



Date: September 16, 2020
To: Senate
From: Senate Committee on Continuing Studies
Re: **2019/20 Annual Report**

The Terms of Reference for the Senate Committee on Continuing Studies define its scope and relationship with Senate and other Senate committees. Annually in October, the committee presents a report to Senate on its business and proceedings over the previous academic year.

The Senate Committee on Continuing Studies met four times during the Academic Year: Wednesday, November 20, 2019, Thursday, January 9, 2020, Thursday, February 13, 2020 and Thursday, March 12, 2020. The committee considered a number of issues over the course of the year, including:

- the review of three diploma/certificate programs with approvals to approve the continued delivery for the next three years of the Population, Health Data Analysis Professional Specialization Certificate, Restoration of Natural Systems Certificate and Diploma and Canadian Studies Diploma
- the review of the Business Administration Certificate/Diploma with approval of the continued delivery for the next three years with an update on progress by way of a special review within one year
- the review of three program-like offerings: Monthly English (ELC), Canadian Falls Prevention, and Health Professional Development

Bullets of Major Issues:

- **Population Health Data Analysis Professional Specialization Certificate (November 20, 2019)**

Ms. Miranda Angus, Program Director and Ms. Ash Moosavi, Program Coordinator joined the meeting to answer questions regarding the report given to the committee.

The committee approved the continued delivery of the Population Health Data Analysis Professional Specialization Certificate for the next three years.



- **Restoration of Natural Systems Certificate/Diploma (January 9, 2020)**

Ms. Miranda Angus, Program Director and Dr. Tusa Shea joined the meeting to answer questions regarding the report given to the committee.

A question was asked about the low graduation rate, and it was noted this is normal amongst continuing study areas due to long breaks in the duration of their studies. It was recommended that Dr. Shea approach the Faculty of Law as this program would be a good fit for the Environmental law program. A committee member offered to connect Dr. Shea with local indigenous community members to strengthen connections locally. Moving the program to online has resulted in a significant increase in registrations. A new partnership with the Professional Society of Ecological Restoration has increased awareness of the program worldwide. It was noted that this years' Distinguished Alumnus was a graduate of this program.

The committee approved the continued delivery of the Restoration of Natural Systems Certificate/Diploma for another three years.

- **Business Administration Certificate / Diploma (February 13, 2020)**

Mr. Richard Mimick, Program Director and Ms. Marlowe Morrison joined the meeting to answer questions regarding the report given to the committee.

The program has experienced significant growth in international enrollments and much of the previous year has been focused on implementing better systems and processes to support this growth. Committee members expressed concerns regarding a lack of innovation particularly with regard to indigenous partners and updating curriculum.

The committee approved the continued delivery of the Business Administration Certificate / Diploma for another three years with a status update within one year on progress made towards aligning the program with UVic strategic priorities and the Indigenous Plan.

- **Canadian Studies Diploma (March 12, 2020)**

Ms. Miranda Angus, Program Director and Ms. Elizabeth Bowman, Program Coordinator joined the meeting to answer questions regarding the report given to the committee.

This is a unique program with two formats for undergraduate students. It is also part of the pathways program where two short term programs are provided to those students in April and August. New elective options are provided every 12 – 18 months to appeal to a broader cross-section of undergraduate students as well as professionals. A question was raised about hiring graduate students to teach these courses. As the hiring for sessional instructors goes out through faculties, they are often grad students.

- **Monthly English (ELC) (January 9, 2020)**

Dr. Jacqueline Prowse, Program Director and Ms. Cathy Ebert joined the meeting to answer questions on the report given to the committee.

This program has evolved since its inception in 2008 from an overflow program to a regular stand-alone program. A member offered to take information to contacts in Taiwan as their faculty has many contacts that could benefit from a program like this.

- **Canadian Falls Prevention (February 13, 2020)**

Ms. Laura Vizina, Program Director and Ms. Sandy Meadows, Program Coordinator joined the meeting to answer questions on the report given to the committee.

A question was asked about accrediting the program. As this program attracts a wide variety of learners (nurses, physiotherapists, recreational therapists) with licencing requirements differing widely from discipline to discipline, accreditation is not a goal.

- **Health Professional Development (March 12, 2020)**

Ms. Laura Vizina, Program Director and Ms. Laila Strazds, Program Coordinator joined the meeting to answer questions on the report given to the committee.

Ms. Vizina welcomed the submission of names to expand the current Health Advisory Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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