AGENDA

I CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 25, 2020

II BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - none

III RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE ACADEMIC ADVISORY SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE PANDEMIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. Revised Academic Schedule for the 2020 Summer Term

2. Proposal to Allow Students a Pass/Fail Grading Choice

3. Proposal to Limit Alternative Grading Approaches for Winter Term 2020

4. Proposal to Automatically Exclude Failing Grades from Grade Point Average Calculations

IV REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES OF SENATE, FACULTY AND SCHOOL COUNCILS

1. Report of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Kinesiology and Recreation Management RE: Waiver of Degree Exit Requirements


V ADDITIONAL BUSINESS - none

VI ADJOURNMENT

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Please send regrets to shannon.coyston@umanitoba.ca.
Date: March 31, 2020
Memo To: Senate Executive
From: Neil Marnoch, Registrar

Re: Proposed Revised Academic Schedule for the 2020 Summer Term

Please consider the attached schedule of revised dates for the 2020 Summer Term Academic Schedule. The dates previously approved have been replaced due to adjustments made necessary by COVID-19.

Note that the Summer Distance Education term remains scheduled as approved: May 4 – July 31.

All instruction will be conducted online or by an alternate format. There will be no on-campus instruction before September 1. Teaching hours, add/drop dates and Voluntary Withdrawal deadlines have been determined according to established practices. Please see the attached for details.

Encl.
Proposed Revised 2020 Summer Term Academic Schedule

Summer Term 2020
Distance Education courses (previously approved)
Start May 4
End July 31
Last day to add/drop May 15
Last day to VW July 10
Exams August 4-11

Proposed schedule for new online courses – previously planned for on-campus
Summer Online & Alternate Delivery (3 credit hour courses)
Start June 1
End August 14
Last day to add/drop June 12
Last day to VW July 27
Exams August 17–21

Summer Online & Alternate Delivery (6 credit hour courses)
Start June 1
End August 14
Last day to add/drop June 5
Last day to VW July 27
Exams August 17–21

Summer Condensed 1 (3 credit hour courses)
Start June 1
End July 3
Last day to add/drop June 5
Last day to VW June 26
Exams July 6–10

Summer Condensed 2 (3 credit hour courses)
Start July 13
End August 14
Last day to add/drop July 17
Last day to VW August 7
Exams August 17–21

Summer Standard (Master Re-Reg and Thesis, Co-op Work Terms, Clinical Placements)
Start May 4
End August 14

Summer Irregular 1 (scheduling in this term permitted by exception only)
Start April 27
End August 14

Summer Irregular 2 (scheduling in this term permitted by exception only)
Start June 29
End August 14
For Information: 2020 Summer Term Schedule
Timetable for June 1 – Aug 14 Online and Alternate Delivery courses that require meeting times

3 Credit Hour courses
MWF 60 min x 3 days per week x 11 weeks = 33 hours
TR 90 min x 2 days per week x 11 weeks = 33 hours
MW 90 min x 2 days per week x 11 weeks = 33 hours (Holiday Monday class may be held on Friday)

MWF 60 min meetings (7 meeting times available)
9:00 am - 10:00 am
10:30 am -11:30 am
12:00 - 1:00 pm
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

MW or TR 90 min (6 meeting times available)
9:00 am - 10:30
11:00 am - 12:30 pm
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
8:00 pm - 9:30 pm

6 Credit Hour courses
MWF 120 min x 3 days per week x 11 weeks
TR 180 min x 2 days per week x 11 weeks
MW 180 min x 2 days per week x 11 weeks (Holiday Monday class may be held on Friday)

MWF 120 min meetings (3 meeting patterns available)
9:00 am - 10:00 am and 10:30 am -11:30 am
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm and 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm and 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

MW or TR 180 min (3 meeting patterns available)
9:00 am - 10:30 and 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm and 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm and 8:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Summer Condensed 1 & 2 3 Credit Hour courses
MWTRF 90 min x 5 days per week x 5 weeks = 37.5 contact hrs
9:00 am - 10:30
11:00 am - 12:30 pm
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
8:00 pm - 9:30 pm
PROPOSAL TO ALLOW STUDENTS A PASS/FAIL GRADING CHOICE

Background
A number of changes to UM policies and procedures have been made to assist students in adjusting to the extraordinary learning conditions arising from the Covid-19 pandemic.

1. Voluntary Withdrawal date for Winter term courses extended to April 13 (from the original March 18 date).
2. Suspension of Limited Access restriction so students are eligible to immediately re-take any course from which they voluntarily withdrew or for which they completed with a lower grade than they had wished.
3. Medical notes are not required to excuse illness-related difficulties in meeting course requirements. Rather, students may self-declare their illness to receive appropriate academic accommodation.
4. Students are allowed to choose whether or not to include a grade received for any course completed in Winter term in any GPA calculation used at UM (i.e., Cumulative Grade Point Average, Degree Grade Point Average, Sessional Grade Point Average, and Term Grade Point Average).

Proposal
In addition to the above, students, except those enrolled in the Faculty of Law, will be allowed to choose whether or not to receive a ‘pass’ or ‘fail’ grade instead of a letter grade (for Winter term or spanned courses ending in April 2020). Credit will be granted for courses for which a ‘pass’ grade is granted. A ‘pass’ grade will be available only if the original letter grade is ‘D’ or higher.

Many Faculties (e.g., Agriculture, Architecture, Art, Arts, Education, Engineering, Nursing, Kinesiology & Recreation Management, Science, Graduate Studies) require students to maintain a minimum GPA and this provision would mean that students would not be placed into academic jeopardy by courses completed in the Winter term for which a poor grade is received.

The student may choose to be graded in accordance with a ‘pass’ or ‘fail’ categorization for any course completed in the Winter term 2020 (including spanned courses which began in September 2019). The ‘pass’ or ‘fail’ designation would appear on the transcript with a notation indicating the student made this selection owing to the difficult learning situation during the COVID-19 pandemic (or something like that). In the event a student exercises this choice, no letter grade will be retained or associated with the student’s performance in the course. A ‘pass’ grade will, therefore, have no letter grade equivalent.

Students will be allowed until June 1, 2020 to declare to the Registrar’s Office using a method put into place by it, if they choose to exercise an alternative grading option (either this pass/fail option or the previously approved option to exclude a course grade from UM GPA calculations). However, a student’s academic transcript as at May 10, 2020 will be used for the purposes of assessing any application for admission to a program at UM starting September 2020, or to determine eligibility to graduate in spring 2020.

Students who file a grade appeal in accordance with the Final Examinations and Final Grades Procedure may elect a pass or fail grade categorization within seven (7) days of notification of the conclusion of their grade appeal.

Regardless of any choice made with respect to course grading, students will remain obliged to meet all existing admission, prerequisite, progression, degree, and graduation policies and requirements that may apply to them. It is particularly important for students to understand the implications of their choices both for meeting prerequisite, progression, degree, and graduation requirements within their existing program of study and current Faculty, as well as for eligibility for admission to, progression within, and graduation from, any other programs in the same or a different Faculty which they may wish to pursue in the future.
Implications

If this proposal is approved, then students, except those studying in the Faculty of Law, will be able to choose to apply either of two alternative grading approaches to the letter grade received for each individual course completed in Winter term 2020. These options are outlined below.

Standard Approach. Accept the Letter Grade received
- This is the standard approach at UM and represents the default grading approach
- Grade will be used in GPA calculations

Option 1. Accept the Letter Grade received but exclude it from UM GPA Calculations
- Letter grade will appear on transcript with a notation indicating that the student chose to exclude it from UM GPA calculations

Option 2. Choose to have performance categorized as ‘pass’ or ‘fail’
- No letter grade will be recorded
- A notation will be used to indicate that the student chose this approach
- ‘Pass’ grade will not be included in UM GPA calculations (note: this is the way ‘pass’ grades are normally treated at UM)

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It is important to note that in the absence of any formal declaration to use an alternative grading approach (i.e., either Option #1 or 2 above), the assigned letter grade will be used as the course grade.
Students, except those studying in the Faculty of Law, will be able to choose to apply either of two alternative grading approaches to the letter grade received for each individual course completed in Winter term 2020. These options are outlined below.

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- A notation will be used to indicate that the student chose this approach
- ‘Pass’ grade will not be included in UM GPA calculations (note: this is the way ‘pass’ grades are normally treated at UM)

Proposal

Alternative approaches to grading for Winter term 2020 courses will be restricted to those approved by Senate Executive as of April 1, 2020.

Rationale

This restriction is necessary to ensure equitable grading accommodations for students across all UM programs and Faculties.
PROPOSAL TO AUTOMATICALLY EXCLUDE FAILING GRADES FROM UM GPA CALCULATIONS

Proposal

Any failing grade received by a student in Winter term 2020 will be automatically excluded from all UM GPA calculations.

Such grades will be denoted on the transcript as having been excluded from UM GPA calculations.

Unless otherwise specified, this restriction will not apply to GPA calculations that are used for admission purposes.

Rationale

To protect student GPA from the negative consequences of a failing grade received in a course completed under the modified learning and assessment conditions associated with the UM response to the pandemic situation.
MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 30, 2020

TO: Jeff Leclerc, University Secretary, Office of the University Secretary, and Todd Mondor, Chair of the Academic Advisory Sub-Committee, Provost & Vice President (Academic), Deputy Provost (Academic Planning Program)

FROM: Dean Dr. Douglas Brown

RE: MOTION FOR SPECIAL CONSIDERATION OF THE SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The below motion was presented electronically to Faculty of Kinesiology and Recreation Management Faculty Council on Friday March 27, 2020, electronic votes closed at noon on Monday March 30, 2020. Twenty-eight faculty council members voted to endorse the motion, zero declined to endorse and zero abstained on the motion. As a result, the motion is endorsed at the Faculty Council level.

Motion:

That the Current CRP Level C and Emergency or Standard First Aid Certification requirements be waived as degree exit requirements for the B.Kin, BPE, BRMCD, and B.Kin-AT degrees for students graduating following the Winter 2020 term.

Background:

As noted in the 2019-2020 Undergraduate Academic Calendar (pages 531-534) the Faculty of Kinesiology and Recreation Management requires exit requirements as follows:

- B.Kin: Degree Exit Requirement: Current CPR Level C and Emergency or Standard First Aid Certification
- BPE: Degree Exit Requirement: Current CPR Level C and Emergency or Standard First Aid Certification
- BRMCD: Degree Exit Requirement: Current CPR Level C and Emergency or Standard First Aid Certification
- B.Kin-AT: Degree Exit Requirement: Current Basic Life Support Provider and Emergency or Standard First Aid Certification

Current Context:

No CPR Level C and Emergency/Standard First Aid Certification courses are being offered in Manitoba due to COVID-19 social distancing requirements.
All B.Kin-AT students have completed their Basic Life Support Provider certification; however, it is possible some of them will have had their Emergency/Standard First Aid Certifications expire since they obtained them earlier in their degree.
Memorandum

March 30, 2020

TO: Jeff Leclerc, University Secretary

FROM: Dr. Lalitha Raman-Wilms, Dean, College of Pharmacy, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences

SUBJECT: Pharmacy Admissions Process for the Fall 2020 intake

The College of Pharmacy is requesting a change to the Admissions Criteria that was published in the Applicant Information Bulletin 2020–2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The current published criteria are:
All eligible applicants are ranked for selection using an overall score according to the following criteria (subject to eligibility provisions):
a) Adjusted Grade Point Average (AGPA) 60%
b) Critical Skills Essay 10%
c) Pharmacy College Admissions Test (PCAT®) 30%

The critical skills essay is scheduled to be written in-person by all applicants on April 27th, 2020 in the Apotex Centre. This essay helps to assess communication and critical thinking skills.

As the Manitoba government declared a state of emergency and University buildings are closed to the general public and students, this in-person essay cannot be offered. The College has discussed offering the essay to applicants on-line, however there is no reliable way to verify that the applicant is the person writing the essay.

All applicants have written the PCAT® test, a standardized assessment which includes a written component. The College has determined that this component of the PCAT score can assist its admissions process for this year.

As the College is unable to administer the Critical Skills Essay this year, we propose the admission criteria for the fall 2020 intake change to the following:
a) Adjusted Grade Point Average (AGPA) 66%
b) PCAT® 34%
Once these changes have been approved, all applicants will be notified that the essay will not be written and there are no further requirements.

This proposal was approved by the Pharmacy College Executive Council on March 30th, 2020.

Please let me know if you have any questions, or require further information.

Thank you.