
Minutes of the Ninety-Second Council Meeting – 7-8 March 2022
Via videoconference

Council

Present: Dietmar Kennepohl (Co-Chair), Gayla Rogers (Co-Chair), Gurston Dacks, Jeff Goldberg, Paul Gooch, Annie Prud'homme-Généreux, Gord Nixon, John Stubbs, Arlette Zinck, Cynthia Zutter

Secretariat Paul Gaudette (Director), Guy Germain (Senior Manager), Alex Makar (Coordinator), Robert Rock (Program Analyst), Nora MacLachlan (Program Analyst) (Monday only)

Guests Peter Mahaffy (for agenda item 3 only – via videoconference)
Elizabeth Evans, Michael Quinn (for agenda item 3 only – via videoconference)
Demetrios Nicolaides, Mandi Johnson, Sam Blackett (for agenda item 5 only – via videoconference)
Viacheslav Adamchuk (for agenda item 6 only – via videoconference)
Stuart Cullum, Debbie Thompson, James Benkie (for agenda item 6 only – via videoconference)
Craig Monk, David McLaughlin, Ken Ristau (for agenda item 7 only – via videoconference)

Members were welcomed to the ninety-second meeting of the Campus Alberta Quality Council. This was Dietmar Kennepohl's last meeting as Co-chair of Council, and he was thanked for his many years of service.

1. Approval of minutes – 6-7 December 2021 / 24 January 2022

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the 6-7 December minutes be adopted, as amended.

CARRIED

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the 24 January 2022 minutes be adopted, as amended.

CARRIED

2. CAQC Chair and Secretariat report

The Co-Chairs and Secretariat Senior Manager reviewed their report and responded to members' questions of clarification.

3. Mount Royal University Second Comprehensive Evaluation / Application for Audit Status

Council is responsible for the monitoring of the degree programs approved by the Minister to ensure they continue to meet Council's conditions and standards of institutional and program quality. In January 2020 Council notified Mount Royal University (MRU) it would be conducting a second comprehensive evaluation of the institution and would, at the same time, consider its application for audit status.

After general discussion and identification of questions, Dr. Peter Mahaffy, Chair of the comprehensive evaluation team, joined the meeting via videoconference to answer questions of clarification on the evaluation team report and MRU's response to it. At the end of the videoconference, Council's Co-Chair thanked Dr. Mahaffy for the team's report.

Subsequently, Dr. Elizabeth Evans (Interim Provost and Vice-President, Academic) and Dr. Michael Quinn (Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President, Academic) joined the meeting via videoconference to discuss MRU's response to the report.

It was MOVED and SECONDED that Council confirm the continuation of approval of the existing baccalaureate programs at Mount Royal University

CARRIED

Members AGREED to the expectations to be included in the letter to MRU conveying the outcome of the comprehensive evaluation, as well as the letter outlining the next steps in the audit status application.

4. Committees

(a) Proposal Review Standing Committee

The Proposal Review Standing Committee reported it had taken the following actions on behalf of Council since the previous meeting agenda update:

- began consideration of a request from Concordia University of Edmonton for a fully expedited review of its proposal for a 4-year Bachelor of Arts (Philosophy) program.
- after considering post-implementation reporting with respect to Red Deer Polytechnic's 4-yr BA/BSc (Psychology) programs, conveyed its observations in a feedback letter.
- with respect to Olds College's proposal for a 4-year Bachelor of Digital Agriculture, completed its review in preparation for subsequent discussion at Council.

(b) Monitoring Standing Committee

The Monitoring Standing Committee reported it had taken the following actions on behalf of Council since the previous meeting agenda update:

- after concluding its consideration of the results of Mount Royal University's cyclical review of its 4-year Bachelor of Health and Physical Education (Sport and Recreation Management) program, conveyed its observations in a feedback letter.
- after concluding its consideration of the results of St. Mary's University's cyclical review of its 4-year Bachelor of Arts (Liberal Studies) program, conveyed its observations in a feedback letter.
- after concluding its consideration of the results of Mount Royal University's cyclical review of its 4-year Bachelor of Child Studies (Early Learning and Child Care) program, conveyed its observations in a feedback letter.
- continued its consideration of the results of Concordia University of Edmonton's cyclical review of its 3-year and 4-year Bachelor of Science (Mathematics) programs.
- began its consideration of the results of St. Mary's University's cyclical review of its 3-year and 4-year Bachelor of Arts (History) program.
- began its consideration of the results of Burman University's cyclical review of its 4-year Bachelor of Arts (Behavioural Science) program.
- began its consideration of the results of Burman University's cyclical review of its 3-year and 4-year Bachelor of Science (Psychology) programs.

5. Discussion with Minister Nicolaides

At Council's invitation, Minister of Advanced Education, Demetrios Nicolaides, accompanied by Mandi Johnson (Chief of Staff) and Sam Blackett (Press Secretary) met with members to discuss some issues relevant to Council's mandate.

6. Olds College – Consideration of a proposal for a Bachelor of Digital Agriculture

Olds College is seeking approval to offer a new 4-yr Bachelor of Digital Agriculture program. Dr. Viacheslav Adamchuk, Chair of the program evaluation team, joined the meeting via videoconference to answer questions of clarification on the evaluation team report and the College's response to it. At the end of the videoconference, Council's Co-Chair thanked Dr. Adamchuk for the team's report.

Mr. Stuart Cullum (President), Ms. Debbie Thompson (Vice President Academic and Student Experience), and Mr. James Benkie (Dean, Werklund School of Agriculture Technology) joined the meeting via videoconference to discuss the College's response to the report.

After reviewing the additional information and following further discussion, members agreed to continue discussion of the proposal at a subsequent meeting pending receipt of further information from the institution.

7. Discussion with MacEwan University officials

Members met with Dr. Craig Monk (provost and Vice-President, Academic), Dr. David McLaughlin (Associate Vice-President, Planning and Analysis and Registrar, and Associate Professor, Mathematics), and Dr. Ken Ristau (Institutional Analyst, Institutional Analysis and Planning) to discuss MacEwan's proposal to offer extra-disciplinary secondary majors in their BA and BSc programs, as well as the next steps in their application for audit status.

The next meeting of Council is scheduled for 13-14 June 2022.