HOW TO REVIEW AND APPROVE PROPOSALS – QUICK GUIDE

When an initiator in CIM 'confirms and submits' a proposal for a course or program, workflow is initiated. The workflow is routed through the steps as approved by Senate. Also built into the workflow are notification steps where individuals or groups will be notified of changes, but no approval action is required.

RECEIVING WORKFLOW NOTIFICATION AND ACCESSING PROPOSALS

There are two types of notifications automatically generated by the system:

1) Approver – requires action within workflow

2) **FYI** – does not require action in workflow but this type of notification provides information that may require action outside of workflow. This includes committees, non-academic units and units who are included in the course ecosystem.

When an initiator submits a proposal, workflow is initiated. Immediately, the chair of the academic unit receives notification in an **email** automatically generated through the system. The library will receive an FYI email when new courses are submitted.

You will receive an email for each item that requires your approval. You will only be prompted to log in once using your s# (use lower case 's') and password.

ACCESSING A PROPOSAL FROM EMAIL LINK

Click the link provided in the email notification you received. You will be redirected to the Approval site.

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/courseadmin/5973: MGSC 3361: Supply Christine Chain Management Panasian	SAINT MARY'S	
	Course Change Request	
Workflow UPDATE	Export to Word Compared Technology Date Submitted: 03/03/25 2:01 pm	In Workflow
COMPLETED:	Viewing: MGSC 3361 : Supply Chain Management	1. FINA Chair 2. Sobey Curriculum
Christine Panasian	Last approved: 02/22/23 5:20 am Last edit: 03/03/25 2:01 pm	Committee Chair 3. Sobey Faculty
PENDING:	Changes proposed by: Christine Panasian (s2249868)	4. Sobey Faculty
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• If you wish to review the proposals on the dashboard, click CourseLeaf.



ACCESSING A PROPSAL ON THE COURSELEAF ACCESS LANDING PAGE

• Go to the SMU website, https://www.smu.ca/, under Academics, click view all.



• Click on **CourseLeaf Access** to access the landing page.



• Access the CourseLeaf 10 Dashboard under CourseLeaf Approvals.

REVIEWING A PROPOSAL ON THE DASHBOARD

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• Once logged in to the dashboard you will automatically see the proposals under the **Workflow** tab. Click on **Workflow** tab.

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• Select the proposal from the list.

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• Once you click on the proposal it will pop up to review.

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NOT APPROVER (REVIEW ONLY)

• If you are not an approver, you will need to select the proposals to review from the **Workflow** tab.

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• Click on **Workflow** tab. Under **Role**, select from the drop down the list of the active approval roles. Click the role you want to review.

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• Select the proposal from the list.

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• Once you click on the proposal it will pop up to review. Reviewers won't be able to approve proposals, but they do have the option of adding comments. If you have been added to the Committee Role in the workflow you will see **Add Comment** on the proposal. Click to add your comment. The comments will be saved directly on the proposal.

VIEWING A COURSE PROPOSAL (EXAMPLE)

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1	Date Submitted: 11/16	i/21 9:17 am		In Workflow	7
Τ.		2241 · Introductory Finan	cial Acct	1. ACCT Chair	1
~				2. Sobey Curriculum	
2	Last edit: 11/16/2	19:17 am		3 Sobey Faculty	
	Changes proposed by:	Shelley Clarke-Rattus (56740574)		Executive Chair	
	Catalog Pages	Accounting(ACCT)	Â	4. Sobey Faculty	
3	referencing this	Bachelor of Commerce - Honours Economics		Council Chair	
-	course	Einance (EINA)		5. University	
		Minors		Curriculum	
			•	Committee Chair	
				7. Registrar	
	Subject Code	ACCT - Accounting	Proposed Course	8. Banner	
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	2241			Approval Path	
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	Department	Accounting		1. 11/16/21 9:29 am Shelley Clarke-	0
	Faculty	Sobey School of Business		Raftus (
	Academic Level	Undergraduate		shelley.clarke-	
	Credit Hours	3		raftus): Approved	
	Long Title	Introductory Financial Accounting		for ACCT Chair	
	Abbrevieted Title	International Provide Acat		2. 11/16/21 9:29 am	
	Abbreviated litie	Introductory Financial Acct		Shelley Clarke-	
	Effective Term	September - December 2022		shelley clarke-	
	Crosslisted with			raftus): Approved	
				for Sobey	
	Description	Students study basic accounting concepts and	principles, their application to business	Curriculum	
4		income statement and statement statements	of cash flow.	Committee Chair	
	-			3. 11/16/21 9:30 am	
	Prerequisites	MGMH 1201 and either City 1225 or CSCI 122	b or appropriate work experience determined in	Raftus (
		advance by the champerson of the bepartmen	16-	shelley.clarke-	
	Notes			raftus): Approved	
	Academic Year			for Sobey Faculty	
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	enrolment			4. 11/16/21 9:30 am	
	5-1-1-C			Raftus (
	Field Course: Length	of field study (if applicable) and location(s) field	work is done	shelley.clarke-	
				raftus): Approved	
	Why are you	The only change is to eliminate the prerequis	ite courses to allow students to take the class in	for Sobey Faculty	
5	proposing new or	their first year. Also, to correct a spelling mist	take.	Council Chair	
5	editing an existing			5. 11/19/21 10:03 am	
	course?			Shelley Clarke- Raftus (
	Reviewer			shellev.clarke-	
6	Comments			raftus): Approved	
9			Key a	for University	
				Curriculum	
				Committee Chair	

LEGEND:

- **1** The date the proposal was submitted in CIM.
- **2** The last time the proposal was edited and the initiator of the proposal.
- **3** Course Ecosystem allows you to see courses and programs that would be affected.
- **4** Tracked changes with red/green markup.
- **5** Reason for the edit or new proposal.
- 6 Reviewer Comments. Reasons for why proposal is rolled back would also be seen in this field.
- 7 Workflow status. Shows where the proposal is in the workflow process.
- 8 Approval path. Shows the path the course proposal has gone through and will include if rolled back and to who.

VIEWING A PROGRAM PROPOSAL (EXAMPLE)

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1	Shred Proposal Date Submitted: 11/1	7/21 10:21 am	-6	in Workflo	w	
-	Viewing: CHEN	A : Chemistry	-1	1. University Curriculus	, 	7
	Last approved: 1:	1/05/21 10:01 am		Committe	e Chair	'
2	Last edit: 11/17/3	21 10:20 am		 Senate Ch Registrar 	air .	
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	Program Title	Chemistry				
	Program Code	CHEM				
	Academic Level	Undergraduate				
	Program Type	Bachelor				
	program?					
	Describe the					
	interdisciplinary nature of this					
	program					
	Discipline	Chemistry				
	Department	Chemistry				
	Faculty	Faculty of Science				
	Effective Catalog Edition	2022 2023				
3	Overview	 The program offerings of the Department of Chemistry are designed to meet two main objectives: to provide a rigorous core education in the theory and practice of chemistry for students pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree with Honours, Major, Minor, or Concentration in Chemistry; to provide students in other disciplines an introduction to the principles and practices of this central science, contributing to their fundamental understanding and appreciation of the physical world. Our Bachelor of Science with Major in Chemistry and Bachelor of Science with Honours in Chemistry degrees are nationally accredited programs by the Canadian Society for Chemistry (CSC) governing board, ensuring that the program has the potential to prepare graduates to practice their profession in a competent scientific manner. Honours graduates from the program are well prepared to continue their control to the program are well prepared to continue their science. 				
	Program Requirement			÷.		
	Major in	Chemistry				
4	The requirement Calendar under forty-five (45) on Science courses	ts for the degree of Bachelor of Science with Major apply as listed in this Academic the heading of <i>Faculty of Science, Bachelor of Science – Major.</i> The specific list o edit hours of CHEM courses required to satisfy 6 (d) is contained in the following lis a required for the program:	f st of			
	CHEM 1210	General Chemistry I	3			
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	CHEM 1211	Gen Chem II for Physical Sci				
	CHEM 1212	Gen Chem II for Life Sciences				
	CHEM 1213	Gen Chem II for Engineering		-		
5	Why are you proposing new or editing an existing program?	These changes reflect the addition of the new CHEM 3412 course.				
6	Reviewer Comments					

LEGEND:

- **1** The date the proposal was submitted in CIM.
- 2 The last time the proposal was approved and edited, along with the initiator of the proposal.

3 – Program Overview as seen in the calendar. Any edits will be seen with red/green mark up.

4 – Program Requirements as seen in the calendar. Any edits will be seen with red/green mark up or a blue vertical line next to the text if a table was edited.

- **5** Reason for the edit or new proposal.
- 6 Reviewer Comments. Reasons for why proposal is rolled back would also be seen in this field.
- 7 Workflow status. Shows where the proposal is in the workflow process.

APPROVING A PROPOSAL

The Approval screen shows a gray header across the top that includes action items after review.



• Click the **Approve** button, this allows the item being reviewed to move to the next step in workflow and be removed from the logged-in user's Workflow queue.



• If a user is not authorized to review an item and clicks **Approve**, it will generate a pop-up box saying that that person cannot act in that role.

EDITING A PROPOSAL

The approver can make edits to the proposal to facilitate forward progress in workflow, rather than rolling back the proposal to the submitter or a previous approver for editing. **Note** that the submitter/previous approvers are not notified of the changes. Designate approvers are encouraged to consult with their academic unit chair regarding editing protocols.

• Select the *Edit* button on the menu bar that displays above the proposal. The proposal template will open in a new window.



• Enter your edits or changes and click the **Save Changes** button at the bottom of the template.

ROLLING BACK A PROPOSAL

If there are questions or significant changes to be made to the proposal, the approver may roll back the proposal to the submitter or a previous approver. As a part of this action, comments must be entered and can be viewed by the member(s) receiving the rollback. Rolling back a proposal gives a previous approver/submitter an opportunity to make changes and resend the proposal to the workflow process. Note that designate approvers are encouraged to consult with their academic unit chair or director regarding rollbacks.

• Select the Rollback button on the menu bar that displays above the proposal.



• Select a role/member (initiator or previous approver) to return the proposal back to. Enter Comments in the *Comments/Reason* Window.



• The members in that role are automatically notified by email, which includes the comments/reason for the rollback and action required.