



Meeting Minutes

Teacher Education Program
CCASA – Committee on Curriculum, Admissions, Standings and Appeals
Tuesday, December 15, 2015
10:30 am -12:00 pm – TEO Meeting Room

Present: Kedrick James (Chair), Jessica La Rochelle, John Yamamoto, Shawna Faber, Sandra Scott, Alison Taylor, Wendy Carr

Regrets: Guofang Li

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda

Carried

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from last CCASA meeting (November 24, 2015)

Carried

3. CAT 2 – Middle Years changes (update – Wendy/John)

The committee reviewed the revised language in the CAT 2 forms regarding the Middle Years program. The changes are attached.

The committee will also consider changing the Elementary program option name to become the Elementary/Middle Years program. The rationale for this change is for the program to be more inclusive and expand opportunities for applicants.

Forwarded by John, seconded by Shawna

Unanimously passed

4. Teachable Subject Area changes

- Review of rationale for changes
- Update on consultations with departments

The committee reviewed the consultation chronology and rationale for the change from *major/concentration* to *teachable subject/s* for the secondary BEd program.

The rationale for this change is to enable more students from various disciplines to apply to the program. Applicants from a wider range of areas would be able to meet requirements with the proposed changes. As there is no distinction in program between students who enter with majors vs. concentrations, this will cause no change to current practice. The requirement will still consist of a total of 30 credits with 18-senior level credits (except English). The admission process will also consider other factors such as bio data, in addition to transcripts. The change was originally proposed based on recommendations from students and Arts/Science Advising. It was passed by the Faculty and Senate in Sept 2014.

Action: Submit memo regarding revision in transcript language from *major/concentration* to *teachable subject/s* to Senate (attached to minutes). This change does not affect the degree.



5. CAT 2 – English Requirement Admission changes (LLED)

- English Admission Requirements

The committee reviewed the proposed change in secondary English cohort admission requirements. The admission requirement for English language credits will be changed from 6 to 3 credits. This change will better reflect university English BA programs that focus equally on literature and language, and it was noted that many of the undergraduate literature courses are grounded in language. The recommendation to take courses focused specifically on Shakespeare will also be removed so as not to focus on a single author and to better reflect current BC curriculum changes.

Unanimously passed

6. CAT 2 - LLED 478 prerequisites updates

- LLED 478 prerequisites

The committee reviewed the proposed change regarding LLED 478 prerequisites. The committee agreed that the prerequisites (LLED 489, ENGL 329, LING 420, LING 200, LING 201) have become a structural impediment for students taking a TESL methodology course, and the content in these courses is not essential as a prerequisite for LLED 478.

Unanimously passed

7. Additional business

- Dec. 9 Senate meeting update

An update from the recent Senate meeting was provided regarding some revisions required for previously submitted documents, including a concern regarding the removal of the Aboriginal course recommendation for students entering the BEd program (which was removed because all students now take a required Aboriginal education course in the program).

- Review of Terms of Reference

The committee reviewed and revised the language in the Terms of Reference, which is attached.

8. Upcoming deadlines

March 8, 2016 - CCASA meeting (for approval of any proposals prior to Faculty meeting; must be submitted **at least one week in advance**)

March 22, 2016 – Faculty meeting (material must be submitted well in advance)

April 25, 2016 - Senate Curriculum Committee (anything curriculum-related)

Meeting adjourned at 11:54 am.

Next meeting date: January 13, 2016 @ 1:30 PM