Date: September 18, 2024

To: Senate

From: Senate Committee on Academic Standards

Re: **2023/2024 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 2023/24. Meetings occurred on September 15, 2023, October 18, 2023, November 10, 2023, December 7, 2023, January 10, 2024, February 7, 2024, March 6, 2024, April 11, 2024, and May 24, 2024. During the year, the committee approved the convocation lists of faculties, made a number of recommendations to Senate, initiated projects in areas of the committee's concern, and received proposals for the committee's input from other areas.

Through 2023/2024 academic year, the committee undertook the following items for review and recommendation to Senate:

Approval of the convocation lists of the Faculties:

The committee approves, on behalf of Senate, the granting of degrees. At its October 2023 and May 2024 meetings, the committee approved the Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 convocation lists. At its May 2024 meeting, the committee approved the credit-bearing micro-certificates for Spring 2024.

At its February 2024 meeting, the committee approved an exceptional request in the granting of a Certificate in Business Administration.

Recommendations to Senate:

Revision of admission requirements for the Bachelor of Science, Computer Science
At its September meeting, the committee reviewed and approved the proposal to change the admission requirements for the Bachelor of Science Computer Science effective May 1, 2024. The proposal was approved by Senate at the October 6, 2023 meeting.

Revision to the Examination Cancellation Policy and Guidelines
At its September meeting, the committee reviewed and approved revisions to the Examination Cancellation Policy and Guidelines. The proposal was approved by Senate at the October 6, 2023 meeting.

Revisions to the Undergraduate Academic Calendar regarding Examinations, Deferred Status
At its September and October meetings, the committee reviewed and approved revisions to the Undergraduate Academic Calendar regarding Examinations, Deferred Status. The proposal was approved by Senate at the November 3, 2023 meeting.

Revisions to the French and Francophone Studies, Honours Program
At its October meeting, the committee reviewed and approved changes to the Honours Program in French and Francophone Studies. The proposal was approved by Senate at the November 3, 2023 meeting.

Revisions to the Year 1 admission requirements to the BSc Kinesiology program
At its October meeting, the committee reviewed and approved changes to the admission requirements for Year 1 to the Kinesiology Program. The proposal was approved by Senate at the November 3, 2023 meeting.

Revisions to the definition of the Aegrotat Grade Notation
At its November and January meetings, the committee reviewed and approved revisions to the definition of the Aegrotat Grade Notation. The proposal was approved by Senate at the February 2, 2024 meeting.

Proposal to pilot for a Centrally Scheduled Midterm Examination Period
At its December meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a proposal to pilot a centrally scheduled midterm examination period during the second term of 2023/2024 Winter Session. The proposal was approved by Senate at the special December 13, 2024 meeting. At its April meeting, the committee reviewed a report on the pilot.

Revisions to the admission requirements to the MA and Med in Educational Psychology
At its December meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a proposal from the Faculty of Education for changes to the admission requirements to the Master of Arts and Master of Education programs in Educational Psychology. The proposal was approved by Senate at the January 5, 2024 meeting.

Proposal to update the DELF B2 requirements for the French Immersion Practicum
At its December meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a proposal from the Faculty of Education on revisions to the DELF B2 requirements for the undergraduate French Immersion Practicum option. The proposal was approved by Senate at the January 5, 2024 meeting.

Proposal to add a course to the Academic Writing Requirement
At its December meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a proposal from the Faculty of Humanities, Academic and Technical Writing Program to add ATWP 110, "Academic Reading and Writing Support and Development", to the Academic Writing Requirement. The proposal was approved by Senate at the January 5, 2024 meeting.

Revisions to the admission requirements to the MN Indigenous Wellness stream
At its January meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a proposal from the Faculty of Human and Social Development, School of Nursing on changes to the admission requirements for the Master of Nursing Indigenous Wellness stream. The proposal was approved by Senate at the February 2, 2024 meeting.

Revisions to the admission requirements to the BSc Psychology and Computer Science Major
At its January meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a joint proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science and Faculty of Science to change the admission requirements for the Bachelor of Science Psychology and Computer Science Major. The proposal was approved by Senate at the March 1, 2024 meeting.

Revisions to the admission requirements to the BSc Geography and Computer Science (Geomatics) Major

At its January meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a joint proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science and the Faculty of Social Sciences to change the admission requirements for the Bachelor of Science Geography and Computer Science (Geomatics) Major. The proposal was approved by Senate at the March 1, 2024 meeting.

Removal of a pre-requisite for Science teaching areas in the Bachelor of Education Secondary Post-Degree Programs

At its January meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a proposal from the Faculty of Education to remove the History of Science pre-requisites for Science teaching areas in the Bachelor of Education Secondary Post-Degree Program in the May 2024 undergraduate academic calendar. The proposal was approved by Senate at its February 2, 2024 meeting.

Revisions to the eligibility requirements of the BSc (Honours) in Biology

At its January meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a proposal from the Faculty of Science, Department of Biology regarding changes to the eligibility requirements for the Bachelor of Science (Honours) degree in the May 2024 undergraduate academic calendar. The proposal was approved by Senate at the February 2, 2024 meeting.

Proposal to removal a progression requirement for the BFA Major in Theatre

At its January meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a proposal from the Faculty of Fine Arts for the change to the academic progression requirements for the Bachelor of Fine Arts Major Theatre Program in the May 2024 undergraduate academic calendar. The proposal was approved by Senate at the February 2, 2024 meeting.

Revisions to the admission requirements to the Faculty of Science undergraduate Cooperative Education program

At its February meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a proposal from the Faculty of Science on changes to the removal of the GPA admission requirements for the Faculty of Science Co-operative Education programs in the September 2024 undergraduate academic calendar. The proposal was approved by Senate at the March 1, 2024 meeting.

Proposal to add a course to the Academic Writing Requirement

At its February meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a proposal from the Faculty of Faculty of Humanities for the addition of ENSH 103, "Writing Culture, Power", to the Academic Writing Requirement effective the September 2024 undergraduate academic calendar. The proposal was approved by Senate at the March 1, 2024 meeting.

Proposal to institute a new process to maintain the integrity of the UVic Parchment

At its February meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a proposal from the Office of the Registrar and Enrolment Management on a proposed process to maintain the integrity of the UVic Parchment. The proposal was approved by Senate at the March 1, 2024 meeting.

Revisions to the admission requirements to the BSc Physics and Computer Science Major

At its March meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a joint proposal from the Faculties of Engineering and Computer Science, and Science to change the admission requirements for the Bachelor of Science Physics and Computer Science Major. The proposal was approved by Senate at the April 5, 2024 meeting.

Proposal to establish the admission requirements for the West Shore Computing Gateway program

At its March meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science to establish admission requirements for the West Shore Computing Gateway program. The proposal was approved by Senate at the April 5, 2024 meeting.

Revisions to the admission requirements to the BEd, Indigenous Language Revitalization
At its March meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a proposal from the Faculty of Education on changes to the admission requirements for the Bachelor of Education: Indigenous Language Revitalization program. The proposal was approved by Senate at the April 5, 2024 meeting.

Revisions to the admission requirements to the MA and PhD in Greek and Roman Studies
At its March meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a proposal from Department of Greek and Roman Studies on revisions to the admissions and readmission requirements for the Masters of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy programs for the September 2024 graduate academic calendar. The proposal was approved by Senate at the April 5, 2024 meeting.

Proposal to remove a progression requirement in Political Science Major degree program
At its April meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a proposal from the Faculty of Social Science, Political Science on the removal of the minimum C+ requirement in the Political Science Major program. The proposal was approved by Senate at the May 3, 2024 meeting.

Revisions to the admission requirements to the Greek and Roman Studies Honours Program and Greek and Latin Language and Literature Honours Program
At its April meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a proposal from the Department of Greek and Roman Studies on revisions to the Greek and Roman Studies Honours Program and the Greek and Latin Language and Literature Honours Program effective September 2024. The proposal was approved by Senate at the May 3, 2024 meeting.

Proposal to create a recognition of completion for credit-bearing micro-certificates
At its April meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a proposal from the Associate Vice-President Academic Programs and the Acting Registrar on the recognition of completion process for credit-bearing micro-certificates. The proposal was approved by Senate at the April 5, 2024 meeting.

Provided Feedback from Other Areas:
At its September meeting, the committee provided feedback to the Faculty of Science on suggested changes to the requirements common to all Faculty of Science bachelor's degrees.

At its October meeting, the committee reviewed and provided feedback on a communication received by the Senate Committee on Agenda and Governance regarding the section in the academic calendars on the Evaluation of Student Achievement – Assessment Techniques.

At its November meeting, the committee provided feedback to the Associate Vice-President Academic Programs on the university's position statement for the use of generative artificial intelligence for learning and teaching.

At its December meeting, the committee reviewed a proposal from the Faculty of Education on the grading scheme for EPLS courses that serve Teacher Education. While the committee was supportive of the concept, more information was requested to address identified assessment concerns.

At its February meeting, the committee provided feedback on a proposal from the Faculties of Science, Social Sciences, and Humanities for establishing a Dean's List Notation on UVic student transcripts.

At its April meeting, the committee reviewed a proposal to revise the admission

requirements to the School of Nursing, Master of Nursing, Nurse Practitioner Post-Degree stream. The committee identified concerns with the proposal for the program's consideration.

Continued Projects in 2023/24

Academic Integrity Policy
Throughout the academic year, the committee received updates and proposed revisions to the Academic Integrity Policy. At the special June 2024 Senate meeting, the committee requested feedback on the progressing revisions.

Annual Review of Grading Report
At its February meeting, the committee reviewed the 2022/23 grading report.

Report on Academic Integrity Violations
At its February meeting, the committee reviewed a report from the Office of Registrar and Enrolment Management on academic integrity violations from September 2022 through August 2023.

Respectfully submitted,
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