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Senate Decisions

New Programs of Study Approved by the Senate

- A BA in Humanities or Humanities and Social Sciences: Emphasis on Film Studies was approved
- A BA in Management with a division of studies in Computer Science - Systems & Applications was approved
- A BSc in Life Sciences: Emphasis on Cellular and Molecular Biology was approved
- A program of study in Earth Sciences towards a dual-disciplinary BSc was approved
- An MA in History was approved and was submitted to the Council for Higher Education for approval
- A BA program of study in Philosophy was approved

Previously-Approved Programs of Study

The following decisions were made regarding programs of study that were previously approved by the Senate and are not yet being offered:

- 1) Programs of study approved by the Senate and not requiring approval by the Council for Higher Education (i.e. divisions of study) will be archived three years after their approval if not activated. Their retrieval from the archives will require Senate approval.
- 2) There are two types of programs of study that have received Senate approval and have not yet been submitted to the Council for Higher Education (CHE):
 - A) Those which have not yet been approved for submission to the CHE, and which are therefore not subject to a time limitation. Senate approval will not be invalidated. This type of program must be reviewed and possibly updated by its authors prior to submission to the CHE. The program of study will be archived only if the authors consider it to be no longer relevant.
 - B) Programs of study which, for any internal or policy-related reason, have not been approved for submission to the CHE will be recorded as having been archived. The President of the Open University shall inform the Senate of such a decision. Retrieval from the archives will require Senate approval.
- 3) Programs of study towards a Bachelor's degree that have been approved by the CHE and not activated on receipt of such approval will be put to the Senate for reconsideration if not offered to applicants within two years of the date of approval. In exceptional cases the President is authorized to extend the delay in activating the degree by an additional year. Graduate programs of study that have been approved by the Council and have not been activated on receipt of approval will be submitted to the Senate for reconsideration if not offered to applicants within three years of the date of approval.

Other Topics

- It was decided that the inclusion of workshops (courses necessitating physical attendance) in Bachelor's degree programs should be minimized as much as possible. Instead, the aim is to develop technology-based workshops that will enable remote attendance. Workshops should preferably be elective rather than required, in order to allow the completion of degree studies without required attendance. In cases where workshops form an essential part of a program, an explanatory letter will be attached with the application for approval, for the purpose of approving both the workshop and the program of study.
- It was decided to allow Arabic-speaking students to take exams in Arabic in six courses.
- Two individual modules were approved for development of a course in Computer Applications, which is currently offered in regular and advanced levels.
- The Senate approved changes to the programs of study for the following degrees: Social Sciences with an emphasis on Political Science, International Relations, Public Policy, or Communications. The methodology courses "Statistics" and "Research Methods" will now be replaced by "Introduction to Quantitative Research I and II."
- The procedures of the Committee for Recognition of Prior Studies were approved, as submitted by the Committee Chairman.
- Changes were approved in the procedures for senior faculty appointment and promotion.

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