OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of the Agenda

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of March 21, 2019

3. Comments from the Chair (no documents)

ACTION ITEMS

4. Items Deemed Minor/Editorial

   The Following Proposal(s) are Deemed Minor/Editorial (GFC ASC's Terms of Reference (Mandate)(3.A.i and iii) by the Vice-Provost (Programs) and Chair, GFC ASC, and are APPROVED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY FROM GFC IN A SINGLE OMNIBUS MOTION.

   Any member wishing to debate a proposal must contact University Governance at least two (2) business days prior to the meeting to request that the item be placed on the Agenda as a separate item.

   Motion: To Approve with delegated authority (Omnibus Motion)

4A. Transfer Credit Approvals and Denials for April 2019, Office of the Registrar

5. Proposed Non Credit Certificate in Artificial Intelligence Engineering, Faculty of Engineering

   Motion: To Approve with Delegated Authority

6. Proposed Name Change to Graduate Embedded Certificates for:
   Community Based Research and Evaluation, School Administration Leadership, Data Science, Teaching and Learning in Nursing Education, and Communicable Diseases, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

   Motion: To Recommend GFC Academic Planning Approval

7. Proposed Increases to Minimum English Language Proficiency Entrance Requirements for Graduate Program, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

   Motion: To Recommend GFC Approval
8. Proposed Changes to English Language Proficiency Entrance Requirements for Graduate Programs in Educational Policy Studies, Faculty of Education, and Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Motion: To Approve with Delegated Authority

Jorge Sousa
Tracy Raivio

DISCUSSION ITEMS

9. External Programs for Review and Programs in Progress on Campus: Standing Item (no documents)

Andrea Patrick

10. Question Period

Tammy Hopper

INFORMATION REPORTS

11. Items Approved by the GFC Academic Standards Committee by email ballots (non-debatable) (no items to date)

Tammy Hopper

12. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings (no items do date)

Tammy Hopper

CLOSING SESSION

13. Next Meeting of ASC: May 16, 2019

Tammy Hopper

14. Next General Faculties Council Meeting: April 29, 2019

Tammy Hopper

Presenter(s):
Tammy Hopper Vice-Provost (Programs) and Chair of GFC ASC
Marek Reformat Associate Chair, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Faculty of Engineering
Tracy Raivio Associate Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research
Jorge Sousa Associate Chair, Educational Policy Studies, Faculty of Education

Documentation was before members unless otherwise noted.

Meeting REGRETS to: Heather Richholt, 780-492-1937, richholt@ualberta.ca
Prepared by: Heather Richholt, Committee Coordinator
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OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Jeffrey/Nagel

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of February 14, 2019

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Nagel/Ruetalo

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve the Open Session Minutes of February 14, 2019.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Acting-Chair (no documents)

Presenter(s): Karsten Mundel, Vice-Chair, ASC

Discussion:
The Acting-Chair noted that the Students’ Union (SU) and the Graduate Students’ Association (GSA) elections were finished and asked the GSA and SU representatives to share the results with the committee:
The Students’ Union representative, Andre Bourgeios, announced the new executive: Akanksha Bhatnagar - President; Adam Brown - Vice-President (External); Jared Larsen - Vice-President (Student Life); Joel Agarwal - Vice-President (Academic); Luke Statt - Vice-President (Operations and Finance); and that Rowan Ley was elected to be the new Board of Governors representative.

The Graduate Students’ Association representative, Radim Barta, announced the new executive: Fahed Elian - President; Dylan Ashley - Vice-President (Academic); Marc Waddingham - Vice-President (External); Mohammad Shanawaz - Vice-President (Labour); and Chantal Labonté - Vice-President (Student Services).

The Acting-Chair noted that the Board of Governors had approved the budget the previous week and that GFC had approved the new ASC terms of reference which would come into effect on July 1, 2019.

The Acting-Chair also noted that the President, David Turpin, had announced that he would not be seeking renewal after June 2020.

**ACTION ITEMS**

4A. Transfer Credit Approvals for March 2019, Office of the Registrar

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Jeffrey/Bourgeois

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the transfer credit approvals for March 2019. CARRIED

5. Proposed Graduate Certificate in School Leadership and Administration (Certificat d’études supérieures en administration et leadership scolaire), Faculty of Graduate Studies & Research, and Faculté Saint-Jean

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Samira ElAtia, Director of Graduate Studies, Faculté Saint-Jean; Victoria Ruetalo, Associate Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

The presenters elected to discuss their certificates together and noted that the Faculté Saint-Jean and the Faculty of Education had worked in parallel to develop the proposals in response to a request from the Alberta government. These certificates were developed to provide programming in support of the required government certification of school principals and superintendents.

The presenters explained that the Alberta government had provided funding for this initiative and noted that University of Lethbridge, University of Calgary, Concordia University of Edmonton, and St Mary’s University had developed coursework and credentials as well.

Discussion:
Members discussed the distinction between the proposed graduate certificates and the government's certification, and the options to ladder the certificates into Master's degree programs.

Motion: Carey/Mulatris

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee recommend to the GFC Academic Planning Committee a new Graduate Certificate in School Leadership and Administration, (Certificat d’études supérieures en administration et leadership scolaire), as submitted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, and Faculté Saint-Jean,
6. **Proposed Graduate Certificate in School Leadership, Faculty of Graduate Studies & Research, and Faculty of Education**

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter(s):* Elaine Simmt, Associate Dean, Graduate Programs, Faculty of Education; Victoria Ruetalo, Associate Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

*Discussion:*
Item 5 and 6 were discussed together.

Motion: Jeffrey/Gokiert

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee recommend to the GFC Academic Planning Committee a new Graduate Certificate in School Leadership, as submitted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research and the Faculty of Education, and as set forth in Attachment 1, to take effect September 2019.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. **External Programs for Review and Programs in Progress on Campus: Standing Item (no documents)**

*Presenter(s):* Andrea Patrick, Portfolio Initiatives Manager, Office of the Provost and Vice-President (Academic)

*Discussion:*
Ms Patrick provided the following updates:

**Recently approved:**
- Substantive changes to the Modern Languages and Cultural Studies (MLCS) program, approved by APC January 17, 2018
- Load changes to the Master’s in Library and Information Studies

**Proposed to Government:**
- Substantive changes to the BFA in Drama, approved by APC on December 12, 2018

**Currently with AE undergoing System Coordination Review:**
- New major in Media Studies - approved at APC June 20, 2018

8. **Question Period**

There were no questions.

INFORMATION REPORTS

9. **Items Approved by the GFC Academic Standards Committee by email ballots (non-debatable)**

There were no items.

10. **Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings**

There were no items.
CLOSING SESSION

11. Adjournment

The Acting-Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.
Item No. 4

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**Supplementary Notes and context**

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**Engagement and Routing** (Include meeting dates)

Consultation and Stakeholder Participation (parties who have seen the proposal and in what capacity)

<For information on the protocol see the Governance Resources section Student Participation Protocol>

Those who are actively participating:
- Vice-Provost (Programs) and Chair, GFC Academic Standards Committee
- Faculty Councils
- Representatives of the Office of the Registrar

Those who have been consulted:
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Those who have been informed:
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Approval Route (Governance) (including meeting dates)

- See individual item for Faculty approval information
- GFC ASC April 18, 2019
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Governance Executive Summary

Item No. 5

Agenda Title | Proposed Non Credit Certificate in Artificial Intelligence Engineering, Faculty of Engineering
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**Motion**

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, approve the Non-Credit Certificate in Artificial Intelligence Engineering, as proposed by the Faculty of Engineering, and as outlined in Attachment 1, to be effective immediately.

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This certificate was developed in response to a call from the Government of Alberta stemming from the *Growth and Diversification Act (Bill 2)*, and was selected for funding.

**Supplementary Notes and context**

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Resources section Student Participation Protocol

Approval Route (Governance) (including meeting dates) GFC Academic Standards Committee - April 18, 2019 - Final Approval

Strategic Alignment

Alignment with For the Public Good

For the Public Good:

VISION To inspire the human spirit through outstanding achievements in learning, discovery, and citizenship in a creative community, building one of the world’s great universities for the public good.

MISSION Within a vibrant and supportive learning environment, the University of Alberta discovers, disseminates, and applies new knowledge for the benefit of society through teaching and learning, research and creative activity, community involvement, and partnerships. The University of Alberta gives a national and international voice to innovation in our province, taking a lead role in placing Canada at the global forefront.

Objective 6, ii. Strategy: Engage and advocate strategically with all levels and orders of government and other key stakeholders, and identify and demonstrate how university activities intersect with their goals and strategies.

Objective 7, i. Strategy: Increase students’ experiential learning through mutually beneficial engagement with community, industry, professional, and government organizations locally, nationally, and internationally.

Objective 10, i. Strategy: Develop continuing and professional education programs that connect the knowledge-mobilization activities of the University’s faculty members to the needs of diverse learner communities.

Alignment with Institutional Risk Indicator

Please note below the specific institutional risk(s) this proposal is addressing.

- Enrolment Management
- Faculty and Staff
- Funding and Resource Management
- IT Services, Software and Hardware
- Leadership and Change
- Physical Infrastructure
- Relationship with Stakeholders
- Reputation
- Research Enterprise
- Safety
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Legislative Compliance and jurisdiction

Post-Secondary Learning Act (PSLA)
Alberta Growth and Diversification Act
GFC Academic Standards Committee Terms of Reference

Attachment:

1. Non-Credit Certificate in Artificial Intelligence Engineering Proposal

Prepared by: Andrea Patrick, Portfolio Initiatives Manager, Office of the Provost and Vice-President (Academic), apatrick@ualberta.ca
This template is to be used for proposals calling for the establishment of new University of Alberta non-credit certificate. Non-credit certificates are offered and administered largely by a Faculty or Department. (Example: Certificate in Human Resources offered by the Faculty of Extension).

Governance: Non-credit certificates are reviewed by the appropriate Faculty Council, GFC Academic Standards Committee (ASC) Sub-committee on Standards (SOS) and GFC ASC. Faculties are asked to provide, on an annual basis, a list of updated program changes to the Provost and Vice-President (Academic) by July 1 of each year.

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**Program Synopsis**

Provide a brief description of the non-credit certificate.

The proposed certificate in Artificial Intelligence Engineering includes three courses. That will cover:

- **AIE 1: Machine Learning** - An introduction to a variety of techniques of unsupervised and supervised methods of data processing; covered subjects are different architecture configurations for predictive modeling, kernel methods, neural networks, and techniques for evaluation of model performance.

- **AIE 2: Deep and Graphical Networks** - An introduction to Deep Learning methodology and understanding how to build neural networks; subjects include convolutional neural networks and their applications to images, recurrent network models for processing natural language and speech; additionally, the course introduces networks representing probability distributions, in particular Bayesian and Markov networks, and their applications. Prerequisite AIE 1.

- **AIE 3: Reinforcement Learning** - An introduction to principles of reinforcement learning that include algorithms supporting action decision processes that optimize long-term performance; some of topics are: dynamic programming, Q-learning, and Monte Carlo reinforcement learning, and efficient algorithms for single- and multi-agent planning. Prerequisite AIE 2.

Project work, or experiential learning, will play a significant role in this program. The major learning outcomes of the certificate are as follows. By completing the certificate, learners will be able to:

1. Recognize areas of current technology or industrial processes that can be augmented and made more efficient through artificial intelligence
2. Gain knowledge in statistical analyses
3. Develop new programming skills
4. Gain a broad spectrum of applicable knowledge in artificial intelligence concepts and methods
5. Apply concepts of artificial intelligence to advanced and industry relevant projects through working on case studies
6. Work in and lead project teams in experiential learning activities transferable to their employment situation
Section B: Rationale, Implications and Impacts

Rationale for Introduction of Certificate
Outline the rationale for the proposed non-credit certificate.

This certificate was developed in response to a call from the Government of Alberta stemming from the Growth and Diversification Act (https://www.alberta.ca/growth-diversification-act.aspx).

In June 2018, the Province of Alberta passed the Growth and Diversification Act (Act). The Act is designed around measures to expand the province’s technology-related training programs that will build the province’s technology industry. A key factor in implementing the Act was the establishment of the Talent Advisory Council on Technology (TACT)—a collaboration of industry, post-secondary institutions, students, and labour representatives that will advise government on talent development investments (visit https://www.alberta.ca/talent-advisory-council-technology.aspx for more information). At their inaugural meeting in late summer 2018, TACT discussed industry’s need for short-term skills development as a key element in meeting urgent and emergent tech skill needs. They also recognized the important role that continuing education plays in this area. The Ministry of Advanced Education, in response, initiated a call for continuing education submissions for concept proposals for technology skills training programs that are in high demand by industry and that meet the needs of Albertans looking to advance their careers. The concept proposals include pilots that involve:

- developing new continuing education program(s)/course(s),
- enhancing or updating existing continuing education programming, or
- implementing innovative continuing education program delivery that increases access for Albertans in high demand technology skill areas.

A further drive for this certificate was identified through an ICTC survey that indicated that the top digital employments were software developers, data analysts (13%), UX/UI developers, AI & machine learning engineers (9%). They identified that recruitment was a challenge due to the shortage of digitally-skilled individuals and the greatest obstacles to growth and recruitment “are the lack of supply of mid to senior level talent (primarily for digital roles) and the lack of supply for skilled digital talent at the junior level.” A presentation from Christiana Manzocco, Criterium Group, at the AI seminar series highlighted how large companies in Alberta (banks, oil and energy firms) are starting to recognize the potential benefits of AI, and highlighting the need for training. Further, panoply of local and international companies and industry groups (e.g. AiDANT Intelligent Technology Inc., Health City, Technology Alberta, Spectrum Optix, Ex Quanta and many more) have provided written support to an Artificial Intelligence Industry and Academic Accelerator in the department of Electrical and Computer Engineering supporting the need for industrial opportunities and training in AI.

1. Cutean, A, McLaughlin R, Enabling a digital future for Alberta: A supply & demand analysis of digital occupations in Alberta’s high growth industries, Information & Communication Technology Council (ICTC), SEPTEMBER 11, 2018

2. Comment

**Resource Implications**

Identify the resource implications of the proposed embedded credit certificate. Identify if resources are being re-allocated to or from other areas, and outline the implications of this re-allocation.

Engineering has allocated the resources necessary to advertise and deliver the first offering of the certificate. The development was funded through the Government of Alberta Tech Seat call for proposals. Delivery will be maintained through the cost recovery model.

Students will be attracted in collaboration with Computing Science and the Faculty of Extension. Registrations will be done in collaboration the Faculty of Extension as needed.

**Consultation**

Describe any consultation and/or potential impacts on service units of the University, including the Office of the Registrar and Student Awards, Academic Information and Communication Technologies (AICT), Library Administration, Facilities and Operations, Student Services, etc.

There are no impacts on the faculty of engineering’s units. The office of the Provost was intimately involved in the development of the program proposal.

Proposal was reviewed and approved by Faculty of Engineering:
- Academic Planning Committee (Feb 25 2019)
- Executive Coordinating Committee (March 4 2019)

**Appendices**

Include any additional information in support of the proposal including any Calendar content, the Library Impact Statement and letters of support.

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Motion

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee recommend that the GFC Academic Planning Committee approve the renaming of the following embedded Graduates Certificates to Graduate Embedded Certificates:

- Graduate Embedded Certificate in Community Based Research and Evaluation
- Graduate Embedded Certificate in School Administration Leadership
- Graduate Embedded Certificate in Data Science
- Graduate Embedded Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Nursing Education
- Graduate Embedded Certificate in Communicable Diseases

as set forth in attachments 1-5, to be effective January 1, 2019.

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(parties who have seen the proposal and in what capacity)

<For information on the protocol see the Governance Resources section Student Participation Protocol>

### Those who have been consulted:
- University Governance
- Strategic Analysis and Data Warehousing
- Faculty of Extension
- Faculté Saint-Jean
- Department of Mathematical and Statistical Sciences
- Faculty of Nursing
- School of Public Health

### Those who have been informed:
- Current students enrolled in existing embedded Graduate Certificates
- FGSR Council
- GFC Academic Standards Committee (April 18, 2018)
- GFC Academic Planning Committee (May 8, 2018)

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- GFC Academic Standards Committee: April 18, 2019
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### Strategic Alignment

**Alignment with For the Public Good**

Objective 21: Encourage continuous improvement in administrative, governance, planning, and stewardship systems, procedures, and policies that enable students, faculty, staff, and the institution as a whole to achieve shared strategic goals.

**Alignment with Institutional Risk Indicator**

- ☑ Enrolment Management
- ☑ Faculty and Staff
- ☑ Funding and Resource Management
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- ☑ Physical Infrastructure
- ☑ Relationship with Stakeholders
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- ☑ Safety
- ☑ Student Success

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- Post-Secondary Learning Act
- GFC Academic Standards Committee Terms of Reference
- GFC Academic Planning Committee Terms of Reference

### Attachments (each to be numbered 1 - <>)

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4. Embedded Cert Nursing TLNE Name Change RVSD 04.10.2019 (page(s) 1 - 2)
5. Embedded Cert SPH Com Dis Name Change RVSD 04.10.2019 (page(s) 1 - 2)

**Prepared by:** Janice Hurlburt, Graduate Governance and Policy Coordinator, jhurlbur@ualberta.ca
2020-2021 University of Alberta Proposed Calendar Graduate Program Changes: renaming of the Graduate Certificate in CBRE to the Embedded Graduate Certificate in CBRE

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Maîtrise en sciences de l’éducation - Études en langue et culture [Graduate]

Les exigences du programme
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Les étudiants peuvent choisir de se concentrer dans l’un des trois domaines suivants :

Leadership et administration scolaire
Inclusion, diversité et équité
Littératie, numératie et curriculum

Note : La concentration Leadership et administration scolaire peut mener à l'obtention d'un certificat dé passé de cycle supérieur en administration scolaire. Pour plus d'informations, veuillez consulter la section Certificat supérieur en administration scolaire.

The Graduate Certificate in School Administration Leadership

Entrance Requirements
This is an embedded certificate program. All applicants must be currently registered in the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research in the Master Education program (MEd) of Faculté Saint-Jean.

Students may apply at any time after admission to the MEd program, but are advised to apply early to accommodate course selection. For more information, visit our website at https://www.ualberta.ca/campus-saint-jean/programmes/etudes-superieures, or e-mail maitrise@ualberta.ca.

Program Requirements
Requirements for the Graduate Certificate in School Administration Leadership consist of the satisfactory completion of the following four courses:

- M EDU 540 - Dimensions politiques et administratives de l’éducation bilingue
- M EDU 560 - L’administration de l’éducation
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- M EDU 562 - Stage pratique de direction

Maîtrise en sciences de l’éducation - Études en langue et culture [Graduate]

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Program Requirements
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- M EDU 540 - Dimensions politiques et administratives de l’éducation bilingue
- M EDU 560 - L’administration de l’éducation
- M EDU 561 - Formation des habiletés de supervision et de leadership
- M EDU 562 - Stage pratique de direction
**Certificat supérieur en administration scolaire**

**Conditions d’admission**
Ceci est un programme de certificat intégré. Tous les candidats doivent être inscrits à la Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research dans le programme de Maîtrise en sciences de l’éducation (MEd) de la Faculté Saint-Jean. Les étudiants peuvent s’inscrire au certificat à tout moment après leur admission au programme de MEd, mais on conseille de faire la demande tôt pour s’assurer des choix de cours. Pour plus d’informations, visitez notre site Web à https://www.ualberta.ca/campus-saint-jean/programmes/etudes-superieures, or e-mail maitrise@ualberta.ca.

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**Durée du programme**
Toutes les exigences du certificat doivent être complétées au cours du programme de Maîtrise en sciences de l’éducation (MEd).

**Justification:**

Approved by:
### Graduate Programs

**Mathematical and Statistical Sciences**  
[Graduate]

### Graduate Program Requirements

#### Graduate Embedded Certificate in Data Science (DS) (Mathematical and Statistical Sciences) [Graduate]

The growing availability of large data sets in industry and government increases the demand for qualified data analysts. The certificate in DS allows PhD and MSc students in theory based mathematics programs to upgrade their qualifications towards data analysis. The DS certificate is open to registered students in MSc and PhD programs in Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, and Mathematical Physics.

**For the DS certificate**

For the DS certificate it is required that students complete the Graduate Teaching and Learning Certificate Level 1 (GTL Level 1) plus ★9 chosen from the following list:

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### Gradient Program Requirements

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Upon successful completion of the graduate program, inclusive of the designated DS certificate courses, and the GTL Level 1, the student will be awarded the Embedded Certificate in Data Science in addition to their graduate degree.

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#### Nursing [Graduate]

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The MN program prepares nurses to fulfil leadership roles in advanced practice nursing; provide health promotion, prevention and specialized care in a variety of health care settings; teach in academic and clinical settings; and contribute to the development of health programs and policies. It provides a solid academic and practice foundation for pursuing a PhD in Nursing.

The PhD (Nursing) program is designed to educate for excellence in the development and testing of nursing knowledge and research-based nursing practice. The number and types of courses included in the program will vary according to the individual needs of the student.

The **embedded** Graduate Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Nursing Education is recognition of the completion of three specific graduate level courses in teaching and learning. This certificate is provided to those students who, upon fulfillment of the requirements for either the Master of Nursing or PhD (Nursing) Program, have focused on the practice of teaching and completed the three graduate level teaching and learning courses. Preferably, students will declare an intention to receive the *embedded* Graduate Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Nursing Education at the beginning of their graduate program.

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Graduate Program Requirements

The Graduate Embedded Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Nursing Education (Nursing) [Graduate]

Nursing education requires educators who are not only proficient in clinical knowledge and skill but who are also knowledgeable and informed about the process of teaching and learning. The completion of this certificate would reflect the acquisition of the relevant knowledge and skills required to teach in the discipline of nursing. At a glance, this certificate would thus allow for instant recognition of formal preparation in teaching and learning.

Students admitted to either the Master of Nursing or PhD (Nursing) Program may choose to focus on the practice of teaching and learning within the context of nursing education. Students who declare this choice at the beginning of their graduate program will be required to register in and successfully complete the three graduate level courses (NURS 546, NURS 556, NURS 586) focused on teaching and learning in higher education for nursing. Upon successful completion of the graduate program, inclusive of the designated teaching and learning courses, the student will be awarded the Graduate Embedded Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Nursing Education in addition to their graduate degree. The Graduate Embedded Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Nursing Education will be noted on the student’s transcript.

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**Motion**

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee recommend the proposed increases to the minimum English Language Proficiency scores as submitted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, and as set forth in Attachment 1, for implementation for Fall 2020 admissions and to be published in the 2020-2021 Calendar.

**Item Action Requested**

☐ Approval  ☒ Recommendation

**Proposed by**

Deborah Burshtyn, Interim Dean and Vice Provost, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

**Presenter(s)**

Tracy Raivio, Associate Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

**Details**

Responsibility

Provost and Vice-President (Academic)

The Purpose of the Proposal is

(please be specific)

The proposal is before the committee to increase the minimum FGSR acceptable English Language Proficiency scores for TOEFL, MELAB, CAEL and Pearson.

Executive Summary

(outline the specific item – and remember your audience)

FGSR is proposing to raise the minimum internet-based TOEFL score to 90, and raise the minimum band score to 21; add a minimum MELAB band score of 80, and a minimum score of 3 on the speaking component; raise the minimum CAEL overall score to 70; and raise the minimum Pearson overall score to 61 and add a minimum band score of 60.

The increases are proposed in order to align FGSR minimum ELP requirements with the undergraduate values. Graduate students at this University should meet the same English Language proficiency requirements as the undergraduate students that many of them will be teaching. It is also important for FGSR to stay competitive with other top universities in Canada.

Higher ELP scores will ensure graduate students are better prepared to undertake graduate studies and research in English.

This increase is being proposed for implementation for Fall 2020 admissions.

Supplementary Notes and context

GFC approved increases to English Language Proficiency scores for undergraduate admission in September 2017.

**Engagement and Routing** (Include meeting dates)

Those who are actively participating:

- Policy Review Committee (sub-committee of FGSR Council), which includes GSA representation and the Graduate Ombudsman

Consultation and Stakeholder Participation

(parties who have seen the proposal and in what capacity)

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1. Attachment 1 (page(s) 1 - <>) FGSR Calendar Change Request form.
2. Attachment 2 (page(s) 1 - <>) Comparison chart

*Prepared by:* Maria Chia, Graduate Calendar project, mchia@ualberta.ca
2020-2021 University of Alberta Proposed Calendar Graduate Program Changes:
FGSR is proposing the following changes to the minimum acceptable English Language Proficiency scores:

- Raise the minimum internet-based TOEFL score to 90, and raise the minimum band score to 21;
- Add a minimum MELAB band score of 80, and a minimum score of 3 on the speaking component;
- Raise the minimum CAEL overall score to 70;
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These changes are proposed to bring FGSR minimum ELP scores in line with the minimum acceptable undergraduate scores, and are for implementation for Fall 2020 admissions.

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Justification: To bring the FGSR minimum ELP requirements in line with undergraduate values. Graduate students at this University should meet the same English Language proficiency requirements as the undergraduate students that many of them will be teaching. It is also important for FGSR to stay competitive with other top universities in Canada.

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*Increase in IELTS minimum band score from 5.0 to 5.5 approved by Academic Planning Committee December 12, 2018 for implementation for Fall 2019 admissions.
Governance Executive Summary

Agenda Title: Proposed Changes to English Language Proficiency Entrance Requirements for Graduate Programs in Educational Policy Studies, Faculty of Education, and Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Motion

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the proposed changes to the English Language Proficiency entrance requirements for graduate programs in the Department of Educational Policy Studies as submitted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research and the Faculty of Education, and as set forth in Attachment 1, for implementation for Fall 2020 admissions and to be published in the 2020-2021 Calendar.

Item

Action Requested
☒ Approval
☐ Recommendation

Proposed by
Deborah Burshtyn, Interim Dean and Vice Provost, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research
Jennifer Tupper, Dean, Faculty of Education

Presenter(s)
Tracy Raivio, Associate Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research
Jorge Sousa, Associate Chair, Educational Policy Studies, Faculty of Education

Details

Responsibility
Provost and Vice-President (Academic)

The Purpose of the Proposal is (please be specific)
The proposal is before the committee to change the minimum acceptable IELTS and MELAB English Language Proficiency scores for graduate programs in Educational Policy Studies.

Executive Summary (outline the specific item – and remember your audience)
The changes are proposed in order to calibrate the minimum ELP scores to the existing TOEFL score. A review of the literature examining comparable standards for different English Language Proficiency examinations (specifically, TOEFL PBT, TOEFL CBT, TOEFL iBT, IELTS, MELAB, CAEL, PTE Academic) suggested the Department of Educational Policy Studies had inconsistent minimum requirements for admission.

The proposal is to calibrate the existing scores by raising the minimum overall IELTS score to 7.0 and the minimum band score to 7.0, and by lowering the minimum MELAB score to 85.

The lower MELAB score still meets the FGSR minimum ELP requirement. The new IELTS score exceeds the FGSR minimum requirement.

These changes are being proposed for implementation for Fall 2020 admissions.

Supplementary Notes and context
<This section is for use by University Governance only to outline governance process.>

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| Faculty of Education Graduate Academic Affairs Council Feb 4, 2019 |
| GFC Academic Standards Committee April 18, 2019 |

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Where applicable, applicants must provide proof of English Language Proficiency (refer to English Language Requirement). Any one of the following is acceptable:

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**Approved by:**
February 4, 2019 by the Faculty of Education Graduate Academic Affairs Council (GAAC)