



ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES January 10, 2008

Members:

<u>Council Chair:</u>	Dr. Laurie Nock	
<u>Council Vice-Chair:</u>	Mr. Evans Forsyth	
<u>President:</u>	Mr. Don Gnatiuk	
<u>Director, Student Services:</u>	Ms. Jean Nordin	
<u>Dean/Acting Vice President, Academic:</u>	Ms. Jane Friesen	<i>Notice of Absence</i>
	Dr. Scott McAlpine	
<u>Academic Staff Association:</u>	Dr. George Ding	
	Mr. Garth Finlay (Alternate)	
	Ms. Nancy Fraser	
	Ms. Joan Godbout	
	Ms. Shonda Holt	<i>Notice of Absence</i>
	Ms. Karen Kennedy	
	Ms. Dianne McDonald	
	Dr. Weixing Tan	<i>Notice of Absence</i>
	Ms. Carolyn Vasileiou	<i>Notice of Absence</i>
<u>Students' Association:</u>	Mr. Said Abadalla	
	Ms. Amber Amy	
	Ms. Lurrán Armagost	<i>Notice of Absence</i>
	Mr. Andrew Chappell	
	Ms. Vanessa Maisonneuve	
	Mr. Samuel Oyemala	
	Mr. Rory Tarant	
<u>Employees' Association:</u>	Ms. Lynne Ness (Alternate)	
	Mr. Gordon Pellerin	
	Ms. Joanne Stiles	<i>Notice of Absence</i>
	Ms. Jill Thomson	
<u>Community Members:</u>	Mr. Dennis Fedeyko	<i>Notice of Absence</i>
	Ms. Janet Longmate	<i>Notice of Absence</i>

3379 CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

3380 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by D. McDonald, SECONDED by S. McAlpine that the agenda of January 10, 2008 be approved with the following addition:

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1. Program Review Committee

5.1.1 Health and Wellness Division Faculty Vacancy

CARRIED

3381 MINUTES OF DECEMBER 13, 2007

MOVED by E. Forsyth, SECONDED by G. Finlay that the Minutes of December 13, 2007 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3382 ACADEMIC POLICIES***Absences for Athletic Team Travel***

J. Nordin presented the revised Absences for Athletic Team Travel Policy for approval. Members expressed a concern that the process for advising instructors of student athlete absences needs to be more systematic and consistent, providing instructors with more notice.

ACTION: J. Nordin will speak to J. Friesen regarding the concern noted.

MOVED by J. Nordin, SECONDED by S. McAlpine to approve the Absences for Athletic Team Travel Policy as presented.

CARRIED

Instructor Emeritus

The revised Instructor Emeritus Policy was presented. The policy, which was last reviewed in February 2007, is being updated to outline the process which is currently being followed in honoring Emeriti. The Chair noted that the Instructor Emeritus Consent Form will also need to be updated to be synonymous with the policy.

MOVED by J. Thomson, SECONDED by N. Fraser that the Instructor Emeritus Policy be approved as presented with the following amendment:

- Change number 9 to read, "Upon request, emeriti will receive a membership to the GPRC Fitness Centre."

CARRIED

3383 COMMITTEE REPORTS***Program Review Committee******Health and Wellness Division Faculty Vacancy***

S. McAlpine, Program Review Committee Chair, advised of a recent resignation of the faculty member from the Division of Health and Wellness on the Program Review Committee. The Nominating Committee of Academic Council has been apprised of the vacancy and will seek nominations.

As the Program Review Committee has received, and will be commencing its comprehensive review of three programs this month, S. McAlpine requested the approval of Academic Council to allow the faculty nominee from the Division of Health and Wellness to begin his/her term on the Program Review Committee pending the approval of Academic Council in February.

MOVED by G. Pellerin, SECONDED by N. Fraser that Academic Council will accept the nomination of a faculty member from the Division of Health and Wellness for the Program Review Committee prior to the February meeting of Council at which time the nominee will officially be appointed.

CARRIED

3384 ACADEMIC ISSUES***Waitlists***

D. Gnatiuk opened the discussion by expressing his concern that students who are placed on waitlists, in his opinion, will seek other options or enroll in other institutions which can guarantee them a spot. Being placed on waitlists makes students uncomfortable and is an absolute barrier. J. Nordin commented that we have no idea, nor can we determine how many students we turn away due to the issue of waitlists.

The need for waitlists in terms of assuring quality of learning and the safety of students is completely legitimized, but the President worries that students may be being placed on waitlists for bureaucratic reasons, which is unacceptable. He looked to members to help him understand why students are being placed on waitlists. This is a very complex issue which ultimately needs to be about serving our students effectively. We need to create an institution that is flexible and responsive to students' needs.

It was noted that as we move to an online registration process, there may be additional challenges and we will need to be very diligent in ensuring that we are sending the correct message to students.

MOVED by J. Nordin, SECONDED by S. McAlpine that an ad-hoc committee of Academic Council be formed to further explore the issue of waitlists and that the committee be comprised of volunteers along with specific individuals who may be approached by the Chair of the ad-hoc committee to participate.

CARRIED

The following Academic Council members volunteered to participate in the ad-hoc committee: George Ding, Andrew Chappell, Garth Finlay, Evans Forsyth, Nancy Fraser, Don Gnatiuk, Vanessa Maisonneuve, Scott McAlpine, Dianne McDonald and Jean Nordin (who will act as chair of the ad-hoc committee).

Collaborations

A significant direction reflected in The Roles and Mandates Policy Framework for Alberta's Publicly Funded Post-secondary Education System includes collaboration among system partners, an area in which GPRC is seen as a leader in our province.

S. McAlpine noted that GPRC has articulated some principles of collaboration with the University of Northern British Columbia which were attached to the agenda for information. He noted that we have not established any principles with other collaborating partners (e.g. University of Calgary, University of Alberta, Athabasca University) but would like to see these principles shared with other partners.

Members felt that there would be great merit in creating a document which would outline the guidelines and principles for all collaborations at our institution. It was also noted that Academic Council does not currently receive, review or make recommendations on proposals regarding collaborations with other institutions and the consensus was that that Council should play a role in this process.

ACTION: *L. Nock, S. McAlpine and D. Gnatiuk will meet to discuss how to proceed in the development of a Collaborative Principles and Framework document for GPRC and will return to Academic Council with some suggestions.*

3385 OPEN DISCUSSION

R. Tarant, Students' Association President, highlighted some of the activities/events planned for the World Awareness Week taking place the following week.

As a follow-up to the University of Alberta discussion which took place at the December meeting of Academic Council, S. McAlpine reported that he would be meeting with Dr. Gurston Dacks, Acting Dean of Arts from the University of Alberta the following day in Edmonton to continue discussions regarding a number of possible collaborative degree opportunities.

3386 ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Dr. Laurie Nock, Chair

Ms. Wanda Moen, Records

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