
Minutes of the 106th Council Meeting – 28 October 2024
Via Videoconference

Council

Present: Gayla Rogers (Co-Chair), Gord Nixon (Co-Chair), Jaclyn Doherty, Jeff Goldberg, Christopher Hosgood, Amit Kumar, Moira McPherson, Kevin McQuillan, Annie Prud'homme-Généreux, Arlette Zinck, Cynthia Zutter

Secretariat Paul Gaudette (Director, Program Oversight and Workforce Planning), Allison Peters (Manager), Daniel Braun (System Quality Analyst), Alex Makar (System Quality Analyst), Alison Jeppesen (System Quality Analyst), Eric Franke (Program Resource Officer)

Guests Dr. Dawn Wallin (agenda item 3 only), Dr. Terry Kowalchuk (agenda item 3 only), Dr. Jodi Peebles (agenda item 3 only), Chantal Lussier (agenda item 3 only).

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

1. Approval of minutes – 21-22 September 2024 meeting

Following revisions presented by Dr. Moira McPherson, it was MOVED and SECONDED that the 21-22 September 2024 minutes be adopted, with proposed revisions.

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2. CAQC Chair and Secretariat report

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

3. Northwestern Polytechnic – Bachelor of Education – Program Review

Northwestern Polytechnic (NWP) is seeking to offer a Bachelor of Education program. According to Council's procedures, the proposal is subject to a program evaluation as this would be a new category of baccalaureate degree program for the institution.

Dr. Dawn Wallin, Chair of the program evaluation team, joined the meeting via videoconference to answer questions of clarification on the evaluation team report and the institutional response to it. At the end of the videoconference, Council's Co-Chairs thanked Dr. Wallin for the team's report.

Subsequently, Dr. Terry Kowalchuk (Vice President Academic), Dr. Jodi Peebles (Dean of Business), and Chantal Lussier (Coordinator for BEd collaborative programs) of NWP joined the meeting via videoconference to discuss the institution's response to the report.

Following discussion of both the team's report and the University's response to it, it was MOVED and SECONDED that the Elementary specialization in the proposal be approved with conditions, while a decision on the Secondary specialization be deferred until additional conditions were met.

4. SAIT – Continued consideration of a proposal for a Bachelor of Technology with specializations in Software Development and Cyber Security

The Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT) is seeking to offer a Bachelor of Technology program with specializations in Software Development and Cyber Security. According to Council's procedures, the proposal is subject to a program evaluation as this would be a new category of baccalaureate degree program for the institution.

Following discussion of the updated proposal from SAIT it was MOVED and SECONDED that the proposal be approved with conditions.

5. St. Mary's University – Continued consideration of Organizational Evaluation (Graduate Programs)

St. Mary's University (StMU) is seeking to offer a Master of Education in Catholic Leadership. Since this would be their first graduate degree program, the proposal is subject to an organizational evaluation as per Council's procedures.

Following discussion of the supplementary information received from StMU it was MOVED and SECONDED that the organizational evaluation be approved, and the proposal moved to the program evaluation stage.

The next meeting of Council is scheduled for 10 December 2024 via videoconference.