

BUSINESS FACULTY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting
Monday, January 20th, 2025
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Online, MS Teams

AGENDA

1. Call to Order..... Landon Kleis 1:00
2. * Approval of Agenda
3. * Approval of Minutes, December 16th, 2024
4. New Business

- 4.1. * AR7 Policy Consultation Krista Gerlich-Fitzgerald 1:05
- 4.2. New Course Proposal – CMNS 2900 Darren Francis 1:20

[CMNS 2900: Special Topics in Workplace Communications](#)

MOTION: To approve the new course proposal, as presented and detailed in CIM Programs.

- 4.3. Focus College Institutional Recognition..... Suzanne Pearce/Shari Ann Herrmann 1:30
- 4.4. Motion Regarding AC16 Policy Anita Braaksma 1:40

MOTION:

The Melville School of Business Faculty Council endorses the following statement on AC16, Academic Title Awards:

Policy AC16 is no ordinary policy. It will change our exceptionally collegial academic culture in significant and irreversible ways. All faculty must have a meaningful choice in this decision.

As our colleagues have noted, KPU does not require academic titles to serve our students and communities with excellence in teaching. Titles impose an unwelcome hierarchy on all faculty that will erode our egalitarian, collaborative academic culture. Once titles are awarded, the impact of this policy cannot be undone.

Although many concerned faculty have taken great care to voice their objections on the policy blog, they are easily dismissed with a "thank you for your comment" reply. As such, the policy blog is insufficient to represent all faculty in deciding such a monumental change.

While the faculty Senators may vote, they are also told not to act as representatives of their colleagues. The vast majority of faculty have no way to say "no" to a policy that will affect them for the rest of their careers at KPU.

We therefore call upon the Senate to hold a referendum of faculty on policy AC16.

- 4.5. ECON Program Review Vera Lantinova/Hamideh Shokoohian 1:55
 - 4.5.1 Revisions
 - [ECON 1110 Making Economic Sense of Life](#)
 - [ECON 1150 Principles of Microeconomics](#)
 - [ECON 1250 Principles of Macroeconomics](#)

[ECON 2210 Money and Banking](#)
[ECON 2255 International Trade](#)
[ECON 2260 Environmental Economics](#)
[ECON 2280 Labour Economics](#)
[ECON 2350 Intermediate Microeconomics](#)
[ECON 3100 Economics of Sustainability Policy](#)
[ECON 3150 Managerial Economics](#)
[ECON 3208 History of Economic Thought](#)
[ECON 3251 The Economics of Gender](#)
[ECON 3270 Industrial Organization](#)
[ECON 3333 Statistical Analysis of Economic Data](#)
[ECON 3350 Game Theory and Strategic Behaviour](#)
[ECON 3362 Natural Resource Economics](#)
[ECON 3451 Macroeconomic Policy](#)
[ECON 3455 International Finance](#)
[ECON 3555 Issues in Economic Development](#)
[ECON 4710 Law and Economics](#)
[FNSR 3350 Securities Analysis](#)

MOTION: Omnibus Motion to approve the revisions to the ECON course offerings as presented.

4.5.2 Discontinuations

[ECON 3450 Intermediate Macroeconomics](#)
[ECON 4451 Macroeconomic Policy II](#)

MOTION: Omnibus Motion to approve the discontinuations of the ECON course offerings as presented.

5. Faculty Committee Reports

5.1. Curriculum	Ulrich Paschen	2:10
5.2. Nominations.....	Richard Wong	2:20

6. Senate and Senate Committee Reports

6.1. Senator's Report	Hannah Celinski/Judy Benevides	2:25
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7. Chair's Report	Landon Kleis	2:30
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8. Dean's Report	Stephanie Howes	2:40
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9. Adjournment



Policy History
Policy No. AR7
Approving Jurisdiction: Senate
Administrative Responsibility: Provost and Vice President Academic
Effective Date: April 2004

Graduation With Distinction Procedure

A. DEFINITIONS

1. **Grade Point Average (GPA)** is calculated by multiplying the grade points associated with the letter grade assigned for a course by the number of semester credit hours assigned to that course, adding those values for all courses taken, and dividing the result by the total number of semester credit hours taken. Withdrawals are not included in the calculations. For repeated courses, only the highest grade achieved is used in the calculations.
- ~~2. **Term Grade Point Average (TGPA)** is the GPA calculated for all courses taken in a specific term.~~
- ~~3. **Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA)** is the GPA calculated over all the terms in which the student has been enrolled. In calculating CGPA, only the highest achieved grade is used for repeated courses.~~
4. **Program Grade Point Average (PGPA)** is the cumulative grade point average calculated for those courses listed as program requirements for graduation.

B. PROCEDURES

1. Eligibility
 - a. A student enrolled in a Senate-approved program who meets the following criteria will be considered to have graduated with Distinction

- i. A student who graduates with a minimum PGPA of 3.75 from a program which utilizes letter grades

OR

A student who graduates with outstanding achievement (as determined by program faculty) from a program which does not utilize letter grades

2. Evaluation and Recognition

- a. The Office of the Registrar will evaluate a student's eligibility for this recognition at the time of graduation.
- b. The credential of a student who graduates with Distinction will include the phrase *WITH DISTINCTION*.
- c. The official transcript of a student who graduates with Distinction will include the phrase *WITH DISTINCTION*.
- d. The graduation roll will list all students who graduates with Distinction.

C. RELATED POLICY

AR7 Graduation with Distinction



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A. CONTEXT AND PURPOSE

Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU) recognizes students who have demonstrated The purpose of this designation is to recognize the outstanding academic achievement of our graduates for course work completed towards a credential. This Policy outlines the criteria and process established for recognizing student's outstanding academic achievement for student's to graduate With Distinction.

B. SCOPE AND LIMITS

This policy applies to KPU's Senate-approved curriculum at all academic levels. This policy does not apply to instructional activities outside the authority of Senate (for example, Continuing and Professional Studies).

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C. STATEMENT OF POLICY PRINCIPLES

1. In support of the University's mandate and strategic priorities, KPU recognizes the importance in acknowledging graduates with outstanding academic achievement in their program.

2. The University will ensure that all students who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement and meet the eligibility criteria for graduating with Distinction will be formally recognized.

3. The University will ensure that a clear, equitable and transparent set of eligibility criteria for graduating with Distinction is communicated to all members of the University community.

4. All KPU students who meet the stated eligibility criteria will have an equal opportunity to be recognized as graduating with Distinction

5. All KPU students who graduate with Distinction will be recognized on their official transcripts.

- ~~1. A student who graduates with a minimum PGPA of 3.75 from a program which utilizes letter grades will be considered to have GRADUATED WITH DISTINCTION.~~
- ~~2. A student who graduates with outstanding achievement (as determined by program faculty) from a program which does not utilize letter grades will be considered to have GRADUATED WITH DISTINCTION.~~
- ~~3. A student who graduates with Distinction will receive a Credential on which will appear the phrase WITH DISTINCTION.~~
- ~~4. The official transcript of a student who graduates with Distinction will include the phrase WITH DISTINCTION.~~
- ~~5. Each student who graduates with Distinction will receive a letter of commendation from the President. In addition, a list of the names of those honoured will be presented to the University Board of Governors and published in University publications and released to the local press.~~

D. DEFINITIONS

Refer to Section A of AR7 Graduation With Distinction Procedure for a list of definitions in support of this Policy.

E. RELATED POLICIES AND LEGISLATION

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F. RELATED PROCEDURES

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