

CAMPUS ALBERTA QUALITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ninth Council Meeting – 6 October 2005 CAQC Secretariat Boardroom, Commerce Place

Council

Present: Doug Owram (Chair), Andrew Berczi, Michael Faulkner, Dianne Kieren, Garry McKinnon, Peter Meekison, Cliff Soper, Lucille Walter, Keith Ward, Mo Watanabe

Absent: Dan Gaynor

Secretariat Marilyn Patton (Director), Guy Germain (Manager), Meg Walker (Research and Policy Analyst)

Guests Dr. Tom Keenan (for part of agenda #1)

The Chair welcomed members to the ninth meeting of the Campus Alberta Quality Council. This was a teleconference meeting, with several members attending in person.

1. Concordia University College of Alberta – continued consideration of a proposal for a Master of Management in Information Systems Security

Concordia University College of Alberta is seeking authority to offer a Master of Management in Information Systems Security.

Dr. Tom Keenan, Chair of the program evaluation team, joined the meeting and answered questions on the evaluation team report and Concordia's response to it.

Prior to Dr. Keenan's departure, Doug Owram thanked him for an excellent report.

As one of Council's program assessment standards is aimed at ensuring an appropriate fit between the nomenclature of the credential to be awarded and the content of the degree, the issue of degree nomenclature was discussed by Council. It was noted that Concordia is in agreement with the team's recommendation to change the nomenclature from a Master of Management in Information Systems Security to a Master of Information Systems Security Management.

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** that the Council recommend that the Minister of Advanced Education recommend that Concordia University College of Alberta be authorized by Order in Council to offer an approved Master of Information Systems Security Management.

CARRIED

Members then discussed what expectations would be conveyed to Concordia should the program be approved.

2. Grant MacEwan College – continued consideration of a proposal for a 4-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Grant MacEwan College is seeking authority to offer a 4-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing. The College has withdrawn its proposal for the Post-RN Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.

At its 9 September 2005 meeting, MacEwan presented a request that Council review a revised 4-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing proposal in Spring 2006. Council considered the request from the previous meeting and AGREED to the specific areas MacEwan would be asked to address in their addendum to the proposal, as well as the process for the Spring 2006 review.

3. Athabasca University – consideration of a request for a blended and partially expedited review for a Doctor of Distance Education proposal

Athabasca University has requested a blended and partially expedited review with respect to its application to offer a Doctorate in Distance Education should the program be referred to Council by the Minister.

At its 9 September 2005 meeting, Council passed a motion that, in light of the recent accreditation of Athabasca University by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, Council strike a subcommittee to review the report and advise Council on whether or not to agree to the University's request for a partially expedited or blended review.

After discussing the subcommittee's report,

it was MOVED and SECONDED that Council approve Athabasca University's request for a blended and expedited review of its proposal for a Doctor of Distance Education, should the application be referred to Council.

CARRIED

Council will determine the specific organizational issues to be addressed by the program review team.

4. DeVry Institute of Technology-Calgary – consideration of a request for a change in nomenclature of three approved degree programs

DeVry Institute of Technology-Calgary has requested that their three approved degree programs (Bachelor of Technology in Computer Information Systems, Bachelor of Technology in Electronics Engineering Technology, Bachelor of Business Operations) be renamed using the Bachelor of Science nomenclature.

At its 14 June 2005 meeting, Council agreed to appoint Bachelor of Science program experts to assess the science content in DeVry-Calgary's Bachelor of Technology degree programs in order to address the institution's request for a change of degree nomenclature.

Council considered the rationale provided by DeVry-Calgary, the reports of two Bachelor of Science program experts, as well as additional research supplied by the Secretariat. Following discussion,

it was MOVED and SECONDED that Council reaffirm the nomenclature of DeVry Institute of Technology-Calgary's approved Bachelor of Business Operations degree program.

CARRIED

Members then considered the renaming of the two Bachelor of Technology degrees.

It was MOVED and SECONDED that Council recommend to the Minister of Advanced Education that DeVry Institute of Technology-Calgary's approved Bachelor of Technology in Computer Information Systems and Bachelor of Technology in Electronics Engineering Technology be renamed as Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems and Bachelor Science in Electronics Engineering Technology, respectively.

During discussion of the motion, Council decided that more information was required before making a decision. Consequently,

it was MOVED and SECONDED that the motion be tabled until the November meeting.
CARRIED

5. Approval of minutes – 9-10 September 2005

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the 9-10 September 2005 minutes be adopted.
CARRIED

6. CAQC Chair and Secretariat report

The Chair briefly reviewed the Chair and Secretariat report, provided updates on some issues, and responded to members' questions.

The Chair noted that a request for a fully expedited review of three new degree proposals was received from an institution. Council AGREED that the decision on whether to approve this type of request could be delegated to the Chair and reported to members at a subsequent meeting.

The Chair provided an update to a request from Alliance University College/Canadian Nazarene University College to revise the core requirements for both institutions' approved 3- and 4-year Bachelor of Arts programs, the requirements of the General Studies and Christian Studies concentration for both 3-year BAs, and the requirements of Alliance's Christian Studies major. The Chair reported that he had written to AUC/NUC approving the revisions. Council had agreed at its September 2005 meeting that this type of issue could be delegated to the Chair and reported to members at a subsequent meeting.

The next scheduled meeting of Council is scheduled for 4-5 November 2005.