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SENATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

Monday 21 September 2026 from 1:02-2:28 pm on Zoom

Attendees

Senators	S. Bredin (Vice-Chair), I. Chung, P. Englezos, S. Gopalakrishnan (Chair), E. Ruggiero, S. Singh
Ex Officio	D. Askey, S. Bates, A. Beedle, S. Brown, P. Colozzo, P. Culbert, C. Jaeger, N. Nan, A. Riseman, P. Rizzotti, J. Stewart
Guests	J. Fletcher, H. May, M. Kobor, S. Kumari, R. Morrison, A. Schroeder, K. White
Regrets	B. Agafitei, A. Dulay, J. Fox, B. Goold, R. Kozak, S. Lavallee, K. Mathu-Muju, S. McElduff, C. Menzies, I. Price, A. Uzama, N. Viegas, J. Viveiros
Senate Office	M. Davis, J. Iverson, L. Wafler

Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

The meeting of the Senate Curriculum Committee (the "Committee") was called to order a 1:02 pm on 21 September 2026 by S. Gopalakrishnan, Chair.

Agenda

The Chair proposed moving the Non-Credit Credentials report to the top of Subcommittee reports. The Committee agreed to the friendly amendment.

Motion: *That the Senate Curriculum Committee adopts the 21 September 2026 meeting agenda as amended.*

Mover: S. Gopalakrishnan
Seconder: A. Beedle
Approved by general consent.

Meeting Minutes

Motion: *That the Senate Curriculum Committee approves the 22 June 2026 meeting minutes.*

Mover: S. Gopalakrishnan
Seconder: K. Lee
Carried.

Business Arising

None.

Membership Changes

- Dale Askey, University Librarian (Incoming)
- Susan Parker, University Librarian (Outgoing)
- Peter Englezos, Senator, Applied Science (Outgoing)
- Suzie Lavallee, Senator, Forestry and Environmental Stewardship (Outgoing)
- Austin Uzama, Senator, Convocation (Outgoing)

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Non-Credit Credentials

Presented by S. Bates:

New Non-Credit Program Microcertificate:

- Applying Occupational Health and Safety Principles in Infection Prevention and Control Non-Credit Program Microcertificate

Motion: *That the Senate Curriculum Committee approves and recommends to Senate for approval the new non-credit program microcertificate.*

Mover: S. Bates
Seconder: S. Brown
Carried.

Applied Faculties

Presented by the Chair:

- New Courses: FNH_V 410, FRE_V 393, PLAN_V 422

The Committee discussed the course title for PLAN_V 422 and its relationship to the Indigenous stream. The Committee noted that the proposed title "Indigenous Health and Wellness" did not reflect the terminology typically used in Planning course titles and may suggest the course originates from a health-related discipline such as Medicine or Public Health. The Committee recommended adding "Planning" to the title to reflect the course's disciplinary context. Potential overlap with SPPH_V 404 was also discussed, noting that the School of Population & Public Health does not appear to have been included in the consultation process. The Committee approved PLAN_V 422 with the change to the title, "Indigenous Health and Wellness Planning."

Action: The Office of the Senate will update the title for PLAN_V 422 and communicate the change to the Faculty.

Motion: *That the Senate Curriculum Committee approves and recommends to Senate for approval the new courses.*

Mover: S. Gopalakrishnan
Seconder: S. Bredin
Carried.

- Revised Course: COMM_V 101

Discussion focused on whether the term AI (artificial intelligence) in the title accurately represented course content and if AI-related course changes should routinely require consultation with the Faculty of Science or other units. The Committee agreed that the course remains fundamentally focused on business fundamentals with AI being incorporated as part of the evolving methodology and content. The proposing Faculty agreed to remove AI from the title and retain reference to AI in the course description. The Committee agreed to approve the proposal to revise the course as a category 2 proposal.

Motion: *That the Senate Curriculum Committee approves the revised course as amended.*

Mover: S. Gopalakrishnan
Seconder: A. Beedle
Carried.

Arts

Presented by S. Bredin:

- New Certificate: Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Social Work
- New Course: ECONV_V 415

Motion: *That the Senate Curriculum Committee approves and recommends to Senate for approval the new certificate and new course.*

Mover: S. Bredin
Seconder: C. Jaeger
Carried.

Health and Education

Presented by the Chair:

- New Course: AGE_V 448
- New Course Code: AGE_V

The Committee discussed whether creating a new subject code for a small number of courses was necessary. Members also suggested that the subject code be broader than “Healthy Aging” to accommodate courses addressing aging more generally and to facilitate potential cross-listing with other

disciplines. M. Kobor explained that the Center for Healthy Aging is intended to be highly interdisciplinary involving multiple faculties across both of the UBC campuses. M. Kobor stated that a dedicated subject code would provide a recognizable academic home for courses and allow the curriculum to expand beyond the Faculty of Medicine. The Committee agreed to change the subject code name from "Healthy Aging" to "Aging."

Motion: *That the Senate Curriculum Committee approves and recommends to Senate for approval the new course and new course code as amended.*

Mover: S. Gopalakrishnan
Seconder: A. Beedle
Carried.

Grad

Presented by A. Riseman:

- New Certificate: Graduate Certificate in Healthy Aging
- New Course: AGE_V 500

Motion: *That the Senate Curriculum Committee approves and recommends to Senate for approval the new certificate and course.*

Mover: A. Riseman
Seconder: A. Beedle
Carried.

- Revised Certificate: Graduate Certificate in Global Mine Waste Management

Motion: *That the Senate Curriculum Committee approves and recommends to Senate for approval the revised certificate.*

Mover: A. Riseman
Seconder: C. Jaeger
Carried.

DISCUSSIONS

Change of Program/Campus – Course Eligibility Rules Propose Approach

J. Iverson stated that eligibility rules were updated to recognize Okanagan courses listed as equivalent in the BC Transfer Guide as prerequisites or corequisites, where appropriate. The change was intended to streamline registration and reduce the need for manual tokens for students moving between campuses. The updates were implemented as expedited proposals, and future requests can be made through the regular Category 2 proposal process.

Credit Exclusion Project Check-In	J. Iverson provided an update on the Credit Exclusion Project noting that submissions are already being received and reviewed, prior to the deadline of 19 October 2026. The current phase focuses on identifying courses that meet established definition and guidelines for credit exclusions. Courses that are "credit exclusion adjacent" but do not meet the definition are outside the primary scope. Units can still flag unusual or borderline cases in the comments section of their submission spreadsheets or contact the Office of the Senate for guidance.
Other Business	None.
Next meeting	Next scheduled meeting: tentatively set for Monday 26 October 2026 1-3pm on Zoom (date TBC).
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 2:28 pm.