

**FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES GRADUATE POLICY AND CURRICULUM COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 14, 2012, 1:30 P.M.
MDCL-3413**

PRESENT: Dr. C. Hayward (Chair), Ms. S. Baschiera (Secretary), Dr. B. Coombes, Dr. V. Dal Bello-Has, Dr. J. Foster, Dr. A. Holloway, Dr. L. Letts, Ms. M. Liu, Dr. J. MacDermid, Dr. J. Mahony, Ms. R. Mason, Dr. J. Skelly, Mrs. M. Espiritu (Assistant Secretary)

BY INVITATION: Dr. C. Gombay, Dr. K. McCaughan

REGRETS: Dr. P. Baxter, Dr. M. Giacomini, Dr. S. Hanna, Dr. B. Lichty, Dr. L. Schwartz

I. Minutes of meeting

On a motion by Dr. Letts, seconded by Dr. Skelly, the Faculty of Health Sciences Graduate Policy and Curriculum Council approved the minutes of the meeting of December 6, 2011.

II. Business arising

There was no business arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

III. Graduate curriculum revisions

M.Sc. Global Health

Dr. Gombay presented the proposed curriculum changes from the M.Sc. Global Health program. The proposed new course, *704 – Field Placement, was withdrawn from the agenda. There was a proposal to change the title of course *715 – Supervised Knowledge Opportunity to “Independent Study Course.”

Dr. Foster moved, and Dr. Coombes seconded,

“that the Faculty of Health Sciences Graduate Policy and Curriculum Council approve the change in course title for *715, as described in the document.”

The motion was carried.

Ph.D. Health Policy

The Ph.D. Health Policy program has proposed the following changes to its graduate curriculum:

A change in course requirements will clarify that all students enrolled in the program are required to take a minimum of five courses (including three doctoral seminar half-courses),

regardless of waived requirements, to ensure that their doctoral preparation involves substantial post-Master's level training.

The program also introduced a new course, *747 – Qualitative and Conceptual Methods for Health Policy.

Dr. Foster moved, and Dr. Mahony seconded,

“that the Faculty of Health Sciences Graduate Policy and Curriculum Council approve the proposed curriculum changes from the Ph.D. Health Policy program, as described in the documents.”

The motion was carried.

Health Research Methodology

The change in course requirements for the Health Research Methodology programs will clarify the courses for the Health Research Methodology M.Sc. program and the specialization in Health Technology Assessment. The proposed changes also include the possible additional make-up courses for the Ph.D. program, and clarification of electives for the Health Technology Assessment field of specialization.

Dr. Mahony moved, and Dr. Skelly seconded,

“that the Faculty of Health Sciences Graduate Policy and Curriculum Council approve the proposed change in course requirements for the M.Sc. and Ph.D. programs in Health Research Methodology, as described in the document.”

The motion was carried.

M.Sc. in Health Science Education

Dr. McCaughan reviewed the proposed calendar copy for the M.Sc. in Health Science Education program. After the discussion, the members made the following comments:

- The introduction section does not specify if the program is offered to full- or part-time students.
- The duration of the program was not clearly specified in the document.
- The admission requirements were not clearly explained in the document.
- The section discussing the TOEFL should be removed since this is already included in other parts of the graduate calendar.
- The format for listing the courses should be revised.

Because of several substantial revisions to the document, the Council members suggested referring the document back to the proponents.

Dr. Foster moved, and Dr. Mahony seconded,

“that the Faculty of Health Sciences Graduate Policy and Curriculum Council approve the decision to refer back to the proponents, the M.Sc. in Health Science Education calendar copy for revision in order to address the issues raised by the Council.”

The motion was carried.

Dr. Hayward suggested conducting an email ballot election should a revised copy of the document be submitted to the Council.

The M.Sc. in Health Science Education also proposed three new courses: #700 – Health Science Education I; *701 – Cognition & Curriculum in Health Science Education; and *702 – Educational Research Methods in Health Science Education.

Dr. Holloway moved, and Dr. Mahony seconded,

“that the Faculty of Health Sciences Graduate Policy and Curriculum Council approve the proposed new courses, #700, *701, and *702, for the M.Sc. in Health Science Education program, as described in the documents.”

The motion was carried.

Medical Sciences

The Medical Sciences program proposed cancellation of the following courses: *706 – Topics in Cardiovascular Physiology; *729 – Molecular and Cellular Pathology; *744 – Functional Neuroanatomy of Selected Psychiatric Disease; and *746 – Exercise Physiology in Health and Disease.

Dr. Skelly moved, and Dr. Letts seconded,

“that the Faculty of Health Sciences Graduate Policy and Curriculum Council approve cancellation of Medical Sciences courses, *706, *729, *744, and *746, as described in the documents.”

A member suggested clarifying with the program if course *744 – Functional Neuroanatomy of Selected Psychiatric Disease is cross-listed with another course.

The motion was carried, subject to clarifying the issue raised regarding course *744.

Nursing

The School of Nursing recommended adding clinical practicum sites in Edmonton and Calgary, Alberta to address the growing needs of distance education for nurse practitioners. In addition, the School proposed cancellation of courses CHS *601 – Spiritual Worklife: Applied to Healthcare, CHS *700 – Spirituality and Health, CHS *701 – The Wounded Spirit in the Secular World, CHS *702 – The Impact of Spirituality & Religious Traditions on Suffering, and CHS *703 – Suffering vs. Pain.

Dr. Skelly moved, and Dr. Mahony seconded,

“that the Faculty of Health Sciences Graduate Policy and Curriculum Council approve the following proposals from the School of Nursing: (1) addition of clinical practicum sites in Edmonton and Calgary, Alberta; and (2) cancellation of courses CHS *601, CHS *700, CHS *701, CHS *702, and CHS *703, as described in the documents.”

The motion was carried.

Occupational Therapy

The M.Sc. in Occupational Therapy program has recommended a change in the calendar description of its requirements by adding a statement regarding possible termination of clinical practicum.

Dr. Letts moved, and Ms. Liu seconded,

“that the Faculty of Health Sciences Graduate Policy and Curriculum Council approve the proposed change to the program requirements calendar description of the M.Sc. in Occupational Therapy program, as described in the document.”

The motion was carried.

Physiotherapy

The M.Sc. in Physiotherapy program recommended including a statement in the calendar description that all courses listed are required for the program. A statement regarding possible termination of clinical placement or research project will also be added. The inclusion of a section specifying that a clear police check is required as a condition of admission was also proposed.

Dr. Dal Bello-Has moved, and Dr. Skelly seconded,

“that the Faculty of Health Sciences Graduate Policy and Curriculum Council approve the proposed changes from the M.Sc. in Physiotherapy program, as described in the documents.”

The motion was **carried**.

Other business

A member suggested discussing issues concerning the method of evaluation for special topics courses, such as percentage breakdown, flexibility, and ways to communicate with students. Dr. Hayward said this matter will be discussed at future meetings of the Council.

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.