



CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE

Report to Academic Council
at its meeting of March 20, 2012

FOR ACTION

1. Bachelor of Science in Computer Science – New Minor Option in Digital Media

The Curriculum and Program Review Committee recommends:

That Academic Council approve the new minor option in Digital Media in the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science Program as outlined in the attached.

The Faculty of Science proposes to add a new Minor option to the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science program. This option is designed for non-Science students who wish to increase their knowledge of Digital Media – an increasingly important area of study relevant to a variety of disciplines. Students who participate in this option are required to take 18 credit hours (6 courses) designed to introduce them to the fundamentals of Digital Media and the ways in which it is applied to a variety of different areas. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 is required for the successful completion of this option. The option is comprised of existing courses within the Faculty and therefore there will be almost no new costs associated with this offering. The detailed proposal is attached as Appendix 1.

2. Bachelor of Arts in Community Development – Change in Name to Bachelor of Arts in Community Development and Policy Studies

The Committee recommends:

That Academic Council approve the change in name of the Bachelor of Arts in Community Development to the Bachelor of Arts in Community Development and Policies Studies and phase out the major in Policy Studies.

The Faculty of Social Science and Humanities currently offers Bachelor of Arts programs in Public Policy and in Community Development. The Faculty proposes to re-structure the program to combine the complementary strengths of the two programs into a re-named program in 'Community Development and Policy Studies.' This new program name will better reflect the practical and theoretical interdependence of the domains of community development and social and public policy, draw on current faculty strengths and complementary course offerings, and better meet the needs of students. A detailed proposal is provided in Appendix 2.

3. Academic Regulation on Repeating Courses – Amendment

The Committee recommends:

That Academic Council approve amendments to Academic Regulation 5.5 on Repeating Courses, as follows:

Students ~~are not~~ ~~will be~~ allowed to repeat the same courses, or its equivalent, more than two times ~~in~~ ~~which they have received a grade of D or lower.~~ ~~Students will need to make arrangements with the Registrar's office to repeat a course.~~ All instances of a course will appear on the academic transcript. The highest grade achieved on the most recent attempt will be taken into account in the grade point average.

The Academic Regulation on Repeating Courses is being put forward to address that concerns that have been raised by students and programs to provide an opportunity to repeat courses regardless of grade received while at the same time limiting the number of times a student may do this. Under the current regulation students who receive a grade of D or F in a course are permitted to repeat it, and they may do so an unlimited number of times. A full rationale and is provided in Appendix 3.

FOR INFORMATION

4. Changes to courses and program requirements

The Committee notes for information the following change that has been made for implementation in 2013:

- a) Bachelor of Science (all majors) – removal of required course CSCI 1000U and addition of elective or alternative required course in specific programs