

Report of the Education Committee

FOR INFORMATION

PRESENTED BY: Larry Wagner, Chair, Education Committee

DATE OF MEETING: April 20, 2024

SUBJECT: Education Committee Report on Activities

Purpose

The Senate Education Committee is required to provide a report for information its confirmations of Council's approvals of requests for admissions qualifications changes to academic programs. Requests considered will be implemented for the 2024/25 admissions cycle.

Background

On October 30, 2021, Senate delegated authority for confirming changes to admissions qualifications (that have received approval from University Council) to the Senate Education Committee.

The *Senate Bylaws* (Part V.8.d) reflect this duty and authority of the Senate Education Committee as follows:

- (iv) To confirm "a decision [of Council] to change academic and other qualifications required for admission as a student" (USask Act 1995, cU-6.1, s.63[3][a]) and to report for information to Senate on these confirmations as appropriate.

Summary

The Senate Education has met once since the November 2023 Senate Meeting – on January 29, 2024. Additionally, the committee voted electronically in late March 2024 to confirm a Council decision to change admissions qualifications.

Additionally, at the January 29, 2024 meeting, the Senate Education Committee engaged in a discussion on possible topics for the education session for the April 22, 2023 Senate meeting and are pleased to have a discussion of sustainability happening at this meeting.

The following admissions qualifications changes were confirmed at the Senate Education Committee meeting on January 29 and electronically in March 2024. Hyperlinks are provided to the full reports to Council, which are publicly available on the University Council website.

- Bachelor of Science (Biomedical Science) ([as approved by Council on November 16, 2023](#)), effective 2025/26 admissions cycle
- Master of Science Biochemistry, Microbiology, and Immunology ([as approved by University Council on December 14, 2023](#)), effective 2025/26 admission cycle
- Master of Business Administration ([as approved by University Council on March 21, 2024](#)), effective 2025/26 admissions cycle

The Senate Education Committee next meets Fall 2024 to consider admissions qualifications changes. Any further confirmations made at that meeting will be reported at a future meeting of Senate.

Thank you to the members of the Senate Education Committee for their engagement this year and to the Governance Office for their support. The committee members are: Larry Wagner (chair), Russ Isinger, Meghna Ramaswamy, Kathy Gable, Robert Henderson, and Nathalie Atanasova.