November 21, 2022 ~ 10:30 am – 12:00 pm
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Attendees: H. Hendrigan (Chair), K. Nordgren (secretary), G. Agnes, M. Bhakthan, R. Dawson, T. Nault, C. Percival, R. Pyke, S. Spector
Guest: S. Birnie

The Agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes were approved with a minor revision.

No report at this time.

S. Birnie was in attendance to present this item. He noted that in April 2022 a proposal had been submitted to SPCSAB to consider a universal design approach for evaluating part-time students' eligibility for honour roll designations. At that time, two options were recommended for further study – a gated model, where students are evaluated over time based on units completed, and a hybrid model, where students are evaluated once at the end of each academic year or after reaching a unit threshold.

Based on evaluation of the two models, the recommended option was the hybrid model, for its adherence to university design and inclusivity, and its simplicity over the gated model.

A comment was made that the language in the rational was not consistent, referring to "a minimum of" versus "above". Concerns were

evaluation is based on meeting the GPA requirement consistently, rather than awarding low performance in one or two terms.

A question was raised whether including part-time students in the honour roll would potentially impact a student's degree "time-to-completion". S. Birnie responded that it had been raised as a concern in the document; however, it's unlikely that a student is enrolling part-time just for the sake of the honour roll