

Undergraduate Degree Review Workgroup (UDRW):

Terms of Reference

1. Mandate and Role

In January 2020, GFC approved its first Academic Plan. One key priority is:

Priority #1 Advance Quality Sustainable Programming that Prepares Students for Life and Work Beyond Graduation

GFC have further defined this priority by articulating two key strategies:

- **Strategy 1: Ensure reliable curricular quality and planning**
- **Strategy 2: Build on program quality assessment and review to develop innovative, in-demand program opportunities**

The UDRWG has been created to address both strategies. This committee reports to the GFC Academic Planning and Oversight Committee (APOC) and will examine and recommend options for degree revision, recognizing:

- Campus Alberta Quality Council (CAQC) quality standards
- Tuition revenue opportunities
- Grant revenue limitations
- Cost/revenue differentials in curriculum delivery
- Student, government, and industry demands
- Collaborative opportunities with Continuing Education and Professional Development, and between the undergraduate degree programs

2. Timeline

The workgroup's plan will be reviewed by APOC prior to the end of the 2020 calendar year, with a vision to have final recommendations presented to APOC and GFC by the end of the 2020-21 academic year.

3. Areas of Responsibility

- Recommend curricular and undergraduate degree structure changes or modifications to be undertaken in the short-term and long-term, to APOC
- Research relevant government and accreditation requirements for new curriculum

- Develop new curriculum and curricular structure through broad consultation with relevant AUArts faculty, Units, individuals, and the external community, as required.
- Recommend timeline and process for approved initiatives to be developed

4. Composition

- Voting Members
 - Directors from each School
 - One permanent or LTA faculty member from each School
- Non-Voting Members
 - Associate VP Academic Affairs
 - Exec. Director Continuing Education and Professional Development
 - Research Coordinator
 - Registrar
 - Director, Office of the Provost (Resource)

Chair and Vice-Chair to be confirmed by the workgroup at the first meeting.

Approved by GFC Steering Committee: December 2, 2020

Implementation Date: December 2, 2020

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