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To: Tim Murphy, Chair, UPC

From: Rajiv Jhangiani, Vice Provost, Teaching and Learning

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Subject: **Addition of two new course delivery modes**

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[Brock's spectrum of course delivery modes](#) currently includes online (asynchronous; synchronous; mixed), blended (mixed location), and Hyflex (synchronous) options. Consultations with the Teaching & Learning Policy Committee on March 10, 2023 and the Undergraduate Program Committee on March 23, 2023 revealed widespread support for the expansion of Brock's spectrum of course delivery modes in order to support the design and delivery of courses in which learning activities may take place online but where summative learning assessments take place on-campus.

The proposed new course delivery modes have emerged through the pandemic and have been used successfully at other Canadian post-secondary institutions such as the University of Toronto, Toronto Metropolitan University, and Kwantlen Polytechnic University. Benefits of these new course delivery modes include retaining much of the flexibility of online learning while supporting instructors who prefer and accreditation bodies that require proctored in-person examinations.

Whereas the critical importance of selecting the appropriate course delivery mode, designing aligned learning activities and assessments, and adhering to the delivery mode published in the timetable is underscored, the addition of these two new course delivery modes will help reduce the number of course withdrawals, complaints or appeals by ensuring that students receive accurate information prior to registration about when they are required to attend on-campus examinations.

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THAT UPC RECOMMEND to Senate the addition of "Asynchronous Online with On-Campus Exams" and "Synchronous Online with On-Campus Exams" to the set of course delivery modes.

Asynchronous Online with On-Campus Exams (no time slot required)

Schedule: Fully Asynchronous | Location: Fully Online | Exam: On-Campus

An asynchronous online course with on-campus exams is delivered to learners via the Internet and does not require real-time communications. Asynchronous online courses with on-campus exams have no required on-campus components, with the exception of examinations. The course will have a set start and finish date and set due dates for assessments (possibly including scheduled midterm and final exams delivered on-campus).

Synchronous Online with On-Campus Exams (time slot required)

Schedule: Fully Synchronous | Location: Fully Online | Exam: On-Campus

A fully synchronous online course with on-campus exams is delivered through web or video conferencing to facilitate real-time communications between the instructor at one site and students at a site of their choosing, with the exception of scheduled midterm and final examinations delivered on-campus. These classes have regularly scheduled meeting times throughout the semester where students are expected to attend.