

Minutes of the Fifty-second Council Meeting – 12-13 February 2015
Commerce Place, Edmonton
Grant MacEwan University

Council

Present: Peter Mahaffy (Interim Co-Chair), Art Quinney (Interim Co-Chair), Gurston Dacks, Judy Eifert, Paul Gooch, Gord Nixon, Janet Paterson-Weir, John Waterhouse, Robert Woodrow
Absent: Neil Besner

Secretariat Marilyn Patton (Director), Guy Germain (Manager)

Guests Peter Leclaire, Patti Papirnik (for agenda item 3 only – in person)
David Atkinson, John Corlett, David McLaughlin, Danny Braun (for agenda item 5 only – in person)
David Chanasyk (for agenda item 6 only – via teleconference)
Stuart Cullum, Sandy Vanderburgh, Terry Kowalchuk, Gayle Weeks (for agenda item 6 only – via teleconference)
John Corlett, Neil Fassina, Greg Michaud (for agenda item 7 only – in person)
Kathryn Shailer (for agenda item 7 only – via videoconference)

Members were welcomed to the fifty-second meeting of the Campus Alberta Quality Council.

1. Approval of minutes –10-11 December 2014

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the 10-11 December 2014 minutes be adopted.

CARRIED

2. CAQC Chair and Secretariat report

The Interim Co-Chairs and Secretariat Director briefly reviewed their report and responded to members' questions of clarification.

With both Interim Co-Chairs out of the meeting room, members discussed the possible chair vacancy as the interim co-chairs' terms expire at the end of June 2015. It was decided that a subcommittee of members would discuss the issue with the Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM).

3. Discussion with ADM

At Council's invitation, Peter Leclaire, ADM of Innovation and Advanced Education, met with members to discuss a variety of issues relevant to Council's mandate. Patti Papirnik, Director of the Ministry's Agencies Support branch, informed members of the postponement of the two initiatives to examine the future directions of quality assurance and learner pathways within Campus Alberta.

4. Follow-up

Members continued their review and discussion of a draft *Alberta Comprehensive Post-secondary Credentials Framework*, which it had begun at its September 2014 meeting. At that meeting, members agreed to send a letter to the Ministry reinforcing their longstanding commitment to assess all applied degrees according to the 'Baccalaureate Degree' category in the Framework, and indicating that Council would appreciate the opportunity to review any future iterations of the Framework, especially the degree level credentials. After discussion of the latest draft, members agreed to send another letter to the Ministry reiterating Council's position that it is in the best interests of students to describe new applied degrees as a type of bachelor's degree and asking for clarification when the wording of the three degree level credential descriptions of the draft Framework deviates from the Canadian Degree Qualifications Framework.

Members also discussed the final report of NAIT's Trades to Degree pilot project, along with NAIT's implementation report on its Bachelor of Technology in Construction Project Management, and agreed to send a response letter to the institution.

5. MacEwan University presentation and discussion

Following a welcome from President Dr. David Atkinson, Dr. John Corlett, Provost and Vice-President Academic; Dr. David McLaughlin, Executive Director of Institutional Analysis and Planning; and Dr. Danny Braun, Curriculum Planning and Development Coordinator, gave a presentation focusing on the status of the institution's current and proposed degree programs and its curriculum review process.

A question and answer period followed.

6. Lethbridge College – Consideration of a proposal for a Bachelor of Applied Science in Resource Management and Restoration program

Lethbridge College is seeking approval to offer a Bachelor of Applied Science in Resource Management and Restoration program. Dr. David Chanasyk, Chair of the program evaluation team, joined the meeting via teleconference to answer questions of clarification on the evaluation team report and Lethbridge College's response to it. At the end of the teleconference, Council's Interim Co-Chair thanked Dr. Chanasyk for the team's report.

Subsequently, Stuart Cullum, Vice President Academic and Chief Operating Officer; Dr. Sandy Vanderburgh, Dean, Centre for Applied Arts & Sciences; Dr. Terry Kowalchuk, Chair, School of Environmental Sciences; and Gayle Weeks, Executive Director, Planning, joined the meeting via teleconference to discuss Lethbridge College's response to the report.

After discussion, members concluded that although Lethbridge College's degree proposal meets Council's standards of quality, the program would be more appropriately named as a Bachelor of Applied Science in Ecosystem Management.

It was MOVED and SECONDED that Council recommend that the Minister of Innovation and Advanced Education approve Lethbridge College's four-year Bachelor of Applied Science in Ecosystem Management degree program.

CARRIED

Members AGREED to the issues to be addressed in the outcomes letter to Lethbridge College, including Council's expectations with respect to monitoring.

7. Committees and task forces

(a) *Proposal Review Standing Committee*

The Proposal Review Standing Committee reported it had considered the following degree proposals (or taken the following actions) on behalf of Council since the previous meeting:

- after reviewing further information it requested from the institution, agreed to a request from Mount Royal University to change the title of one of its approved majors in the 4-year Bachelor of Child Studies from *Child and Youth Care* to *Child and Youth Care Counsellor*, and to recommend to the ministry that the name change proposal be accepted.
- after reviewing further information it requested from the institution, agreed to a request from the University of Alberta for a fully expedited review of its proposal for a Master of Arts in Gender and Social Justice Studies and, after conducting a desk review, agreed to recommend to the Minister that he approve the program. The program was subsequently approved.
- agreed to a request from the University of Lethbridge for a fully expedited review of its proposal for a 4-year Bachelor of Therapeutic Recreation and, after conducting a desk review, agreed to recommend to the Minister that he approve the program.
- agreed to a request from the University of Alberta for a fully expedited review of its proposal for a Master of Arts (Community Engagement) and, after conducting a desk review, agreed to recommend to the Minister that he approve the program.
- agreed to a request from the University of Calgary for a fully expedited review of its proposal for a Master of Pathologists' Assistant and, after conducting a desk review, agreed to recommend to the Minister that he approve the program. The program was subsequently approved.
- after considering a request from Ambrose University College for a fully expedited review of its proposal for a 4-year Bachelor of Arts (Psychology), decided to defer its decision pending receipt of further information.
- began consideration of a request from the University of Calgary for a fully expedited review of its proposal for a 4-year Bachelor of Science in Energy Engineering.

An update was also provided on the work being done to revise Part B of the proposal template.

(b) *Monitoring Standing Committee*

The Monitoring Standing Committee (MSC) reported it had taken the following actions on behalf of Council since the previous meeting:

- after reviewing the information provided by sixteen institutions in their 2013-14 annual reporting, and after considering the comments of members at the December 2014 meeting, wrote to each institution indicating Council's commendations and requests for further information, as applicable.

An update was also provided on discussions the MSC is having with the Vice-President Academics of MacEwan, Mount Royal, NAIT and SAIT on scholarly activity and reporting to CAQC. To discuss their documents related to scholarly activity indicators, Dr. John Corlett, Provost and Vice-President Academic at MacEwan University; Dr. Neil Fassina, Provost and Vice-President Academic at NAIT; and Greg Michaud, Dean of the Centre for Academic Learner Services and Interim Vice President Academic at SAIT, joined the meeting in person, and Dr. Kathryn Shailer, Provost and Vice-President Academic at Mount Royal University, joined via videoconference.

Council accepted the reports from its subcommittees.

The next meeting of Council is scheduled for 21-22 April 2015.