

ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

ACTION REQUESTED:

Recommendation
Decision
Discussion/Direction
Information

DATE: 28 February 2023

FROM: Undergraduate Studies Committee

SUBJECT: Major Program Modification – New Minor in Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship

COMMITTEE MANDATE:

In accordance with the Undergraduate Studies Committee (USC) Terms of Reference, USC has the responsibility “to examine proposals for new undergraduate degree programs and major changes to existing programs and to recommend their approval, as appropriate, to the Academic Council”.

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION:

That, pursuant to the recommendation of the Undergraduate Studies Committee, Academic Council hereby approves the New Minor in Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT & RATIONALE:

The Faculty is proposing to introduce a new minor in Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship. The program is designed to help students develop and cultivate skills required to address a host of social problems such as social inequality and sustainability. The minor will consist of seven courses (21 credit hours), which include four mandatory courses and three elective courses. A cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 in minor courses is required to successfully complete the minor. The program will be available to all students at Ontario Tech.

RESOURCES REQUIRED:

No additional resources required.

TRANSITION PLAN

The new minor will be implemented in Fall 2023.

CONSULTATION AND APPROVAL:

- Undergraduate Studies Committee: 17 January 2023

- Faculty Council: 20 December 2022
- Curriculum Committee: 6 December 2022

The FSSH Dean, Associate Deans, and program directors were consulted. Informal student feedback indicated desire to be more market ready, get a job and make a difference in society.

NEXT STEPS:

- Pending the approval of Academic Council, the changes will be included in the 2023-2024 Academic Calendar.

SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:

- [Major Program Modification Proposal](#)