
Minutes of the 115th Council Meeting**January 23 & 29, 2026****Virtually via MS TEAMS (January 23, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM MST; January 29, 10:00 – 11:00 AM MST)**

Council

Present: Moira McPherson (Co-Chair), Jeffrey Church (Co-Chair), Jaclyn Doherty, Christopher Hosgood, Kevin McQuillan, Erasmus Okine, Annie Prud'homme-Généreux, Cynthia Zutter

Secretariat Paul Gaudette (Director, Program Oversight and Workforce Planning), Daniel Braun (Acting Manager), Alex Makar (System Quality Analyst); Angharad Hong-Brown (Program Approval Specialist); Aurora Sharmin (Program Resources Officer)

Guests Tom Noseworthy (for agenda item 2 only)
Benny Xu, Wanda Duong, Alex Besaw (for agenda item 2 only)

Members were welcomed to the one-hundred and fifteenth meeting of the Campus Alberta Quality Council.

1. Approval of the Agenda

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the agenda of the 115th Meeting of Council be adopted.

CARRIED

2. Alberta College of Acupuncture and Traditional Chinese Medicine (ACATCM) – Bachelor of Acupuncture Program Evaluation

Alberta College of Acupuncture and Traditional Chinese Medicine (ACATCM) is seeking approval to offer a new 4-year Bachelor of Acupuncture degree program. As this is a first degree to be offered by ACATCM, prior to undergoing evaluation of its Bachelor of Acupuncture program, the institution had undergone an organizational evaluation by Council focused on institution's readiness to offer degree programming.

Preparing for CAQC's January 23, 2026, meeting, Council's Proposal Review Staging Committee reviewed the Site Visit Team's report and ACATCM's response to that report and prepared a summary recommendation for Council's consideration.

As part of Council's discussion at the January 23 meeting, Dr. Tom Noseworthy, SVT Chair, joined the meeting to answer questions of clarification on the SVT report and the institution's response to it. At the end of the videoconference, Council's Co-Chair thanked Dr. Noseworthy for the team's report.

Subsequently, Dr. Benny Xu (Executive Director), Dr. Wanda Duong (Vice President, Academic Affairs) and Dr. Alex Besaw (Compliance & Quality Assurance Officer) joined the meeting to discuss the institution's response to the report.

Following discussion of both the SVT report and ACATCM's response at Council's January 23 and 29 meetings, members AGREED to continue their consideration of the proposal pending receipt of further information from the institution.

Members also AGREED to the issues to be addressed in the preliminary outcomes letter to the institution.

The next meeting of Council is scheduled for March 9, 2026.