



**MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING
April 27, 2006**

Members:

Council Chair: Dr. Charles Backman

President: Mr. Jim Henderson

Vice President Academic: Mr. Doug Hart

Registrar: Mr. Don Brown - **(Notice of Absence)**

Dean of Business Dr. Rick Erlendson

Dean of Arts, Science & Education Dr. Scott McAlpine

Academic Staff Association: Dr. Elroy Deimert

Dr. Barry Ramaswamy

Dr. Campbell Ross

Mr. David Gregg

Mr. Bruce Macdonald

Ms. Pat Meyer - **(Notice of Absence)**

Ms. Jean Nordin

Ms. Teresa Evans

Ms. Karen Kennedy

Ms. Jane Howes

Ms. Sharron Barr - **(Notice of Absence)**

Students' Association: Mr. Nathan Stevens

Ms. Jennifer Fisher

Ms. Becky Hussey - **(Absent)**

Ms. Britta Stevenson - **(Absent)**

Mr. Steven Swindlehurst - **(Absent)**

Mr. Tom Westbrook - **(Absent)**

Mr. Trevor Clifford - **(Absent)**

Ms. Lisa Knott - **(Absent)**

Ms. Amanda Ford - **(Absent)**

Ms. Mirrah MacIntyre - **(Absent)**

Mr. Tom Westbrook - **(Absent)**

Mr. Carl Edozien

Employees' Association: Ms. Cate Sazwan

Ms. Rosemary Kay

Ms. Leilani Boucher

Ms. Katalin Ormay

Community Members: Mr. Dennis Fedeyko

Ms. Janet Longmate

3264 CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called to order the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

Congratulations to the Students' Association new president elect Mr. Carl Edozien, and Vice President Student Life, Ms. Jennifer Fisher.

3265 AGENDA

Add: Notice of Senior Official appointments to Academic Council

MOVED by Dr. McAlpine, seconded by Dr. Ramaswamy the agenda of April 27, 2006 be approved, as amended

CARRIED

3266 MINUTES OF APRIL 12, 2006

MOVED by Mr. Fedeyko, seconded by Ms. Evans the Minutes of the Academic Council meeting of April 12, 2006 be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

3267 ACADEMIC COUNCIL AUTHORITIES AND BYLAWS

MOVED by Mr. Stevens, seconded by Ms. Fisher to change Item 1.d of the Academic Council Authorities and Bylaws to read "not more than 10 students, elected by the student's association."

CARRIED

3268 NOMINATING COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

MOVED by Mr. Ramaswamy, seconded by Mr. Fedeyko the revised Nominating Committee Terms of Reference be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

3269 ACADEMIC POLICY***Fast Track Process for Credit Programs and Courses Policy***

The Council received the revised Fast Track Process for Credit Programs and Courses Policy for approval.

MOVED by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Stevens, Academic Council approve the Fast Track Process for Credit Programs and Courses Policy, as presented.

CARRIED

Guideline for Academic Schedule Policy

The Council received the revised Guideline for Academic Schedule Policy for approval.

MOVED by Mr. Hart, seconded by Dr. McAlpine, Academic Council approve the Guideline for Academic Schedule Policy, as amended.

CARRIED

Scheduling of Courses Policy

The Council received the revised Scheduling of Courses Policy for approval.

MOVED by Mr. Hart, seconded by Dr. McAlpine, Academic Council approve the Scheduling of Courses Policy, as presented.

CARRIED

Advanced Standing: Recognition of other learning experiences Policy

The Council received the revised Advanced Standing: Recognition of other learning experiences Policy for approval.

MOVED by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Dr. Erlendson to table the Advanced Standing: Recognition of other learning experiences Policy, until further information is available.

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Program Review Policy

The Council received the revised Program Review Policy for approval.

MOVED by Dr. Erlendson, seconded by Dr. McAlpine, Academic Council approve the Program Review Policy, as presented.

CARRIED

3270 ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY

Website Development and Maintenance Policy

The Executive Committee has requested Council's feedback on the Website Development and Maintenance Policy. Council feedback included:

- Suggest appendix show up in procedures rather than policy
- Gprc.net (WFD) be rolled into College site
- Suggest Item 10.1 be part of the procedure rather than the policy
- Suggest review of Item 1. to be clearer (i.e. business domain example of concern with the granting of appropriate privileges which would impair the delivery of academic excellence)
- Suggestion that any staff with concerns meet with Computing & Community Relations to discuss concerns.
- Concerns with Policy state (extremely limiting)

3271 COMMITTEE MINUTES

Curriculum Committee Minutes of April 4, 2006

Council was presented the Curriculum Committee Minutes of April 4, 2006.

MOVED by Mr. Hart seconded by Ms. Boucher, Academic Council approve the recommendations in the Minutes of the Curriculum Committee meeting of April 4, 2006.

CARRIED

In approving the recommendations of the Curriculum Committee the following changes to curriculum were approved.

Nursing

Change in hours to NS1900 5(0-6-3) 63 hours to NS 1900 5(1.5-6-3) 74 hours, NS1910 5(0-4-17) 147 hours to NS 1910 5(0-4-17) 145 hours, and NS 1950 6(0-3-20) 161 hours to NS 1950 6(0-3-20) 159 hours.

New Unit Clerk program and courses UC 1202 3(3-0-0) Work Role: Introduction, UC 1206 1.5(1.5-0-0) Health Care Billing, UC 1208 3(3-0-0) Processing Client Records, UC 1213 5(0-4-30c) Practicum for 2006-2007 academic year, pending Alberta Advanced Education approval.

MOVED by Mr. Hart, seconded by Dr. Erlendson that Council add the Deans to the Curriculum Committee as per the request from the Vice-President Academic to include the Deans in the membership.

CARRIED

Convocation Committee Minutes of February 16, 2006

Council was presented the Convocation Committee Minutes of February 16, 2006 for information.

MOVED by Ms. Nordin, seconded by Ms. Kay, Academic Council receive the Convocation Committee Minutes of February 16, 2006 for information.

CARRIED

Convocation Committee Minutes of March 28, 2006

Council was presented the Convocation Committee Minutes of March 28, 2006 for information.

MOVED by Ms. Nordin, seconded by Mr. Henderson, Academic Council receive the Convocation Committee Minutes of March 28, 2006 for information.

CARRIED

3272 ACADEMIC ISSUES

Ongoing Faculty Development

Council received a request from the Deans for a complete review of the professional development opportunities around the college. They propose that Academic Council strike a committee to examine this item. Dr. Erlendson and Dr. McAlpine have volunteered to be on the Committee. It was noted that since this request was submitted the Alberta College of Institutions Senior Academic

Officers have developed a province wide centre for teaching excellence that we could participate in.

MOVED by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Stevens to form an ongoing faculty development committee to facilitate the development of this work, and the Committee report back to Council at their September's meeting, and that Dr. Erlendson be Chair of the Committee, and that membership to and terms of reference be determined at future date.

CARRIED

Advanced Placement Program

Council received a copy of the College Board Advance Placement Program. Feedback about this organization for further discussion of possible College participation should be provided to Mr. Henderson. It was noted that we belong to ACAT and this may be a duplication of services. International baacalauate studies were discussed. Comments are to be emailed to Mr. Henderson.

3273 APPOINTMENT OF SENIOR ACADEMIC OFFICERS TO ACADEMIC COUNCIL

The Post-Secondary Learning Act stipulates that the Board will appoint four senior officials in addition to the President to Academic Council. Senior administration will propose to the Board appointments for the next three years. This item was presented for information.

3274 OPEN DISCUSSION

Bill 55

Dr. Backman reported that Bill 55 is legislation that allows colleges to create new Academic Councils. This request must be made by a Board for approval by the Ministry. ACFIA thought this is appropriate for discussion at colleges. The idea originated from Mount Royal College when they were embarking on obtaining university status. The Ministry created the mechanism to allow this to take place. Not many colleges beside Mount Royal College and Grant McEwen College are looking at this option. The implication is that regulations can be changed in an order of council and not in the legislature where debate is in the public domain. This is a low priority of the MLA's agenda and probably not be looked at until a new leader of the Conservative Party is in place.

Mr. Henderson reported Bill 55 is the vehicle that Mount Royal College could use to get AUCC accreditation without becoming a university. Grant McEwen College is not currently pursuing AUCC accreditation. Mount Royal College may pursue this immediately; however other colleges are not at this point. The new model is a faculty majority model. It was felt that if it was not a requirement of AUCC no one would be looking at this.

Roundtable

Many felt that we had a good year as a whole and were looking forward to the future. Those new to Council found the discussions very informative and helped their understanding of the running of the College. There are a number of individuals who reported this being their last Council meeting.

There has been no word back on the Police College proposal.

The “best practices” presented at the international Chair Academy reaffirm what the College has been doing for years – we are on the right track.

The next month will be busy for Administration with a number of planning days for committees external to the College.

Dr. Erlendson attended the America Education Research Association conference and will be sharing some of the reports presented.

There was praise of the work and support of the members of Council.

Mr. Corcoran was recognized for the incredible amount of work promoting the college that he has done during his secondment. There appears to be an attitude change in the college as we find ways of “telling our story”. The Festival of Gold which recognized the athletes is one such positive experience.

Mr. Henderson will be attending the “Meet the North Conference” and do some international recruitment in China this fall.

The College continues to wait for an Acute Care facility announcement. Peace Country Health will be identifying other health professions who we could prepare to teach.

Our facilities will be seeing changes such as a new exterior sign and the commencement of expansion of the Residence. The College will be adding an extra 110 beds and is looking for opportunities to offer family housing. The Daycare is also out for tender.

3275 NOMINATING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR COMMUNITY MEMBER FOR 2006/07-2007/08

Dr. Ramaswamy presented for information and recommendation to the Board of Governors the Nominating Committee recommendation that Mr. Dennis Fedeyko be the Community member of Academic Council for another two year term commencing August 14, 2006.

MOVED by Dr. Ramaswamy, seconded Ms. Sazwan that Council recommend to the Board that Mr. D. Fedeyko be the Community member of another two year term.

CARRIED

3276 ADJOURNMENT**MOVED** by Mr. Stevens the meeting be adjourned.**CARRIED**

Charles Backman, Chair

Anna Perra, Records

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