University of Victoria | Senate Committee on Curriculum

MEMO

Date: 9 September 2020

To: Senate

From: Senate Committee on Curriculum

Re: 2019-2020 Annual Report

The Terms of Reference for the Senate Committee on Curriculum define its scope and relationship with Senate and other Senate committees. Annually in October, the committee presents a report to Senate on its business and proceedings over the previous academic year.

The Senate Committee on Curriculum met three times during 2019-20: C1 (9 December 2019); C2 (13 March 2020); C3 (28 August 2020). The committee considered a number of issues over the course of the year:

- Primarily, there was the regular business of the assessment and approval of curriculum change submissions, to proceed to Senate. The Committee assessed 1,110 submissions over the three Cycles (481, 587, 42), which is consistent with previous years.
- The implementation of Kuali Curriculum Management. The software provides a database of calendar content and a workflow for managing curriculum proposals. The project was successfully completed and used for the preparation and review of proposals in all three Cycles.
- A project was undertaken to ensure style consistency in course descriptions in the Calendar.
- There was continued discussion with AVPAP to improve the consultation between that office, academic units and SCC regarding changes to the required courses in programs.
- A Calendar-wide revision to change ENGL 101 to ATWP 101 and ENGL 135 to ATWP 135.

Additionally, the committee provided feedback and support during the production of the new, online version of the Calendar (May 2020 onwards), which features: mobile-friendly browsing; improved search; consistent display of course and program requirements; increased accessibility.

The Committee also recognized the contributions of out-going Chair, Tim Haskett, and thanked him for his dedication to the committee over the years.

Respectfully submitted,

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