



ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES March 13, 2008

Members:

Council Chair: Dr. Laurie Nock
Council Vice-Chair: Mr. Evans Forsyth

President: Mr. Don Gnatiuk
Director, Student Services: Ms. Jean Nordin
Dean/Acting Vice President, Academic: Ms. Jane Friesen
Dr. Scott McAlpine

Notice of Absence

Academic Staff Association: Mr. Ali Al-Asadi (Alternate)
Dr. George Ding
Ms. Nancy Fraser
Ms. Joan Godbout
Ms. Shonda Holt
Ms. Karen Kennedy
Ms. Dianne McDonald
Dr. Weixing Tan
Ms. Carolyn Vasileiou

Notice of Absence

Students' Association: Mr. Said Abadalla
Ms. Amber Amy
Mr. Andrew Chappell
Ms. Vanessa Maisonneuve
Mr. Isioma Oyem
Mr. Rory Tarant

Absent

Absent

Employees' Association: Mr. Gordon Pellerin
Ms. Joanne Stiles
Ms. Jill Thomson

Community Members: Mr. Dennis Fedeyko
Ms. Janet Longmate

Notice of Absence

Absent

Student Guests: Ms. Angela Colbert, Business Administration
Ms. Lindsay Laboucan, Business Administration

3395 CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

3396 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Ms. Nordin, **SECONDED** by Ms. Godbout that the agenda of March 13, 2008 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3397 MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 14, 2008

MOVED by Ms. Stiles, **SECONDED** by Mr. Al-Asadi that the Minutes of February 14, 2008 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Business Arising from Minutes of February 14, 2008**Absences for Athletic Team Travel**

François Fournier, Athletics Director met with Wolves' coaches the first week of March to address the need to inform instructors regarding student absences due to athletic team travel. Ms. Friesen noted that the "Absences for Athletic Team Travel" policy may be reviewed again in the future.

Collaborations

Mr. Gnatiuk forwarded a copy of the draft Master Core Protocol document to Dr. Nock and Dr. McAlpine for review. They have designated a blackboard spot to exchange feedback and comments and will continue to review the document.

3398 COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE***Convocation Committee***

MOVED by Ms. Nordin, **SECONDED** by Ms. Vasileiou that the Terms of Reference for the Convocation Committee be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Nominating Committee

MOVED by Mr. Pellerin, **SECONDED** by Ms. Friesen that the Terms of Reference for the Nominating Committee be approved as presented, with the following amendment:

- In the "Composition" section, the first bullet should read, "Two members from the Academic Staff Association, 2 year term (*elected in alternating years*)"

CARRIED

3399 COMMITTEE REPORTS***Convocation Committee Minutes of February 27, 2008***

The Convocation Committee Minutes of February 27, 2008 were received for information.

Program Review Committee

Ms. Friesen provided an update on behalf of the Program Review Committee. She indicated that the Committee has started reviewing the Program Review submission from the Department of Business Administration. She also indicated that the Committee has postponed the review of the Office Administration program as the Department is currently undergoing an internal review and are working on repackaging their certificate program due to declining enrolment, therefore a program review by the Committee may not be beneficial at this time.

Waitlist Ad-Hoc Committee

Ms. Nordin reported on the Waitlist Ad-Hoc Committee. The first meeting was held on March 12 and a subsequent meeting will be scheduled to continue discussions regarding this subject.

3400 ACADEMIC ISSUES***2009-2010 Arctic Winter Games***

On behalf of the 2010 Arctic Winter Games Committee, Ms. Friesen presented a request for the following:

1. That Winter Break (for the 2009-2010 academic year) be moved to March 8-12, 2010.
2. In addition, that the Winter Break (for the 2009-2010 academic year) be extended to include Thursday, March 4 and Friday, March 5 to allow for proper set-up of the College and also include Monday, March 15 to allow time to take down and restore the College for classes.

The request was presented to the Executive Committee on March 4, 2008 and the Executive Committee advised that it would commit the total resources of the College for the success of the Games. It was noted that the Games will provide a tremendous experience for our students as well.

Council members discussed the proposal and the impacts it would have on instruction at the College. Ms. Nordin presented three different options which the committee which drafts the academic schedule had prepared.

MOVED by Ms. Friesen, **SECONDED** by Ms. Vasileiou that the Winter Break for the 2009-2010 Academic year be moved and extended from March 4-15, 2010.

DEFEATED

MOVED by Ms. Stiles, **SECONDED** by Ms. Fraser, that the Winter Break for the 2009-2010 academic year will be scheduled for March 5-12, 2010 inclusive and that alternate methods of delivery will be used, if at all possible, on March 4 and 15, 2010.

CARRIED

3401 OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr. Tarant advised that student elections are coming up and he asked members to encourage their students to participate and vote.

The Students' Association will be hosting their annual Chili Cook-off on March 26th with nine departments currently registered.

Mr. Gnatiuk reported that Phil Gougeon, Assistant Deputy Minister for Advanced Education and Technology has resigned from his position effective April 4, 2008. He noted that this will be a huge loss for the post-secondary system. He also noted that Mr. Doug Horner remains the Minister of Advanced Education and Technology.

3402 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.



Dr. Laurie Nock, Chair



Ms. Wanda Moen, Records

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