

Kwantlen Polytechnic University

Senate Standing Committee on Curriculum

**Approval Process for Flexible Pre-Major Agreements**

As outlined in the attached BC Council on Admissions and Transfers information sheet, flexible pre-major agreements are currently being discussed within provincial articulation committees. The purpose of the agreements is to facilitate ease and efficiency of transfer credit and third year program admission for students seeking to complete the final two years of a university degree program at a post-secondary institution within the BC transfer system.

To date, several flexible pre-major agreements have been initiated and / or concluded: English, Mathematics, Computing Education, Music, Psychology, Anthropology / Sociology, and Economics.

In order to align Kwantlen Polytechnic University's curricular approval processes with these important flexible pre-major initiatives, the Senate Standing Committee on Curriculum needs to set forth clear principles and processes, such as the following:

1. Faculty are the subject area experts in the appropriate field of study commensurate with their education and professional practice, and their provincial articulation committee designate is selected to represent their views in discussion with other post-secondary institutions comprising the BC transfer system.
2. The chair of the relevant department and / or program area should be delegated the authority to agree to a flexible pre-major agreement negotiated through the appropriate provincial articulation committee of the BCCAT, providing that the agreement and its details have been discussed with and approved by . . .
  - a. the appropriate department or its designated curriculum committee
  - b. the appropriate Faculty Council or its designated curriculum committee (if the Council has delegated such authority to the committee)
  - c. the Senate Standing Committee on Curriculum on behalf of the University Senate (if Senate delegates such authority to the committee)
3. In relation to the above, all new flexible pre-major agreements should not be signed or implemented prior to consultation with the registrar (or designate) and the approval of the University.