

Professional, Applied & Continuing Education Senate Committee
Annual Report to Senate 2021 (July 2020 – June 2021)

PACE Senate Committee members are: Kim Loeb (Chair), Ken Molloy, Jan Stewart, Sylvie Albert, Joshua Herter, Karen Magro, Melanie Gregg; Nancy Stokes (Recorder)

Introduction

Professional Applied and Continuing Education (PACE) is a market-driven, revenue-generating unit reporting to the Dean of the Faculty of Business and Economics (FBE). PACE develops and delivers professional education to prepare students for the ongoing changes in the workplace. PACE programs appeal to both domestic and international learners wanting to improve their employability. Customer service is a key success factor and PACE enjoys a healthy 'word of mouth' referral from being able to act responsively to the needs of students. PACE does not receive any external or government funding and student fees cover all the operating expenses.

PACE offers both full-time and part-time diplomas and certificates. Delivery is mainly face to face but PACE also offers blended and on-line courses. In March 2020, PACE like the rest of the university switched all its delivery to online but is planning to return to face to face delivery for the majority of its courses as soon as possible. Many learners already possess an undergraduate degree and are looking for a post-degree credential to advance their careers. PACE certificates and diplomas are approved by the UW Senate and adhere to the academic regulations of the University. All programs are non-degree credit and most instructors are industry professionals or professional trainers/consultants. The majority of programs are aligned to professional designations and credentials.

In addition to its revenue generating programming, PACE also makes other contributions to the University such as paying building rent, improving teaching and learning spaces, supporting departments to deliver non-credit programs, providing advanced training in executive programs to senior staff, and managing various community outreach programs on behalf of the University.

PACE's ability to create sustainable and targeted growth is dependent on its understanding of the factors that drive change, continually learning about trends in industry and professional education and using that knowledge to stay relevant. PACE's success means success for graduates, the University and the business community.

The PACE Senate Committee brought forward the following items during this Review period.

- I. September 2020 – Approval of Graduands for Fall 2020
- II. March 2021 – Approval of Graduands Winter 2021
- III. May 2021 - Approval of Graduands Spring 2021
- IV. June 2021 - New Course Addition – Case Studies, Issues, and Capstone Project in Network Security

Sincerely,



Kim Loeb (Chair)
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