
OPEN SESSION

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Room 9-201, CCC

Minutes

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

Deborah Saucier, Chair, Academic Governance Council (AGC), presented ceremony protocol to Curtis McAdam, Indigenous Knowledge Keeper and Facilitator, kihêw waciston, and requested a blessing for the meeting. C. McAdam led a ceremony and prayer in Plains Cree and in English.

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting of Academic Governance Council (AGC) was called to order at 5:08 p.m.

Deborah Saucier, Chair, Academic Governance Council (AGC), welcomed the new member from the Faculty of Fine Arts and Communications, Travis Hatt.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

AGC-01-10-30-2018

Mover/Second: Fred McGinn, Lucio Gelmini

To approve the Academic Governance Council Open Session agenda for October 30, 2018, as presented.

— Carried

3.0 Declarations of Conflict

No conflicts were declared.

4.0 Approval of AGC Open Minutes

4.1 June 8, 2018 AGC Minutes

The June 8, 2018 minutes were presented for approval.

AGC-02-10-30-2018

Mover/Second: Dave Kato, Vince Salyers

To approve the Academic Governance Council Open Session minutes for June 8, 2018, as presented.

— Carried

4.2 September 25, 2018 AGC Minutes

The September 25, 2018 minutes were presented for approval.

AGC-03-10-30-2018

Mover/Second: Dave Kato, Vince Salyers

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

—Carried

5.0 Approval of Consent Agenda

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

- 5.1 Research Council Annual Report 2017-2018
- 5.2 AGC Executive Committee Minutes, October 16, 2018
- 5.3 Faculty of Arts and Science Curriculum Changes
- 5.4 Faculty of Health and Community Studies Curriculum Changes
- 5.5 Faculty of Nursing Curriculum Changes
- 5.6 School of Business Curriculum Changes

AGC-04-10-30-2018

Mover/Second: Allan Gilliland, Heather McRae

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

— Carried

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

6.0 Board of Governor's Report

Deborah Saucier, President, MacEwan University, reported that the Board of Governors' Report was included in the meeting package, and offered to answer any questions.

7.0 President's Report

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

- The President welcomed John McGrath, Vice-President Resources and People, who will now be an ongoing member of AGC.
- On October 29, 2018 the Government of Alberta introduced Bill 19: Amendments to the Post-secondary Learning Act (PSLA) that establishes MacEwan as an Undergraduate University under Part 1 of the Act. Other amendments will include:
 - Expanded membership of the Board of Governors
 - Establishment of a General Faculties Council (which will replace our current Academic Governance Council)
 - Formal establishment of a Deans' Council
 - Expansion of governance structures through the creation of Faculty and School Councils
 - Appointment of a Chancellor, if determined by the Board
 - Authority to grant honorary degrees

7.1 MacEwan University Annual Report 2017-2018

David McLaughlin, Associate Vice-President, Planning & Analysis and Registrar, and Marg Leathem, Chief of Staff, Office of the President, presented the MacEwan University Annual Report 2017-2018 for AGC's recommendation to the Board of Governors for approval.

AGC-05-10-30-2018

Mover/Seconder: Lucio Gelmini, Dave Kato

To recommend the MacEwan University Annual Report 2017-2018 to the Board of Governors for approval.

— Carried

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

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

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

Facilitated Governance Review

- Review current AGC mandate, roles, and committee structures;
- Conduct benchmarking to comparator institutions;
- Conduct interviews to identify issues, gaps, and areas for improvement;
- Identify changes required to transition the from an AGC to a GFC; and
- Make recommendations to GFC for any change.

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

- A member suggested that a third party could be procured to conduct an audit confirming that MacEwan is in compliance with the amendments to the PSLA.

AGC-06-10-30-2018

Mover/Seconder: Kevin Hood, David Johnson

That the Academic Governance Council retain an external resource to conduct a review of the Academic Governance Council and advise on the transition to a General Faculties Council, in response to Bill 19: Amendments to the Post-secondary Learning Act.

— Carried

Fall Reading Break Survey

- There was overwhelming support for extending the Fall Reading Break from 2 days to 4 days, and revise the Academic Schedule to begin before Labour Day.
- AGC Executive has approved a two-day break for 2019-20, and endorsed a four-day break from 2020 onwards.

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

- The University Registrar agreed to provide AGC with the seven scenarios possible for the Fall Academic Schedule depending on the date of Labour Day.
- Student Affairs has recommended that the break be called a Mental Health Break and to charge instructors not to assign students with essay assignments due just following the break.

Recruitment of an Associate Vice-President, Research

- Cynthia Zutter was thanked for her fine work in this role over the past three years.
- Lynn Wells' portfolio is expanding to incorporate teaching: Office of Teaching and Learning Services and eLearning.
- There will be a campus consultation to gather views on the role of research at an Undergraduate University.

9.0 Committee Reports

9.1 Academic Planning and Priorities Committee

9.1.1 Terms of Reference

Dawn Sadoway, Chair, Academic Planning and Priorities Committee (APPC), presented the revised APPC Terms of Reference for decision.

AGC-07-10-30-2018

Mover/Seconder: Vince Salyers, Melike Schalomon

That Academic Governance Council approve the Academic Planning and Priorities Terms of Reference, as presented.

— Carried

9.1.2 Focus Statement 2018-2019

Dawn Sadoway, Chair, Academic Planning and Priorities Committee (APPC), presented the APPC Focus Statement 2018-2019 for information.

9.1.3 Bachelor of Early Childhood Curriculum Studies (ECCS) Degree Proposal

Dawn Sadoway, Chair, Academic Planning and Priorities Committee (APPC), presented the ECCS degree proposal for decision.

The following points arose in the discussion:

- No additional space is required as no additional students are being admitted to the program.
- The reference to CAFÉ in the proposal should be updated.
- STATS 151 is another class to consider on the course list.

- Fred McGinn, Dean, Faculty of Health and Community Studies, noted that this is the first program of its kind in North America and he thanked Tricia Lirette for all the hard work she put in preparing this proposal.

AGC-08-10-30-2018

Mover/Seconder: Dave Kato, Lucio Gelmini

That Academic Governance Council approve the proposed Bachelor of Early Childhood Curriculum Studies degree, first intake Fall 2020, as presented.

— Carried

9.2 Committee on Admissions and Transfer

9.2.1 Focus Statement 2018-2019

Calin Anton, Chair, Committee on Admissions and Transfer (CAT), presented the CAT Focus Statement 2018-2019 for information.

9.2.2 Bachelor of Early Childhood Curriculum Studies (ECCS) Admission Criteria

Calin Anton, Chair, Committee on Admissions and Transfer (CAT), presented the ECCS Admission Criteria for decision.

The following points arose in the discussion:

- In the Committee's discussion on the admission criteria, they noted that the intention is not to pressure students to present a group C requirement for admission.

AGC-09-10-30-2018

Mover/Seconder: Kathleen Miller, Kevin Hood

That Academic Governance Council approve the Bachelor of Early Childhood Curriculum Studies admission criteria, effective for the first intake in Fall 2020, as presented.

— Carried

9.3 Research Council

9.3.1 Focus Statement 2018-2019

Samuel Mugo, Chair, Research Council, presented the Research Council Focus Statement 2018-2019 for information.

9.4 Student Services Committee

9.4.1 Terms of Reference

Craig Gnauck, Vice-Chair, Student Services Committee (SSC), presented the revised SSC Terms of Reference, for decision.

AGC-10-10-30-2018

Mover/Seconder: Raina Rudko, Travis Hatt

That Academic Governance Council approve the proposed change to the Student Services Committee Terms of Reference regarding ex-officio members.

— Carried

The following points arose in the discussion:

- Revise the title of Lynn Wells in the Terms of Reference to reflect her new role.

9.5 Executive Committee

9.5.1 AGC Committee Nominations Slate

Raymond Baril, Vice-Chair, AGC Executive Committee, presented the AGC Committee Nominations Slate for information.

9.5.2 Off-cycle Nomination for an APPC member

Raymond Baril, Vice-Chair, AGC Executive Committee, presented a nomination for an off-cycle appointment to fill a vacancy on the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee.

AGC-11-10-30-2018

Mover/Seconder: Bob Graves, Randi Ziorio Dunlop

That Gaelan Murphy be appointed to the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee for a term from October 31, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

— Carried

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

9.0 Question Period

No questions were asked.

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

11.0 Future Agenda Items/Next Meeting

The next meeting is November 27, 2018.

12.0 Item for Information

12.1 Indigenous Ceremonial Practices Policy and Indigenous Ceremonial Procedures

The Policy and Procedures were provided for information.

13.0 The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Moved by Dave Kato to adjourn the meeting.