



ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES March 12, 2009

Members:

Council Chair:

Dr. Som Pillay

Council Vice-Chair:

Mr. Ali Al-Asadi

President:

Mr. Don Gnatiuk | **Notice of Absence**

Vice-President Academic:

Ms. Susan Bangrove | **Notice of Absence**

Deans:

Dr. Scott McAlpine | **Notice of Absence**

Ms. Jean Nordin

Dr. Jerry Petryshyn | **Notice of Absence**

Academic Staff Association:

Mr. Ali Al-Asadi

Mr. Franco Carlacci | **Absent**

Ms. Pat Caulfield Fontaine

Mr. Garth Finlay

Ms. Nancy Fraser | **Notice of Absence**

Dr. Rene Gadacz | **Notice of Absence**

Ms. Shonda Holt

Ms. Arlene Loewen

Dr. Som Pillay

Ms. Carolyn Vasileiou

Students' Association:

Ms. Jessica Bull | **Notice of Absence**

Mr. Jacob Hiller | **Absent**

Mr. Jules LaPrairie | **Notice of Absence**

Ms. Vannessa Maisonneuve | **Absent**

Ms. Amy Penson

Mr. Jesse Sopko

Mr. Rory Tarant

Mr. Jordan Zeyha | **Absent**

Employees' Association:

Ms. Lynne Ness

Mr. Gordon Pellerin

Ms. Cate Sazwan

Community Members:

Ms. Janet Longmate | **Notice of Absence**

Ms. Terri Scott

3459 CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

3460 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Mr. Pellerin, **SECONDED** by Ms. Vasileiou that the agenda of March 12, 2009 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3461 MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2009

MOVED by Ms. Sazwan, **SECONDED** by Ms. Vasileiou that the Minutes of January 8, 2009 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3462 ACADEMIC AUTHORITY AND BYLAWS

The Academic Authority and Bylaws were deferred to the April meeting to ensure all revisions are completed.

3463 COMMITTEE REPORTS*DISTANCE EDUCATION COMMITTEE*

Ms. Nordin reported that the first meeting of the Distance Education Committee was held last month. Mr. Al-Asadi was nominated as Chair of the committee. The next meeting will be held in late April.

3464 OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr. Tarant reported that the tabulation of the votes from the Students Association executive election was currently taking place. The chili cook-off is next Wednesday and Rory invited departments and individuals to enter. An instructor vs. student trivia challenge will be held on March 25.

Mr. Finlay congratulated Mr. Sopko on receiving the ACAC Charles John Morter Award for his leadership, dedication and sportsmanship in curling.

Dr. Pillay advised that STARS, Alliance Pipeline and GPRC are planning a mock emergency event for April 8, 2009. More details will follow late next week.

Ms. Ness expressed a concern about the lack of basic English language competency in some GPRC graduates.

ACTION: Dr. Pillay asked Ms. Nordin to discuss at Curriculum Committee and make a recommendation to Academic Council.

Ms. Nordin reminded Academic Council that the deadline for students to submit their application for valedictorian is March 13th; although this likely will be extended to March 20th. As well, it is now time for students to apply to graduate; convocation is scheduled for May 9, 2009.

3465 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

Dr. Som Pillay, Chair

Ms. Barb Johnston, Records

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