



PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting

Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2025
Time: 9:00am-9:30am
Room: 209 Assumption Hall and MS Teams

Committee Members: Darryl Danelon, Ray Darling, Dave Johnston, Kenneth Ng, Jane Simanovski, Allyson Skene, Gemma Smyth, Nurlan Turdaliev, Lionel Walsh (Chair), Sarah Woodruff Atkinson, Zuochoen Zhang.

Absent: Fazle Baki, John Deukmedjian, Patti Weir (regrets), Jeremy Worth (regrets).

Attendance: For item 5.1 – Nick Vukotic, Maria Mills; For item 5.26 – Shi Jing Xu; Kyle Asquith (Chair elect), Renée Wintermute (University Secretary), Alison Zilli (Associate University Secretary).

1 Approval of Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda be approved.

Gemma Smyth/Sarah Woodruff Atkinson
CARRIED

2 Minutes of meeting of April 17, 2025

MOTION: That the minutes of April 17, 2025, be approved.

Gemma Smyth/Kenneth Ng
CARRIED

3 Business Arising from the Minutes

Nothing to report.

4 Outstanding Business

Nothing to report.

5 Reports/New Business

5.1 Chemistry and Biochemistry – Major Program Changes (Form B) (Co-op Stream)

(See document PDC250514-5.1 for more details.)

MOTION 1: That the Bachelor of Science Honours Chemistry, Bachelor of Science Honours Chemistry with thesis, Bachelor of Science Honours Biochemistry, Bachelor of Science Honours Biochemistry with thesis, Bachelor of Science Honours Biochemistry (Pharmacy Stream) and Bachelor of Science Honours Biochemistry (Pharmacy Stream) with thesis major program changes be approved; ^

AND

MOTION 2: That the internship option be removed from the Combined Honours Chemistry and Combined Honours Biochemistry Programs.^

^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.

Kenneth Ng/Darryl Danelon

NOTED:

- The internship option is being changed to a Co-op option to provide greater flexibility.

- In response to a question raised as to why the co-op work term is commencing in the summer of year three rather than year two, it was noted that this is to ensure that students have enough knowledge and skills to be placed in a scientific work environment.
- In response to a question raised about whether there is a cohesive integrative work and classroom experience, it was noted that the Co-op office works closely with employers to provide orientation and guidance on how to support students, and faculty members work to integrate academic coursework to align with placements.
- For co-op programs in general, it was noted that topics such as ethics, professionalism, and course content should be more clearly connected to what happens during a student's co-op placement.
- Concern was raised that issues can arise in a work term and problems can go unresolved if there are no regular check-ins with the student. Having faculty involved in assessment earlier in the work term process may help address this.
- Student accommodation and accessibility needs in the workplace are the responsibility of the employer.

CARRIED

5.2 Chemistry and Biochemistry – New Course Proposals (Form D) (Co-op Stream)

(See document PDC250514-5.2 for more details.)

MOTION: That the following courses be approved: ^

CHEM-2980. Co-op Work Term

CHEM-3980. Co-op Work Term

CHEM-4980. Co-op Work Term

^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.

Kenneth Ng/Darryl Danelon

CARRIED

***5.3 Chemistry and Biochemistry – New Course Proposal (Form D)**

(See document PDC250514-5.3 for more details.)

MOTION: That the following courses be approved: ^

CHEM-4200. Molecular, health, and Environmental Data Science

^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.

***CARRIED**

***5.4 Biomedical Science – New Course Proposal (Form D)**

(See document PDC250514-5.4 for more details.)

MOTION: That the following courses be approved: ^

BIOM-2400. Cellular and Molecular Neuroscience

^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.

***CARRIED**

***5.5 Political Science - New Course Proposals (Form D)**

(See document PDC250514-5.5 for more details.)

MOTION: That the following course be approved: ^

POLS-2340. The Making of the Global World

POLS-4450. Today's Totalitarian Trends

^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.

***CARRIED**

***5.6 Computer Science (Graduate) Minor Program Changes (Form C)**

(See document PDC250514-5.6 for more details.)

MOTION: That the admission and degree requirements for the PhD in Computer Science (PhD) be changed in accordance with the program/course change forms.^

^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.

***CARRIED**

***5.7 Mathematics and Statistics – Minor Program Changes (Form C)**

(See document PDC250514-5.7 for more details.)

MOTION: That the program regulations for Mathematics and Statistics be changed in accordance with the program/course change forms.^

^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.

***CARRIED**

***5.8 Physics – Minor Program Change (Form C)**

(See document PDC250514-5.8 for more details.)

MOTION: That the degree requirements for Honours Physics (with/without Co-op), Honours Physics with Thesis (with/without Co-op), Honours Physics (Medical Physics) (with/without Co-op), Honours Physics (Medical Physics with Thesis) (with/without Co-op) be changed in accordance with the program/course change forms.^

^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.

***CARRIED**

***5.9 Political Science – Minor Program Changes (Form C)**

(See document PDC250514-5.9 for more details.)

MOTION 1: That the degree requirements for the General Bachelor of Arts in Political Science General, Honours Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Honours Political Science with Thesis, Honours Political Science with Co-op, Combined Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Combined Honours Political Science with Thesis, Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Political Science with French Specialization, Honours Political Science with French Specialization and Thesis, Honours Bachelor of Arts Law and Politics, Honours Bachelor of Arts Law and Politics (with Thesis), Honours Business Administration and Political Science (with or without thesis and with or without Specialization), Honours International Relations and Development Studies (with Thesis), Concurrent Bachelor of Arts in Political Science/Bachelor of Education, and Honours Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and Development Studies be changed in accordance with the program/course change forms.^

^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.

***CARRIED**

MOTION 2: That the Certificate in North American Studies and Certificate in Public Administration be discontinued.

^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.

***CARRIED**

***5.10 Psychology (Graduate) – Minor Program Changes (Form E)**

(See document PDC250514-5.10 for more details.)

MOTION : That the degree requirements for the Master's and Doctoral Degree, Clinical Psychology Master's and Doctoral Degree, Applied Social Psychology be changed in accordance with the program/course change forms.^

^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.

***CARRIED**

***5.11 Science – Minor Program Changes (Form C)**

(See document PDC250514-5.11 for more details.)

MOTION: That the degree requirements for the Bachelor of Science be changed in accordance with the program/course change forms.^

^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.

***CARRIED**

***5.12 Social Work – Minor Program Changes (Form C)**

(See document PDC250514-5.12 for more details.)

MOTION : That the degree requirements for the Honours Bachelor of Social Work, Honours Bachelor of Social Work and Disability Studies, Honours Bachelor of Social Work and Women's Studies, Honours Bachelor of Social Work for University Graduates, Honours Bachelor of Social Work for Ontario Child and Youth Care Program Graduates be changed in accordance with the program/course change forms.^

^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.

***CARRIED**

***5.13 Master or Applied Economics and Policy (MEAP) – Minor Program Change (Form C)**

(See document PDC250514-5.13 for more details.)

MOTION: That the degree requirements for the Master of Applied Economics and Policy (MEAP) be changed in accordance with the program/course change forms.^

^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.

***CARRIED**

***5.14 Graduate Program Regulations - Minor Program Changes (Form C)**

(See document PDC250514-5.14 for more details.)

MOTION: That the Graduate Faculty Regulations be changed in accordance with the program/course change forms.^

^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.

***CARRIED**

***5.15 Computer Science - Summary of Minor Course and Calendar Changes (Form E)**

(See document PDC250514-5.15 for more details.)

The document was received for information.*

***5.16 Economics - Summary of Minor Course and Calendar Changes (Form E)**

(See document PDC250514-5.16 for more details.)

The document was received for information.*

***5.17 English - Summary of Minor Course and Calendar Changes (Form E)**

(See document PDC250514-5.17 for more details.)

The document was received for information.*

***5.18 Engineering - Summary of Minor Course and Calendar Changes (Form E)**

(See document PDC250514-5.18 for more details.)

The document was received for information.*

***5.19 Mathematics and Statistics – Summary of Minor Course and Calendar Changes (Form E)**

(See document PDC250514-5.19 for more details.)

The document was received for information.*

***5.20 MAME- – Summary of Minor Course and Calendar Changes (Form E)**

(See document PDC250514-5.20 for more details.)

The document was received for information.*

***5.21 Physics- Summary of Minor Course and Calendar Changes (Form E)**

(See document PDC250514-5.21 for more details.)

The document was received for information.*

***5.22 Political Science – Summary of Minor Course and Calendar Changes (Form E)**

(See document PDC250514-5.22 for more details.)

The document was received for information.*

***5.23 General Science – Program Learning Outcomes**

(See document PDC250514-5.23 for more details.)

The document was received for information.*

***5.24 Visual Arts/Art History – Summary of Minor Course and Calendar Changes (Form E)**

(See document PDC250514-5.24 for more details.)

The document was received for information.*

***5.25 Visual Arts – Minor Program Changes (Form C)**

(See document PDC250514-5.25 for more details.)

MOTION: That the degree requirements for the BFA Visual Arts, General BA Visual Arts and Combined BA Visual Arts be changed in accordance with the program/course change forms.^

^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.

***CARRIED**

5.26 Concurrent Bachelor of Education – Major Program Changes (Form B)

(See document PDC250514-5.26 for more details.)

MOTION: That the major program changes to the Concurrent Bachelor of Education programs be approved. ^

^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.

Gemma Smyth/Sarah Woodruff Atkinson

- The proposed changes mirror the recent Senate-approved major program changes to the consecutive Bachelor of Education programs.

CARRIED

6 Question Period/Other Business

Nothing to report.

7 Adjournment

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

Sarah Woodruff Atkinson/Gemma Smyth

CARRIED