



Senate Committee on  
Academic Standards

# MEMO

Date: September 10, 2021  
To: Senate  
From: Senate Committee on Academic Standards  
Re: 2020/21 Annual Report

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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

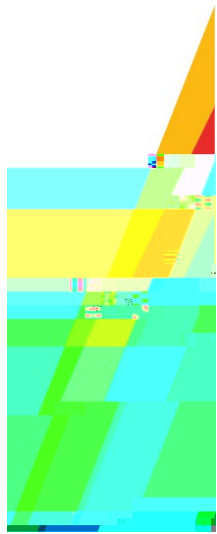
Within these areas, the committee considered a number of issues including:

Recommendations to Senate:

- Revision to the committee's terms of reference
- Proposed Examination Cancellation Policy and Guidelines
- Revision to the Guidelines on Posthumous Degrees
- Proposed residency requirement for the post -degree Diploma in Applied Linguistics
- Revision to the Summer Add/Drop deadlines
- Proposed changes to the Code of Conduct for Professional Programs in the Faculty of Education
- Proposal to rescind a degree
- Proposed temporary undergraduate and graduate COVID -19 transcript notation
- Proposed double counting and laddering credentials regulation for the Faculties of Humanities, Science and Social Sciences
- Revision to the graduate grading standards regulation
- Revision to undergraduate exchange credit regulation
- Revision to the Policy on Academic Integrity

Continued Projects in 2020/21

- Revision to the Undergraduate Academic Concession s Regulation
- Revision to the Academic Integrity Policy



## Consultation

Learning and Teaching Support and Innovation Academic Integrity Framework  
Faculty of Education, Bachelor of Education in Indigenous Language Revitalization Program, on a revision to transfer credits

Consideration of a proposal from the undergraduate student society on COVID - 19 Grading Options

### Approval of the convocation lists of the faculties:

The committee approves, on behalf of Senate, the granting of degrees. Due to COVID - 19, the committee meet July 15, 2020 to approve the spring 2020 convocation lists. At its October 2020 and May 2021 meetings, the committee approved the fall 2020 and spring 2021 convocation lists, respectively.

At the September 2020 and May 2021 meetings, the committee considered requests for posthumous degrees.

### Recommendations to Senate:

To approve revisions to the committee's terms of reference  
At its September meeting the committee approved revisions to its terms of reference to consider proposal to admission, re-registration and transfer policy and regulations.

To approve the Examination Cancellation Policy and Guidelines in the academic calendars  
At its September meeting, the committee incorporated previous Senate feedback and approved the Examination Cancellation Policy and Guidelines for inclusion in the Academic Regulations – Examinations section of the Undergraduate Academic Calendar and the Faculty Academic Regulations section of the Graduate Academic Calendar.

To approve revisions to the Guidelines on Posthumous Degrees  
At its July, September and October meetings, the committee considered and approved revisions to the Guidelines on Posthumous Degrees to include Diplomas and Certificates.

To approve a residency requirement for the post-degree Diploma in Applied Linguistics in the Faculty of Humanities.  
At its October meeting, the committee provided feedback and approved the proposed residency requirement for the post-degree Diploma in Applied Linguistics in the Faculty of Humanities.

To approve revisions to the Summer Add/Drop deadlines  
At its November meeting, the committee approved the revision to the Summer Add/Drop deadlines to align the deadline with the Winter Session process.

To approve revisions to the Code of Conduct for Professionalism (H)-4.0



Program (BEDILR) .

Proposals from the Students' Societies on COVID-19 Grading options:

At its March meeting, the committee reviewed a proposal from the Undergraduate Students Society to extend the COVID grading options (COVID PASS, COVID FAIL, back-dated drop without penalty, and COVID withdrawal for extenuating circumstances - COVID W.E.) to the 2020 Summer Session, 2020/21 Winter Session and 2021 Summer Session.

The committee met to consider the issue at a special meeting in April as well as their regular April meeting. Discussions took into account consultation with the Senate Committee on Learning and Teaching, the Graduate Student's Society, the university's grading pattern report, a survey of Canadian post-secondary institutions, and the various individualized relief options currently offered to the university's students.

The committee declined to approve the proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

2021/2022 Senate Committee on Academic Standards  
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