
SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CURRICULUM

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Wednesday, October 8, 2025
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
MS Teams Online

Present:

Voting Members

Brett Favaro
Celia Brinkerhoff
Krista Gerlich-Fitzgerald
Lindsay Norris
Richard Popoff
Ron Murray
Shelley Boyd
Sherilyn Sweeney

Non-Voting Members

Catherine Schwichtenberg
Meredith Laird
Nishan Perera

Ex-Officio

Bruce Choy, President and Vice-Chancellor
Kwuntiltunaat (Kim Baird), Chancellor

Guests and Administrative Resources

Michelle Molnar, Admin Coordinator, Senate
Diego Hernandez De la Rocha
Cate Tohill
Jane Shin
Parthi Krishnan

Not Present:

Voting Members

Naomi Ben-Yehuda

Non-Voting Members

Nadia Henwood

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Lindsay Norris moved the agenda be confirmed as circulated.

The motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes, September 10, 2025

Celia Brinkerhoff moved the minutes be accepted as amended.

The motion carried.

4. Chair's Report

The Chair informed the committee that the AC15 non-credit digital credentials policy was approved by the Board of Governors on October 2 and outlined the plan to close the Micro Credentials Committee by December 31st, with appreciation to its members for their service.

The chair introduced Parthi Krishnan, who will be rejoining the committee as an official member of the committee on October 28, 2025.

5. New Business

5.1. Requisite Removal: HSCI

Jane Shin, instructor in the Health Science program, explained that the current math prerequisite for HSCI 1115 is irrelevant to the course content and acts as a barrier, particularly for international and mature students, prompting the request for its removal.

Brett Favaro moved that the Senate Standing Committee on Curriculum recommend that Senate approve the removal of all pre-requisite course requirements from HSCI 1115, effective January 1, 2026.

The motion carried.

5.2. Requisite Removal: EDAS

Cate Tohill, EDAS instructor, presented the proposal to remove all prerequisites from the listed EDAS courses, noting it would improve access for part-time students. The committee discussed course levels and the appropriateness of prerequisites.

Krista Gerlich-Fitzgerald moved that the Senate Standing Committee on Curriculum recommend that Senate approve the removal of all pre-requisite course requirements from EDAS 1240, EDAS 1282, EDAS 1305, and EDAS 2121, effective January 1, 2026.

The motion carried.

5.3. Admissions Change: Certificate in Entertainment Arts

Diego Hernandez De la Rocha, Entertainment Arts instructor, outlined that the portfolio requirement from the Foundation in Entertainment Arts certificate creates unnecessary barriers for prospective students, especially since the program is designed to teach foundational skills needed to build a portfolio.

Shelley Boyd moved that the Senate Standing Committee on Curriculum recommend that Senate approve the revision to the admissions requirements for the Certificate in Foundation in Entertainment Arts, effective September 1, 2026.

The motion carried.

6. Items for Information

6.1. DQAB Decision Update

Meredith Laird, Manager, Curricular Support, provided an update on the impact of new DQAB criteria for program revisions, reporting that despite increased submissions, no new degrees were determined, and offered to share the criteria with departments for reference.

7. Items for Discussion

The committee discussed the digital badging awarding process. Nishan Perera, Director of Educational Development, outlined the technical workflow, including that badges are awarded through Moodle and housed on [CanCred](#) platform. He also noted that the badge include metadata describing the achievement and accessed by clicking the badge or downloading a PDF, ensuring verifiability beyond a simple image file.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.