

FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES GRADUATE POLICY AND CURRICULUM COUNCIL
JUNE 10, 2010, 2:00 P.M.
UNIVERSITY CLUB, WEST ROOM

PRESENT: Dr. C. Hayward (Chair), Dr. M. Black, Ms. L. DoHarris, Ms. L. Geddes, Dr. S. Hanna, Dr. L. Letts, Dr. B. Lichty, Ms. K. McCahill-Harrison, Ms. R. Senaratne, Dr. M. Stampfli, Dr. S. Wilkins, Mrs. M. Espiritu (Assistant Secretary)

BY INVITATION: Dr. R. Austin

REGRETS: Dr. P. Baxter, Dr. J. Nodwell, Dr. L. Schwartz, Dr. J. West-Mays

New course: MS *768 – Clinical Topics in Nephrology and Renal Disease

Dr. Hayward introduced Dr. Richard Austin to speak about the proposed MS *768 course. Dr. Austin explained that the course will be offered in September 2010 at the Nephrology Division of the St. Joseph's Hospital. The course has 12 three-hour sessions, which will cover a wide range of topics relevant to kidney structure and function as well as the pathophysiology of renal disease. The sessions will comprise faculty presentations, interactive student's sessions and student presentations.

Dr. Letts moved, and Dr. Hanna seconded,

“that the Faculty of Health Sciences Graduate Policy and Curriculum Council approve the proposed course, MS *768 – Clinical Topics in Nephrology and Renal Disease, as described in the document.”

For clarification, the Council suggested providing more information concerning the “25% student participation” (page 2, under *Method of Evaluation*).

The motion was carried, subject to revising the “method of evaluation” mentioned above.

Nursing: Creation of new field and change in existing field

Dr. Black explained that the creation of the new field, “Advanced Practice Nursing,” will clearly identify the focus and strength of the Nursing Program within this area, and would enable potential applicants for advanced practice nursing education to easily identify their field of interest. She added that the current field, “Nursing Leadership and Practice,” will change to “Leadership.” Dr. Black informed the committee that the list of faculty members in the document will be revised to include four additional members.

Dr. Letts moved, and Dr. Hanna seconded,

“that the Faculty of Health Sciences Graduate Policy and Curriculum Council approve the proposal to create a new field and change the name of an existing field in the Nursing Program, as described in the document.”

The motion was carried.

Medical Sciences: Cancellation of *755 – Skeletal Muscle Cell Biology and Clinical Myology

Medical Sciences recommended cancellation of *755 – Skeletal Muscle Cell Biology and Clinical Myology.

Dr. Black moved, and Dr. Letts seconded,

“that the Faculty of Health Sciences Graduate Policy and Curriculum Council approve the cancellation of *755 – Skeletal Muscle Cell Biology and Clinical Myology in the Medical Sciences program, as described in the document.

Mr. Stampfli explained that the instructor is unable to teach the course and there is no faculty member suitable to take over. Mr. Stampfli explained that because of the reduction of the course requirements in Medical Sciences, the cancellation of *755 will not be an issue.

The motion was carried.

Course Information Update – Physiotherapy Program

Ms. Geddes briefly discussed the changes to the following courses:

- 611 – Fundamentals of Physiotherapy Practice/Problem-based I
- *612 – Fundamentals of Physiotherapy Practice/Clinical Laboratory I
- *711 – Advanced Neurological Physiotherapy Practice-Problem-based IV
- *712 – Advanced Neurological Physiotherapy Practice-Clinical Laboratory Course
- 713 – Research and Evidence-based Practice
- *714 – Physiotherapy Clinical Practice III

Ms. Geddes moved, and Dr. Wilkins seconded,

“that the Faculty of Health Sciences Graduate Policy and Curriculum Council approve the changes to the Physiotherapy courses listed above, as described in the documents.”

The motion was carried.

Rehabilitation Science – Changes to the Comprehensive Examination Process

Dr. Wilkins discussed the proposed changes to the examination process as follows:

to allow students to develop grant proposals related to their thesis. The option of creating grant proposals on another topic will remain. By allowing some overlap with the thesis topic, the department hopes that the proposed change will help students complete the Comprehensive Examination on time. Another proposed change is the addition of a statement specifying that the attendance of the supervisor at the feedback session is advantageous. Dr. Wilkins explained that there were additional minor revisions to the document to clarify the examination process. Discussion ensued and there was a general comment from the members that the wording of some sections (i.e., page 2, 4a and 4c) in the proposal is quite confusing and needs clarification.

Dr. Wilkins moved, and Dr. Letts seconded,

“that the Faculty of Health Sciences Graduate Policy and Curriculum Council approve the proposed changes to the comprehensive examination process for the Rehabilitation Science program.”

The motion was carried, subject to revising the wording of some sections in the document.

Additional agenda items:

Program coordinator for Cancer and Genetics area in Medical Sciences

Dr. Stampfli moved, and Dr. Letts seconded,

“that the Faculty of Health Sciences Graduate Policy and Curriculum Council approve the recommendation of Medical Sciences to appoint Dr. Judy West-Mays as the program coordinator for the Cancer and Genetics area.”

The motion was carried.

Dr. Hayward then referred to the graduate faculty participation list and the document outlining the committees of the various graduate programs in Health Sciences for Council information.

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned at 3:11 p.m.