



To: Office of the Corporate Secretary and General Council
From: Patricia Fitzpatrick, Chair of the Senate Curriculum Committee
Date: April 20, 2023
Re: Annual Report of the Senate Curriculum Committee (2022-2023)

As Chair of the Senate Curriculum Committee (SCC) I am pleased to provide this annual report to Senate for activities completed between May 2022 and April 2023. During this time, the SCC approved the following:

- Experimental Courses – 57 credit hours
- Inactive Courses – 9 credit hours

The committee recommended the following courses be approved by Senate.

- New Courses – 84/93 credit hours
- Course Revisions – 426/435 credit hours
- Course Deletions – 192.5 credit hours
- One Minor (in Psychology)

The Committee supported the recommendation of the Indigenous Course Requirement (ICR) committee that Senate designate 6 courses as meeting the ICR designation. Those courses are:

- IS-2012 (3) Indigenous Sciences: Contributions to Contemporary Challenges
- ANTH-1409 (3) Introductory Michif I (Cross-listed IS-1401)
- ANTH-1410 (3) Introductory Michif II (Cross-listed IS-1402)
- ANTH-2407 (3) Language Revitalization (Cross-listed IS-2407 and LING-2104)
- ANTH-2408 (3) Indigenous Languages, Contact and Change (Cross-listed LING-2105)
- IL-1408 (3) Indigenous Languages, Contact and Change



This continues to represent an increase in workload (Table 1), but not the highest workload over the past five years.

Table 1: Volume of course material reviewed by the SCC.

	2017/18	2018/19	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023
Experimental	33	30	73	39	42	57
Inactive		154.5	3	9	39	9
New	164	255	103	81	168	84/93
Revisions	291	489	303	411	375	426/435
Deletions	93	129	54	30	92	192.5
Total	581	1057.5	536	570	716	768.5/786.5

Other Activities

In addition to our regular activities the SCC

- Successfully launched new, accessible forms. The forms include detailed instructions, which has resulted in the need for fewer revisions.
- Organized an open house (November 8, 2022) for departments. As part of that event, we gave departments an opportunity to submit minor revisions (from a pre-determined list which could be developed into a “housekeeping” category should this be permitted under forthcoming Senate Standing Rule changes). Eight departments participated, submitting minor changes to 27 courses.
- Introduced three policy statements (two related to deadlines, one related to process), to clarify our work:
 - To respect that September 30 marks the national day for Truth and Reconciliation, that the Senate Curriculum Committee adopts September 29 as the submission deadline for experimental courses.
 - In addition to the submission deadlines of March 31 (all paperwork) and September 29 (experimental courses), that the Senate Curriculum Committee adopt an end-date of the January Senate Meeting for material to be published in the subsequent calendar year (i.e. Catalogue Year). For example, material received in by March 31, 2022 must be presented to the January 2023 senate meeting for inclusion in the 2023/2024 Calendar.



- If the ICR committee decides that an existing course (i.e., one which is not in front of the SCC for review) satisfies the ICR, and forwards that information to the SCC – the SCC chair will submit and present that information as part of the next memo to Senate. For clarity, the SCC has no decision-making authority, and the SCC chair offers this service as a courtesy to the ICR committee.

Recognition

I would like to thank all the members of the committee for their dedication and commitment to our work. Our committee members work with departmental curriculum committees to strengthen proposal and revisions to meet the standards set by Senate. We strive to work in partnership with department. And we take our service, and our commitment to high academic standards seriously.

This committee is one of the busiest standing committees which is not chaired by a VP or Dean. Given the current committee structure, the chair is generally in place for one year. I was fortunate to be able to serve in this position for two years. However, this structure places immense responsibility on the 2 long-standing ex-officio members of the committee – Jackie Benson and Colin Russell. I would like to extend our deepest gratitude for the insight, experience, guidance, and diplomacy I received from both these team members. Both were quick to help answer any questions I had and join in making the webinar and form make-over a success. The SCC would be unable to complete this work without them.

Respectfully submitted by

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