

MINUTES
Monday, October 4, 2021
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Webex

Voting Attendees:

Alvina Mardhani-Bayne	Frank Yeh	Ozlem Cankaya
Anna Azulai	Heather Pick	Paul Chahal
Baiju Vareed	Hellen Gateri	Rhonda Fischer
Brendan Cavanagh	Hongmei Tong	Rita Dhungel
Cassie Prochnau	Jamie Leach	Sharon Hobden
Catherine Hedlin	Jeff Moggach	Shemine Gulamhusein
Christine, Pope	Jenny McGrath	Stewart Callioux
Colleen Phillips	John Corlett	Tara Winsor
Craig Monk	John Haney	Tim Williams
Cynthia Puddu	John Valentine	Valerie Ouedraogo
Danielle Larocque	Kealey Dube	
Dave Kato	Kelsey Reed	
Darren Tellier	Kris Wells	
Erin Gray	Lee Makovichuk	
Faye Hamilton	Maria Di Stasio	
Fiona Gironella	Michelle Andrews	
Fons Chafe	Nancy Thomas	
Frank Yeh	Natalia Rohatyn-	
Heather Pick	Martin	
Hellen Gateri	Noah Kenneally	

Non-Voting Attendees:

Alex Verdecchia	Neil Fitzpatrick
Eaman Mah	
Janice Kenney	Christina Burrows
Karen Keiller	(recording)
Kit Anderson	
Lindsey Whitson	

Regrets:

Doug Johnson	Jiu-lin Wang
Jody Marshall	Maria Smyth

Absent:

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

Welcome and Introductions were made.

2.0 Decanal Search Discussion with Alex Verdecchia, McDermott & Bull-

Alex Verdecchia, the Decanal Search consultant, requested feedback from the Faculty members.

Three questions were presented to the faculty:

- 1- Why would someone want to come to MacEwan?
- 2- What do you see as the main opportunities and challenges ahead for the Dean, HCS for the first three years of their term?
- 3- What organizations do you feel are worth looking into?

Each question was discussed, and feedback was recorded. Faculty were encouraged to contact Alex directly with their thoughts.

3.0 Update on paskwâwi-mostos mêskanâs-Karen Keiller, Dean Library.....Information

Currently, paskwâwi-mostos mêskanâs is being piloted with seven faculty members from across the institution and 369 students. In January, it will be open for faculty to begin course development and familiarize themselves with the new platform. It is expected to be available for teaching in the Spring semester. As details are worked out, further information on the migration from BlackBoard to paskwâwi-mostos mêskanâs will be distributed... Faculty can request early access to the sandbox to preview and testdrive the platform.

Information on how the paskwâwi-mostos mêskanâs name was gifted can be found at the link below:

https://www.macewan.ca/wcm/MacEwanNews/NEWS_MESKANAS_21

4.0 Approval of the Agenda/Consent Agenda

The following items were approved:

- 4.1** Meeting Minutes of August 30, 2021
- 4.2** Membership 2021-2022

After discussion, the following motion was adopted.

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Moved by Catherine Hedlin/Kelsey Reed to accept the Agenda/Consent as presented of October 4, 2021, Carried

5.0 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee-Shemine Gulamhusien

The Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Committee has continued to meet over the summer. Discussion topics include creating the Terms of Reference (ToR), educating faculty, and suggestions on what to include on course outlines. The committee's plans also involve encouraging staff and students to become familiar with the kihêw waciston Indigenous Centre or the roundhouse to see what different opportunities and programming is available around campus. New members are welcome, as it is essential to have as many contributors as possible. Faculty are encouraged to send Shemine their comments or questions gulamhuseins2@macewan.ca.

6.0 Standing Items

6.1 Budget

Heather Pick, Director of Finance & Business Operations, shared a summary of the budget year for 2020-2021. Starting 2021-2022, the fiscal year has been changed to a 9-month cycle to adjust to a new budgetary year-end of March 30. Fiscal year will change to April to March.

6.2 Dean's Report

The Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity has moved to the Roundhouse in Allard Hall. To learn more, please see:

<https://www.macewan.ca/campus-life/centre-for-sexual-and-gender-diversity/>

Information was also shared within the Faculty Council Package.

Convocation will be in-person on November 16 at the Winspear. The Winspear Centre is participating in the exemption program and will be monitoring vaccination status. More information is forthcoming.

Approximately ten thousand students, staff and faculty have uploaded their vaccination status to the Safe@MacEwan app. Currently, these records are being reviewed and verified to confirm proof of vaccination and rapid tests results for those who are unvaccinated. The App sends out messages to remind those who need to obtain their second dose or a reminder that another rapid test is required. Those who have not uploaded their information will be flagged and addressed by Student Services or Human Resources. Faculty/Staff members are not expected to verify student vaccination information.

Winter 2022 will continue with a combination of be essentially face-to-face or hybrid course delivery. Faculty should contact their chair with any questions or clarity of expectations for winter delivery.

The floor was then open for questions from the floor. Questions related to the following:

- 1- Winter semester
- 2- Student messaging
- 3- How to embrace what we have learnt from course delivery during the pandemic.
- 4- Enforcement of vaccinations

Meeting adjourned at 4:34 pm