



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

The Terms of Reference for the Senate Committee on Academic Standards define its scope and relationship with Senate and other Senate committees. Each fall term the committee presents an annual report to Senate on its business and proceedings over the previous academic year.

The Senate Committee on Academic Standards met six times in 2019/20: September 17, 2019, October 23, 2019, November 19, 2019, February 10, 2020, March 12, 2020, and April 9, 2020. During the course of the year, the committee approved the convocation lists of faculties, a number of posthumous degrees, made recommendations to Senate, initiated projects in areas of the committee's concern, and received proposals for input from other Senate committees.

Within these areas, the committee considered a number of issues including:

- Recommendations to Senate:
 - Revisions to various program requirements
- Continued Projects in 2019/20
 - Review and Revision to the Undergraduate Academic Concession Regulation
 - Creation of an Examination Cancellation Policy and Guidelines
 - Annual review of the university's grading patterns
 - Review and Revision to the Academic Integrity Policy
 - Review and Definition of the University Aergotat (AEG) Grade Notation
- Proposals from other Senate committees

Approval of the convocation lists of the faculties:

The committee approves, on behalf of Senate, the granting of degrees. At its October 2019 meeting, the committee approved the fall convocation lists for Fall Convocation. The deans (or designate) of the faculties were in attendance to confirm these lists. Due to the circumstances surrounding COVID-19, the meeting scheduled to approve the spring convocation was postponed to July 15, 2020; the beginning of the 2020/2021 academic term.

At the September 2019 and October 2019 meetings, the committee considered requests for posthumous degrees. In June 2020, the committee considered a request by electronic vote.



Recommendations to Senate:

To approve revisions to grading within the Post-Professional Elementary Program

At the September and October meetings, the committee considered a proposal to revise grading within the Post-Professional Elementary Program in the Faculty of Education. The proposal was approved by Senate at its December 2019 meeting.

To approve revisions to academic standing within the Health Information Science Program

At the October meeting, the committee considered a proposal to revise academic standing within the Health Information Science Program in the Faculty of Human and Social Development. The proposal was approved by Senate at its December 2019 meeting.

To approve revisions to progression requirements in Computer Science

At the October meeting, the committee considered proposed changes to the progression requirements in Computer Science, Faculty of Engineering. The proposal was approved by Senate at its December 2019 meeting.

To approve revisions to the program requirements of all bachelor degrees within the Faculty of Humanities

At the October meeting, the committee considered a proposal for changes to the requirements for all bachelor degrees in the Faculty of Humanities. This proposal was submitted by the Senate Committee on Planning and approved by Senate at its December 2019 meeting.

Continued Projects in 2019/20

Review of Academic Concession Regulations

At the September and October meetings, the committee reviewed the communication memo for broader campus consultation. At the February meeting the committee was informed that due to the high degree of interest and engagement regarding these revisions, consultation had been extended to later in the Spring. The results of the consultation and a proposed revision to the regulation would be presented to the committee at the September 2020 meeting.

Annual Review of Grading Patterns Report

The committee received the annual Grading Patterns Report at its November meeting. The report was provided to Senate at its December 2019 meeting in which the committee recommended that the report be shared at a following Chairs and Director's meeting.

Examination Cancellation Policy and Guidelines

At the November meeting, the committee considered the proposal on the Examination Cancellation Policy and Guidelines. The proposal was presented to Senate at its February 2019 meeting. The proposal returned to the March meeting for further consideration based the feedback received by members of Senate.

Academic Integrity Policy

At the February meeting, the committee reviewed the various concerns with the Academic Integrity Policy and considered revision to incorporate solutions to the concerns and increase clarity.

Aergotat (AEG) Grade Notation

At the March meeting, the committee reviewed the various concerns with the Aergotat grade notation and considered ways in which the notation could be better defined and calculated to increase consistency and clarity.

Revisions to the Academic Calendar

At the March meeting, the committee reviewed administrative changes to the academic calendar within the Faculty of Humanities due to the creation of the new administrative unit, the Academic and Technical Writing Program (ATWP), within the Department of English.

Provided Feedback on Proposals from Other Senate Committees:

At the October meeting, the committee reviewed two proposals from the Senate Committee on Admission, Re-registration and Transfer on Year 2 admission requirements for the Kinesiology program, Faculty of Education, and the transfer requirements for the Computer Science Program, Faculty of Engineering.

At February and March meetings, the committee reviewed proposals from the Senate Committee on Admission, Re-registration and Transfer on changes to the Academic Writing Requirement.

At the March meeting, the committee reviewed a proposal from the Senate Committee on Admission, Re-registration and Transfer on the Special Access Category for undergraduate admissions.

At the April meeting, the committee reviewed a proposal from the Senate Committee on Admission, Re-registration and Transfer on revisions to undergraduate admission deadlines.

Respectfully submitted,

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