



OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

Memorandum

TO: Members of Academic Council

FROM: Victoria Choy, Registrar

RE: Graduation notwithstanding a Deficiency

DATE: May 21, 2013

Section 5.20 of the Undergraduate Calendar allows for the conferral of a degree to a student who has not completed all of the normal academic requirements for the degree. The regulation requires the Dean to advise the Registrar of any such candidate, who will then bring the motion forward to Academic Council in a specified form that excludes any personal identifying information about the student.

In this case, the Dean of Health Sciences has made a recommendation to approve the conferral of a degree to a student who has not met the overall GPA requirement of 2.00. Prior to this presentation to Academic Council, the case was reviewed within the broader university context by a confidential committee of Deans and the Associate Provost Academic. The Deans have concurred that the student should be recommended for graduation under this provision.

Thus, the following motion is being brought forward for approval by Academic Council:

That the following student be approved for graduation notwithstanding a deficiency in his/her academic history:

Program: Bachelor of Health Science

Reason: Compassionate grounds. The student's cumulative GPA of 1.98, following the completion of all degree requirements, is not an accurate reflection of the candidate's academic achievement that warrants a recommendation for graduation.

- The student was part of the first cohort of only 3 students entering the Fitness and Health Promotion Bridge Student
- Compassionate Grounds – Over the past two years the student has cared for ailing grandparents and other challenges that affected the student's academic performance in the first semesters of the student's program
 - Despite personal set-backs and the loss of the grandfather March 1, 2013, the student's performance continued to improve, the final semester in the program was the best.