



PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
Minutes of Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, April 16, 2026  
**Time:** 1:00pm-2:30pm  
**Room:** 209 Assumption Hall and MS Teams

**PRESENT:** Munty Al-Bazaz, Kyle Asquith (Chair), Bianca Lenarduzzi, Kenneth Ng, Lisa Salfi-Novena, Jessica Raffoul, Jane Simanovski, Gemma Smyth, Nurlan Turdaliev, Sarah Woodruff Atkinson, Jeremy Worth, Zuo Chen Zhang.

**ABSENT:** Lorraine Chandler, Dave Johnston (regrets), Sahil Benipal, Karen Robson (regrets), Matthew Najem, Patti Weir (regrets), Helen Yousif.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Andrew Hubberstey (item 5.5), Nicholas Papador (item 5.17); Alison Zilli (Associate University Secretary), Renée Wintermute (University Secretary)

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**1 Approval of Agenda**

Items 5.16 and 5.17 were unstarred.

**MOTION:** That the agenda be approved.

Jeremy Worth/Jessica Raffoul  
**CARRIED, as amended**

**2 Minutes of Meeting of March 18, 2026**

**MOTION:** That the minutes of March 18, 2026 be approved.

Sarah Woodruff-Atkinson/Jeremy Worth  
**CARRIED**

**3 Business Arising from the Minutes**

Nothing to report.

**4 Outstanding Business**

Nothing to report.

**5 Reports/New Business**

**\*5.1 Engineering – New Course Proposals (Form D)**  
*(See document PDC260416-5.1 for more details.)*

**MOTION:** That the following courses be approved:^

- INDE-3130 Computer Aided Manufacturing and Robotics**
- INDE-3240. Data Management and Analytics**
- INDE-4110. Decision Support Systems**
- MECH-4830. Manufacturing Processes**

*^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.*

**\*CARRIED**

**\*5.2 Industrial Engineering – Minor Program Changes (Form C)**

*(See document PDC260416-5.2 for more details.)*

**MOTION: That the degree requirements for the BASc Industrial Engineering programs be changed in accordance with the program/course change forms.^**

*^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.*

**\*CARRIED**

**\*5.3 Industrial Engineering – Summary of Minor Course and Calendar Changes (Form E)**

*(See document PDC260416-5.3 for more details.)*

This item was received for information. \*

**\*5.4 Odette School of Business – Suspension of Admissions to Specializations and Minor**

*(See document PDC260416-5.4 for more details.)*

This item was received for information. \*

**5.5 MSc in Biomedical Sciences and PhD in Biomedical Sciences - New Program Proposal (Form B)**

**5.5.1 Biomedical (Graduate) - New Course Proposals (Form D)**

*(See documents PDC260416-5.5-5.5.1 for more details.)*

**MOTION: That the MSc in Biomedical Sciences, PhD in Biomedical Sciences, and the following new course proposals be approved.^**

**BIOM-8009. Special Topics in Biomedical Sciences**

**BIOM-8970. Thesis Research**

**BIOM-9980. Dissertation Research**

*^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.*

Jessica Raffoul/Sarah Woodruff-Atkinson

NOTED:

- In 2019, the Department of Biology was divided into two departments: Integrative Biology and Biomedical Sciences. While, the undergraduate programs were revised and split accordingly, there was only one graduate program which has been operated by both departments.
- A dedicated Biomedical Sciences graduate program will more accurately represent the research environment and aligns with faculty research strengths and improve recruitment by attracting more appropriately matched graduate applicants.

**CARRIED**

**5.5.2 Biomedical (Graduate) – Summary of Minor Course and Calendar Changes (Form E)**

*(See document PDC260416-5.5.2 for more details.)*

This item was received for information.

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**5.5.3 External Reviewers' Report, AAU/Head's Response, Dean's Response**

*(See document PDC260416-5.5.3 for more details.)*

The documents were reviewed as part of the complete new program submission.

**\*5.6 Nursing - Minor Program Changes (Form C)**  
(See document PDC260416-5.6 for more details.)

**MOTION:** That the program regulations for the Honours Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program be changed in accordance with the program/course change forms.^

*^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.*

**CARRIED\***

**\*5.7 BAH Modern Languages (Second Language Education) – Minor Program Changes (Form C)**  
(See document PDC260416-5.7 for more details.)

**MOTION:** That the Honours Modern Languages and Second Language Education be renamed *Honours Bachelor of Arts in Second Language Education* and that the degree requirements be changed in accordance with the program/course change forms.^

*^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.*

**CARRIED\***

**5.8 Bachelor of Science (Kinesiology and Health Studies) Degree Completion with Mohawk College Occupational Therapist Assistant/Physiotherapist Assistant program) – Major Program Changes (Form B)** (See document PDC260416-5.8 for more details.)

**MOTION:** That the Bachelor of Science (Kinesiology and Health Studies) (degree completion with Mohawk College Occupational Therapist Assistant/Physiotherapist Assistant program) be approved. ^

*^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.*

Sarah Woodruff Atkinson/Kenneth Ng

NOTED:

- Although creating a more generic degree completion model could reduce the number of forms and streamline some processes, it would create complexity for individual student assessments as the coursework is different across college programs.

**CARRIED**

**5.9 Bachelor of Sport Management and Leadership Degree Completion with Georgian College Sport Administration - Major Program Changes (Form B)** (See document PDC260416-5.9 for more details.)

**MOTION:** That the Bachelor of Sport Management and Leadership (degree completion with Georgian College Sport Administration program) be approved. ^

*^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.*

Sarah Woodruff Atkinson/Jessica Raffoul

**CARRIED**

**\*5.10 Civil Engineering - Summary of Minor Course and Calendar Changes (Form E)**  
(See document PDC260416-5.10 for more details.)

This item was received for information. \*

**5.11 Bachelor of Arts in Economics –Major Program Change (Form B)**

**\*5.11.1 Economics – New Course Proposals (Form D)**

*(See document PDC260416-5.11 for more details.)*

**MOTION:** That the degree requirements for the Bachelor of Arts General Economics be changed and that the following new course proposals be approved, in accordance with the program/course change forms:^

**ECON-1060-Quantitative Methods in Economics I**

**ECON-2661-Behavioural Economics**

**ECON-3140 Financial Econometrics**

*^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.*

Nurlan Turdaliev/Jeremy Worth

NOTED:

- The revisions increase flexibility and streamline the course requirements with the honours degree, allowing students to seamlessly transfer between the two.
- The new courses provide a stronger foundation and the added computer science content modernizes the program.
- ECON 1060 is designed as a bridging course to support students. It is not equivalent to introductory statistics courses.

**CARRIED**

**\*5.12 Bachelor of Arts Honours Economics – Minor Program Changes (Form C)**

*(See document PDC260416-5.12 for more details.)*

**MOTION:** That the degree and admission requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Honours Economics be changed in accordance with the program/course change forms.^

*^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.*

**CARRIED\***

**\*5.13 Economics - Summary of Minor Course and Calendar Changes (Form E)**

*(See document PDC260416-5.13 for more details.)*

This item was received for information. \*

**\*5.14 Economics (Graduate/UG)- Summary of Minor Course and Calendar Changes (Form E)**

*(See document PDC260416-5.14 for more details.)*

This item was received for information. \*

**\*5.15 Master of Science in Computer Science – Minor Program Changes**

*(See document PDC260416-5.15 for more details.)*

**MOTION:** That the admission requirements Master of Science in Computer Science (MSc) and Master of Science in Computer Science (MSc) (Artificial Intelligence Stream) be changed in accordance with the program/course change forms.^

*^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.*

**CARRIED\***

**5.16 School of Creative Arts (Music) – Minor Program Changes (Form C)**

*(See document PDC260416-5.16 for more details.)*

**MOTION: That the program regulations for the Bachelor of Music (Honours), BA in Music (Honours and four-year), BA Combined in Music, Concurrent Bachelor of Music Education (General)/Education be changed in accordance with the program/course change forms.^**

*^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.*

Jeremy Worth/Sarah Woodruff Atkinson

**CARRIED**

**5.17 School of Creative Arts (Music) – New Course Proposals (Form D)**

*(See document PDC260416-5.17 for more details.)*

**MOTION: That the following course be approved:^  
MUSP-2720. Applied Lessons (Classical)  
MUSP-2730. Applied Lessons (Jazz/Pop)**

*^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.*

Jeremy Worth/Sarah Woodruff Atkinson

NOTED:

- The new courses are essentially the same as regular lesson courses, but include a longer performance time and carry more weight than standard jury exams. The 30-minute lessons will be discontinued.

**CARRIED**

**\*5.18 School of Creative Arts (Music) – Summary of Minor Course and Calendar Changes (Form E)**

*(See document PDC260416-5.18 for more details.)*

This item was received for information. \*

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**5.19 Draft PDC University Program Reviews Final Assessment Reports and Implementation Plans and Progress Reports for Business, English and Creative Writing and School of Creative Arts**

**5.19a Self-Study, External Reviewers' Report, AAU/Head's Response, and Dean's Response for Reports** *(See documents PDC260416-5.19-5.19a for more details.)*

**MOTION: That the 2026 PDC Cyclical Program Reviews Final Assessment Reports and Implementation Plans (FAR/IP) be approved.**

Jeremy Worth/Nurlan Turdaliev

NOTED:

- The PDC Subcommittee reviewing the cyclical program reviews and the final assessment reports conducted the initial review and submitted the draft reports to the full PDC for final consideration.
- An *in-camera* discussion on the confidential draft reports ensued.

**CARRIED**

**6 Other Business**

Nothing to report.

**7 Adjournment**

**MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.**

Sarah Woodruff Atkinson/Nurlan Turdaliev

**CARRIED**