ADDENDUM TO AGENDA

IX ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

1. Recommendations Arising from the Academic Advisory Sub-committee of the University of Manitoba Pandemic Planning Committee [March 18, 2020]
   - Registration for Summer Term
   - Addition to List of Acceptable English Language Proficiency Tests
   - Limited-Access ‘Policy’
   - Medical Notes Not Required
   - No In-person Final Examinations
   - Summer Courses
   - Summer Courses Start Date

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Please find below a set of recommendations arising from the deliberations of the Academic Advisory Sub-Committee of the UM Pandemic Planning Committee.

Registration for Summer Term
The Committee recommends that registration for Summer Term courses (defined as courses offered May - August) be suspended indefinitely.

Addition to List of Acceptable English Language Proficiency Tests
The Committee recommends that Duo-lingo be approved as an acceptable test of English Language Proficiency (ELP) for the purposes of applying for admission for the Fall 2020 and Winter 2021 intakes. The proposed minimum acceptable test score is 115 which equates to approximately 7.0 on the IELTS test. This recommendation is made in order to increase the number and availability of acceptable tests of ELP at UM because the pandemic situation has interfered with the ability of international students in some regions to access the currently accepted tests. Duo-Lingo is recognized globally as comparable to IELTS and TOEFL. It is available online so may be completed without accessing a formal test centre. Duo-Lingo has already been approved for use as an acceptable test of ELP by a number of other universities in Canada including Dalhousie, Queen’s, McGill, Alberta, Calgary, UBC, and Simon Fraser.

Limited-Access ‘Policy’
The Committee recommends that Section 2.5. (a) of the ‘Repeated Course’ policy be suspended indefinitely. This section stipulates that any student who has voluntarily withdrawn from, or received a final grade in, a course is prevented from repeating the course for the immediately succeeding three consecutive terms. The Committee recommends suspending the Policy so as not to disadvantage any student who withdraws or performs more poorly than hoped under the current exceptional learning conditions.
Medical Notes Not Required
The Committee recommends that students not be required to provide medical notes in support of absences from class activities/requirements and from evaluations including final examinations. Students will be required to self-declare through email note to an Advisor in the relevant Faculty that they will be unable to meet their course obligations. This declaration will be treated as necessary and sufficient for the student to be afforded reasonable accommodation.

No In-person Final Examinations
The Committee recommends that no in-person final examinations be held for any courses offered in whole or in part in the Winter 2020 term, and that all assessments be completed by alternative means. Instructors will have the latitude and responsibility to adjust assessments as they deem most suitable and appropriate (e.g., online tests, take-home tests, new assignments, adjusted weightings of completed assessments, etc.) and to communicate these changes promptly to students and unit heads. The current exam period (April 13 - 25) will be maintained to provide a dedicated period within which online examinations may be scheduled. Instructors must consult with the Registrar’s Office regarding any intention to offer a scheduled online final examination.

Summer Courses
The Committee recommends that no in-person instruction or assessment for any courses take place until at least September 1, 2020. All instruction will take place by alternate methods until at least September 1, 2020.

Summer Courses Start Date
The Committee recommends that summer courses (broadly defined as courses that were scheduled to take place between early May and the end of August) begin no earlier than June 1, 2020 and be completed no later than August 31, 2020. The Registrar’s Office will be responsible for determining an academic schedule for this period. At this time, recognized Distance Education (DE designated) courses, already scheduled to commence in early May, are excluded from this recommendation.