The Programs Committee for 2015/2016 has the following members:
  Faculty #1 (Chair): Prof. Kelly Lyons
  Faculty #2: Prof. David Phillips
  Faculty #3: Prof. Alan Galey
  Faculty #4: Prof. Matt Brower
  Faculty #5: Prof. Sara Grimes
  Faculty #6: Prof. Mark Chignell
  Registrar and Director of Student Services: Adriana Rossini
  Librarian: Elisa Sze
  Student (MI): 1st year rep in fall election
  Student (MI): David Mason
  Student (MMSt): Sarah Anderson
  Student (PhD): Vanessa (Nes) Yuille
  Dean: Seamus Ross
  Chair of Council: Wendy Duff

Thank you to all members of the Programs Committee.

Please note that, according to the bylaws Art. 2, Sec. 5 Programs Committee (b), the Programs Committee shall, “7. Review and approve new courses in degree programs;” and “11. To review and approve, on behalf of Council, proposals for minor modifications to academic programs. All such approvals shall be reported for information to Council;”

In the past, Council has been asked to approve new courses; however, new course offerings are minor modifications. As such new courses approved by the Programs Committee will be brought to Council for information only.

The Programs Committee submits the following approved changes to Faculty Council for information:
  • Clarification of the wording regarding voting for the Masters Thesis Final Oral Exam from “Committee votes for Pass, Pass with Modifications, or Fail” to “Committee votes for Pass, Pass with Modifications, or Fail; outcome is determined by a majority vote”
  • Special Topics in Museum Studies course (MSLxxxx) to be used for Special Topics in Museum Studies (rather than using INFxxxx)
  • Approval of title change and course description for MSL2350 Museum Planning and Management: Projects, Fundraising and Human Resources to MSL2350 Museum Planning and Management: Projects and Fundraising
  • Approval of a new Special Topics Course in the MMSt program: Special Topics in Museum Studies: Museum-Government Relations: International context
The Programs Committee reports on the following activities to Faculty Council:

- Feedback was provided on changes to the current undergraduate program with ICCIT (Interactive Digital Media) are being reviewed through the University of Toronto Mississauga approvals process
- The iSchool’s Guidelines & Procedures for the Student Evaluation of Teaching in Courses is currently under review by the Programs Committee
- Feedback on new courses for the Co-op Program were provided. These course proposals are being updated and will be brought for approval at the next Programs Committee Meeting
- Feedback was provided on a minor modification: to change INF2173H Information Professional Practicum from a grade course to Credit/Non Credit course; further advice is being sought before the proposal is brought for approval at the next Programs Committee Meeting

Kelly Lyons
Associate Dean, Academic
Chair of the Programs Committee