



Date: October 12, 2022
To: Senate
From: Senate Committee on Academic Standards
Re: **2021/22 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 nine times in 2021/22. Meetings occurred September 10, 2021, October 20, 2021, November 4, 2021, December 10, 2021, January 13, 2022, February 11, February 22, 2022, April 12, 2022, and May 22, 2022. During the course of the year, the committee approved the convocation lists of faculties, approved 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:

- Proposed revisions to the Graduate Academic Calendar – Admission as a Mature Student
- Proposed revisions to the Undergraduate Academic Calendar – Honours Program (RHED BA Honours and KINE BSc Honours in EPHE)
- Proposed extension of the waive of medical documentation – Winter Session, January 2022 – April 2022
- Proposed Policy on academic integrity for non-credit courses, Division of Continuing Studies
- Proposed revisions to the undergraduate Academic Concessions Regulation
- Proposed temporary revisions to the last day for withdrawing from full-year and second term courses

Continued Projects in 2021/22:

- Annual Review of the Grading Patterns Report
- Revision to Aegrotat Grade Notation
- Revision to the Academic Integrity Policy

Consultation:

- Policy AC1205 Academic Accommodation and Access for Students with Disabilities
- Credit and non-credit programs offered through the Division of Continuing Studies
- For-credit micro-credentials

Approval of the convocation lists of the faculties:

The committee approves, on behalf of Senate, the granting of degrees. At its October 2021 and May 2022 meetings, the committee approved the fall 2021 and spring 2022 convocation lists, respectively.

At the September 2021 meeting, the committee considered three requests for posthumous degrees.



Recommendations to Senate:

To approve revisions to the Graduate Academic Calendar – Admission as a Mature Student

At its November meeting the committee approved revisions to the graduate admissions policy for mature students to improve flexibility and better reflect the mature student entry qualifications. The proposal was approved by Senate at its December 2021 meeting.

To approve revisions to the Undergraduate Academic Calendar – Honours Program (RHED BA Honours and KINE BSc Honours in EPHE)

At its December meeting, the committee approved and approved revisions to the Exercise Science, Physical and Health Education program Honours programs in Recreational Health BA and Kinesiology BSc for the Undergraduate Calendar. The proposal was approved by Senate at its January 2022 meeting.

To approve the extension of the temporary waiver of medical documentation for all requests for academic concessions during the second term of the Winter Session, January 2022 – April 2022

At its December meeting, the committee approved an extension to the waiver of medical documentation for all academic concession requests for the second term of the 2022 Winter Session. The proposal was approved by Senate at its January 2022 meeting.

To approve policy on academic integrity for non-credit courses in the Division of Continuing Studies.

At its January meeting, the committee provided feedback and approved the proposed policy on academic integrity for non-credit courses in the Division of Continuing Studies. The proposal was approved by Senate at its March 2022 meeting.

To approve revisions to the Undergraduate Academic Concessions Regulation

At its January meeting, the committee approved the revision to the Undergraduate Academic Concessions Regulation. The proposal was approved by Senate at its May 2022 meeting.

To approve the extension of the temporary waiver of medical documentation for all requests for academic concessions during the Summer Session, May 2022 – August 2022

At its January meeting, the committee approved an extension to the waiver of medical documentation for all academic concession requests for the 2022 Summer Session until the new Undergraduate Academic Concession Regulation takes effect. The proposal was approved by Senate at its May 2022 meeting.

To approve a revision to the last day for withdrawing from full-year and second term courses: tabled motion from the February 2022 Senate meeting

The Senate Committee on Academic Standards met twice in February to consider a tabled motion placed on the floor at the February meeting of Senate. The committee recommended a temporary revision to the undergraduate and graduate Academic Concession Regulations after the final deadline to withdraw from courses without academic penalty for year-long and second term courses of the 2021/2022 Winter Session. This temporary revision would add grounds to request a WE grade status for any course modality change for the duration of a course. The proposal was approved by Senate at its March 2022 meeting.

Continued Projects in 2021/22

Annual Review of Grading Patterns Report

At its December meeting, reviewed the 2020/21 report. The committee took careful note of grade inflation though the pandemic and need for Deans, Chairs and instructors to make use of the report.

Aegrotat Grade Notation

At its September meeting, the committee began to review the various definitions regarding the university's Aegrotat grade notation.

Academic Integrity Policy

Throughout the academic year, the committee received updates and proposed revisions to sections of the policy.

Provided Feedback from Other Areas:

At its January meeting, the committee provided feedback on the proposed revisions to Policy AC1205: Academic Accommodation and Access for Students with Disabilities.

At its April meeting, the committee learned more about non-credit and for-credit courses within the Division of Continuing Studies.

At its April meeting, the committee reviewed and provided feedback on a proposal on For-Credit Micro-Credentials at UVic.

Respectfully submitted,

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