



Athabasca University General Faculties Council

Academic Planning, Policy, and Standards Committee

Approved Minutes for Meeting 12 of the Academic Planning, Policy, and Standards Committee held on April 11, 2017, in Governing Council Chambers, AU-Athabasca.

Present: Cindy Ives (Chair), Alain May, Richard MacLeod, Pamela Hawranik, Margaret Kierylo, Helen Mayes, Nancy Parker and via teleconference: Deborah Hurst, Lisa Carter, Margaret Edwards, Mohamed Ally, Jane Arscott, Jacob Musila, Shandip Saha, Kay Devine, Debbie Fraser, Ken Munyikwa, Dietmar Kennepohl, Tilly Jensen, Larbi Esmahi, Susan Moisey

Regrets: Donna Romyn, Veronica Thompson, Eric Strikwerda, Helen Salzl, Karen Cook,

Governance Staff: Eileen Hendy (Recording Secretary)

Others: Ann Reynolds

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- 1.1 **Motion 12-01** That Academic Planning, Policy, and Standards Committee approves the agenda as presented.

Jensen

Carried

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- 2.1 **Action** Subject to the Conflict of Interest provision of the General Faculties Council Rules, members were asked by the Chair to declare any conflict they may have with respect to the meeting agenda.

No conflicts declared.

3. MINUTES

- 3.1 **Motion 12-02** That Academic Planning, Policy, and Standards Committee approves the minutes of Meeting 11, held March 07, 2017, as amended.

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Amendments:

6.1 – 4th bullet under accessibility – add ‘compared’ before with overall students

6.1 – 3rd bullet under affordability – change ‘council’ to ‘associations’

6.1 – 2nd bullet under appendix E – change ‘quality’ to ‘equality’

6.3 – 1st sentence - add ‘lack of’ before upgrades to Moodle...

Carried

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

5. ACTION ITEMS

None



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6. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 DBA Response to Program Review

The Program Director, Doctor of Business Administration, presented this item.

During the ensuing discussion the following was discussed:

- elimination of the GMAT and/or GRE
- offering a credential after coursework is completed successfully
- aligning the progress assessment with the Faculty of Graduate Studies process

6.2 MSCHE Accreditation Review and AU Response – Update

Dietmar Kennepohl and Nancy Parker, Co-leads MSCHE Accreditation Review presented this item. It was noted an update on the review will be provided at the next meeting.

6.3 Draft Student Services Plan (CONFIDENTIAL)

The Associate Vice President, Student and Academic Services presented this item.

During the ensuing discussion the following was discussed:

- Metrics for institutional outcomes
- Involving faculties in development of student orientation, on-boarding initiatives and e-letter enhancement
- Investment of Open Education Resources (OERs) savings
- Collaboration among faculties regarding communicating with students
- Actions outlined in the plan applying to undergraduate and graduate students

The Associate Vice President, Student and Academic Services noted a final draft of the Student Services Plan will be ready by the end of June, 2017.

7. SCHEDULE OF PENDING ITEMS

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

8.1 Motion 12-03 That the Academic Planning, Policy, and Standards Committee be adjourned.

Jensen

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.