
OPEN SESSION

Tuesday, September 25 2018

5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Approved Minutes

Room 9-201, CCC

Chair:	Deborah Saucier	Vice-Chair:	Raymond Baril
Present:	Karen Buro	Kevin Hood	Kathleen Miller
	Sarah Copland	Robert Irwin	Susan Mills
	Wanda Costen	Shahidul Islam	Craig Monk
	Debbie Couves	David Johnson	Peter Myhre
	Nancy Digdon	Dave Kato	Albena Pergelova
	Pam Farvolden	Jackie Kent	Raina Rudko
	Lucio Gelmini	Kari Krell	Bekah Rychliski
	Allan Gilliland	Tamara Lane	Vince Salyers
	Bob Graves	Annetta Latham	Melike Schalomon
	Emily Gryba	Taegan Lloyd	Masoud Shadnam
	Krista Hanscomb	Fred McGinn	Josh Toth
	Kimberley Harcombe	Debbie McGugan	Andrea Wagner
	Samantha Hay	David McLaughlin	Randi Ziorio Dunlop
	Catherine Hedlin	Heather McRae	
Regrets:	Nina Bernstein	Rickard Enstroem	Lindsey Whitson
Guests/Speakers:	Roxanne Tootoosis, Indigenous Knowledge Keeper and Facilitator, kihêw waciston		
	Dawn Sadoway, Chair, Academic Planning and Priorities Committee		
	Calin Anton, Chair, Committee on Admissions and Transfer		
	Jenny McGrath, Chair, MacEwan Committee on Internationalization		
	Michael Seredycz, Chair, Research Ethics Board		
	Carolle Pollock, Chair, Student Services Committee		
University Governance:	Gina DeVeaux	David Epp, Scribe	

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting of Academic Governance Council (AGC) was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Deborah Saucier, Chair, AGC presented ceremony protocol to Roxanne Tootoosis, Indigenous Knowledge Keeper and Facilitator, kihêw waciston, and requested a blessing for the meeting. R. Tootoosis led a ceremony and prayer in Plains Cree and in English.

The Chair welcomed new and returning members to AGC, and introduced the new Director of University Governance, Gina DeVeaux.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

AGC-01-09-25-2018

Mover/Seconder: Dave Kato, Lucio Gelmini

To approve the Academic Governance Council agenda for September 25, 2018, as presented.

—Carried

3.0 AGC Open Minutes: June 8, 2018

The June 8, 2018 minutes will be on the October 30, 2018 AGC Agenda for decision.

4.0 Approval of Consent Agenda

The following items were approved/ reviewed on the consent agenda:

- 4.1 AGC Annual Summary 2017-2018
- 4.2 Executive Committee Minutes: September 4, 2018
- 4.3 Dissolve Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Policy Process Review
- 4.4 Faculty of Arts and Science Curriculum Changes

AGC-02-09-25-2018

Mover/Seconder: Karen Buro, Bob Graves

It was requested to defer Item 4.5, Faculty of Nursing Curriculum Changes, for approval at a future meeting.

To approve the items on the consent agenda, as amended.

—Carried

5.0 Report of the Provost and Vice-President Academic *pro tempore*

Craig Monk, Provost and Vice-President Academic *pro tempore*, reported on the following items:

- Myrna Khan, Vice-President University Relations, began her term September 1, 2018, and is attending today's AGC meeting.
- Welcomed David McLaughlin to AGC in his new role as Associate Vice-President, Planning and Analysis and Registrar, reporting to the Provost. David will lead the combined functions of the Office of the University Registrar, Institutional Analysis and Planning, and Student Financial Aid within Academic Affairs.
- Future faculty recruitment postings will include a new inclusion and diversity statement.
- Code of Conduct question follow-up from a previous AGC meeting:
 - The Associate Vice-President, Students and the Deans are putting together a "What If ..." one-pager to address concerns about Code of Conduct policies.
- Research Council question follow-up from a previous AGC meeting:
 - As all AGC Standing Committees, Research Council has Terms of Reference subject to AGC's review.
 - Research funding adjudication is never flawless and internal grants applications must be accessible for general audience.
- Search and Reappointment for the Dean of the Library has committed to two rounds of interviews.
- Research

- Policy and procedure development underway to support post-doctoral fellows and other visitors;
- Dr. Kristopher Wells, Faculty of Health and Community Studies, has been awarded the Tier II Canada Research Chair in Sexual and Gender Minority Youth Issues, effective September 1, 2018;
- Further investment in Board of Governors Research Chair program that rebalances workload towards scholarly activity;
- Article 12 = Alternative Workload Assignments:
 - Averaging of teaching over three years;
 - Accommodate “significant” research and creative demands.
- Student Course Evaluation Survey Results
 - Ryerson arbitration case finds numerical averages to be meaningless in tenure and promotion;
 - There is currently a widespread use of averages for comparison within and across departments.

Questions were welcomed, and the following point arose in the discussion:

- Further consideration must be given to the reliance on student evaluations when considering faculty performance appraisals.

6.0 Committee Reports

6.1 Academic Planning and Priorities Committee

6.1.1 Annual Report 2017-2018

Dawn Sadoway, Chair, Academic Planning and Priorities Committee (APPC), presented the APPC Annual Report 2017-2018 for information.

6.2 Committee on Admissions and Transfer

6.2.1 Annual Report 2017-2018

Calin Anton, Chair, Committee on Admissions and Transfer (CAT), presented the CAT Annual Report 2017-2018 for information.

6.3 MacEwan Committee on Internationalization

6.3.1 Annual Report 2017-2018

Jenny McGrath, Chair, MacEwan Committee on Internationalization (MCI), presented the MCI Annual Report 2017-2018 for information.

6.4 Research Council

6.4.1 Annual Report 2017-2018

The Research Council (RC) Annual Report 2017-2018 will be included on the Consent Agenda at the October 30, 2018 AGC meeting.

6.5 Research Ethics Board

6.5.1 Annual Report 2017-2018

Michael Seredycz, Chair, Research Ethics Board (REB), presented the REB Annual Report 2017-2018 for information.

6.5.2 Focus Statement 2018-2019

Michael Seredycz, Chair, Research Ethics Board (REB), presented the REB Focus Statement 2018-2019 for information.

6.6 Student Services Committee

6.6.1 Annual Report 2017-2018

Carolee Pollock, Chair, Student Services Committee Board (SSC), presented the SSC Annual Report 2017-2018 for information. She noted that one task on last year's Focus Statement, developing an Online Degree Audit system, was beyond the scope of the Committee. The University Registrar reported that work on an Online Degree Audit system will begin in February 2019 with an anticipated completion date of mid-2020.

7.0 Faculty and School Councils

7.1 Faculty of Arts and Science Council

7.1.1 Annual Report 2017-2018

Melike Schalomon, Interim Chair, Faculty of Arts and Science Council, presented the Faculty of Arts and Science Council Annual Report 2017-2018 for information.

7.2 Faculty of Fine Arts and Communications Council

7.2.1 Annual Report 2017-2018

Allan Gilliland, Chair, Faculty of Fine Arts and Communications Council, presented the Faculty of Fine Arts and Communications Council Annual Report 2017-2018 for information. He noted that the Official Opening of Allard Hall will be held on September 27, 2017 and everyone is welcome.

7.3 Faculty of Health and Community Studies Council

7.3.1 Annual Report 2017-2018

Fred McGinn, Chair, Faculty of Health and Community Studies Council, presented the Faculty of Health and Community Studies Council Annual Report 2017-2018 for information.

7.4 Faculty of Nursing Council

7.4.1 Annual Report 2017-2018

Vince Salyers, Chair, Faculty of Nursing Council, presented the Faculty of Nursing Council Annual Report 2017-2018 for information.

7.5 School of Business Council

7.5.1 Annual Report 2017-2018

Wanda Costen, Chair, School of Business Council, presented the School of Business Council Annual Report 2017-2018 for information.

7.6 School of Continuing Education Council

7.6.1 Annual Report 2017-2018

Heather McRae, Chair, School of Continuing Education Council, presented the School of Continuing Education Council Annual Report 2017-2018 for information.

All Faculty and School Councils were commended on their work accomplished throughout the past year.

8.0 President's Report

D. Saucier vacated the Chair, and R. Baril presided.

Deborah Saucier, President of MacEwan University, reported on the following:

- On August 3, MacEwan was honoured with a visit from the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, the Honourable Lois Mitchell. The President accompanied her on a MacEwan University campus

tour and their interactions resulted in an invitation from the Lieutenant Governor to the Global Business Forum in Banff on September 27-28.

- On September 24, the President and Terri Suntutjens, Director, Indigenous Initiatives and kihêw waciston, had an introductory meeting with the Association of First Nations (AFN) Regional Chief Marlene Poitras and AFN Advisor – NCO Jed Johns (former SAMU President). MacEwan University's actions to implement the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action were discussed.
- The President will participate in a scoping session at the University of Melbourne, from 8 to 10 October 2018, for a proposed Commonwealth Peace and Reconciliation Network.
- As a Universities Canada Education Committee member, beginning in October, the President will assist in the implementation of the Athena SWAN initiative, as announced in Budget 2018, to enhance the participation of women in the sciences.
- A PSLA Governance Changes Task Force is being struck in anticipation of the Government of Alberta opening the *Post-secondary Learning Act* (PSLA) in the Fall of 2018, for potential implementation prior to the 2019-2020 academic year.
- Institutional Analysis and Planning completed a draft survey with questions on the Fall Reading Break, which was projected for members to view. The one-page document includes background information and two multiple choice questions on different options for the break, and will be sent to all students, faculty, and staff.
 - A member suggested revising the introduction to ensure clarity that a four- day break, when combined with Remembrance Day, would result in five concurrent days off.

9.0 Question Period

D. Saucier noted that sending her questions in advance would result in more complete responses. Questions should be directed to Gina DeVeaux or Marg Leatham. Questions arising from topics discussed at the current AGC meeting are also welcome from the floor.

The following questions arose during question period:

- Why does the cost of hosting a conference or event at MacEwan seem higher than elsewhere?
 - Conference Services is run on a complete cost recovery basis. The Vice-President, Resources and People, will be reviewing those structures to determine costs compared to competitors. It was noted that Allard Hall is not a strictly educational space and is more expensive to rent than facilities in other buildings.
- Where would base funding come from for proposing conferences to use as leverage for matching funds?
 - The Provost replied that in most cases discretionary funds should probably come from the local, or Department level, as they will have a better understanding of the value of the event.

R. Baril vacated the Chair, and D. Saucier presided.

11.0 Future Agenda Items/Next Meeting

The next meeting is October 30, 2018.

12.0 The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Moved by Vince Salyers to adjourn the meeting.