow for ease of combining programs to create more opportunities for students (such as double majors). Understanding which courses are Major requirements will allow faculty, staff, and students to easily identify course overlap. This change will also facilitate the removal of prescribed program maps that include a set sequence of courses by year and term.

FOR INFORMATION

1. Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

a. Bachelor of Engineering in Software Engineering – Minor Program Adjustment

CPRC approved the addition of three additional engineering electives to the approved Software Engineering Electives for Software Engineering and Software Engineering and Management programs. These additions will provide the opportunity for students in the comprehensive Software Engineering program to take courses related to the Internet of Things.

2. Faculty of Social Science and Humanities

a. Bachelor of Arts – Double Major Requirements

CPRC approved the addition of a Double Major option within the Faculty of Social Science and Humanities for all current programs. Students would have to complete all course requirements for both Majors to be eligible, and students may be required to complete more than 120 credit hours toward their degree depending on the combination of Majors. Students who complete this option will graduate with greater depth of knowledge in an increased number of areas.

b. Bachelor of Arts in Legal Studies – Minor Program Adjustment

CPRC approved the deletion and addition of courses, as well as changes to the required number of electives, and the definition of an approved Legal Studies elective. These changes will improve program quality and focus on the discipline.