1.0 Call to Order
Paul Byrne called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

2.0 Welcoming Remarks from the President
Dr. Byrne noted that this is an historic meeting. He then delegated the Chair to Janet Paterson-Weir, Provost/Executive Vice-President Academic.

3.0 Adoption of Agenda
Prior to adoption of the agenda, members introduced themselves and which position or Faculty/School that they represented.

AGC-01-01-20-2009
Moved by David McLaughlin, seconded by Lucio Gelmini THAT the agenda for January 20, 2009 be approved as amended.

Carried

4.0 Report of the Provost/Executive Vice-President Academic
The recommendation from Academic Council for the proposed Bachelor of Communication Studies was approved at the December 11, 2008 Board of Governors meeting.

The Bachelor of Science has received funds for equipping labs which will start this summer. This will involve moving some programs as B.Sc. programming will centre on Building 5.
Upcoming events:

- March 9, 2009 – Workshop presentation by Finola Finlay (Associate Director) of the British Columbia Council on Admissions and Transfers. This will assist MacEwan in considering issues surrounding admissions, exit standards and program outcomes in developing bridging and laddering programs for degrees and designing curriculum architecture for new post-diploma programs.
- February 2-6, 2009: Global College Week – Highlights include presentations by Alexandre Trudeau and David Morley (Doctors without Borders; Institute for Canadian Citizenship; CEO of Save the Children Canada).
- Cathy Walsh is collecting information on peer and non-peer reviewed work for the 2007-2008 Report on Faculty Research, Scholarly Activity and Artistic Achievements, an important document in highlighting research and scholarly activity at MacEwan. She can be reached at walshc@macewan.ca.

5.0 AGC Governance

5.1 Election of Vice-Chair

David McLaughlin was nominated for the position of Vice-Chair. No further nominations were received and D. McLaughlin was elected as Vice-Chair by acclamation.

**AGC-02-01-20-2009**

Moved by Lucio Gelmini, seconded by Cristina Anton THAT David McLaughlin be appointed to the position of Vice-Chair of the Academic Governance Council for a term ending August 30, 2010.

Carried

5.2 Election of Executive Committee

The role and composition of the Executive Committee was discussed. It was recommended that the Terms of Reference be revised to include another item to section 2 as follows:

Decisions of the Executive Committee as referred to in Section 1.2 are subject to review and confirmation by the Academic Governance Council at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

**AGC-03-01-20-2009**

Moved by Paul Byrne, seconded by Travis Huckell THAT Academic Governance Council establish an Executive Committee, comprised of the following 6 members: Chair of AGC, Vice-Chair of AGC, 1 student member of AGC, 2 faculty members of AGC, and 1 Dean who is a member of AGC.

Carried

Travis Huckell and Ruth Stewart were nominated for the faculty positions on the Executive Committee. No further nominations were received and T. Huckell and R. Stewart were elected by acclamation.

David Higgins was nominated for the Dean position on the Executive Committee. No further nominations were received and D. Higgins was elected by acclamation.

John-Paul Hermano was nominated for the student position on the Executive Committee. No further nominations were received and J.P. Hermano was elected by acclamation.
AGC-04-01-20-2009
Moved by Harrison Applin, seconded by Paul Byrne THAT Travis Huckell, Ruth Stewart, David Higgins and John-Paul Hermano be appointed to the Executive Committee of Academic Governance Council until August 30, 2010.

5.3 Nominations Committee
A Notice of Motion along with draft Terms of Reference for the Nominations Committee (NC) was provided to AGC members for consideration at the March AGC meeting.

Discussion ensued on the length of terms and consideration of whether this would prevent members in the second year of their terms from serving on the Nominations Committee; whether only AGC members should serve on the Committee; and the scope and mandate of the NC.

5.4 AGC Bylaws
In order to establish the Academic Governance Council, AGC bylaws were approved at the December 11th Board of Governors meeting, to set up a framework for Council.

AGC-05-01-20-2009
Moved by David Higgins, seconded by Mark Arnison THAT Academic Governance Council approve Policy B3000: Bylaws of the Academic Governance Council of Grant MacEwan College as presented.

Carried

AGC-06-01-20-2009
Moved by David Higgins, seconded by Denise Roy THAT Academic Governance Council establish an ad hoc committee to review the Bylaws of the Academic Governance Council of Grant MacEwan College and bring back any recommendations to AGC by October 2009.

Carried

Caitlin Goyeau, Wayne Williams and Mark Arnison were nominated to the Bylaws Review Committee. No further nominations were received and C. Goyeau, W. Williams and M Arnison were elected by acclamation.

This committee will be supported by the AGC Secretariat.

5.5 AGC Meeting Schedule 2009-2010
The AGC meeting schedule was presented for information. It was agreed to change the starting time of the meeting to 5:45 p.m. on the scheduled Tuesdays.

6.0 Standing Committee Reports
6.1 Academic Policies Committee
6.1.1 APC Work Plan
Susan May, Chair of APC, presented the Work Plan of the AGC.

AGC-07-01-20-2009
Moved by Chris Hancock, seconded by Michael Stock THAT Academic Governance Council approve the 2008-09 Annual Work Plan of the Academic Policies Committee as submitted.

Carried

6.1.2 Academic Policy C5054 – Academic Freedom
Revisions to the Academic Freedom policy were outlined by Susan May, Chair of APC. Clarification was provided regarding 3.1 (the definition of faculty) and 3.6 (the ad hoc committee as the final resolution).
AGC-08-01-20-2009
Moved by Leslie Blyth, seconded by Travis Huckell THAT Academic Governance Council approve the revisions to Policy C5054: Academic Freedom, effective July 1, 2009, as recommended by the Academic Policies Committee (November 4, 2008).
Carried (with one abstention)

6.1.3 Academic Policy C3010 – Evaluation of Programs
The revised policy on Evaluation of Programs was presented by Susan May, Chair of APC. In response to a question about selection of disciplinary experts the process for diploma and certificate programs and degree programs was outlined.

AGC-09-01-20-2009
Moved by Harrison Applin, seconded by Paul Byrne THAT the Academic Governance Council approve the revisions to Policy C3010: Evaluation of Programs, effective July 1, 2009, as recommended by the Academic Policies Committee (November 4, 2008).
Carried

6.2 Admissions and Selections Committee – Stefanie Ivan
6.2.1 ASC Work Plan
Stefanie Ivan, chair of the Admissions and Selections Committee, outlined work plans of the Committee.

AGC-10-01-20-2009
Moved by Leslie Blyth, seconded by Alice Nycholat THAT Academic Governance Council approve the 2008-09 Annual Work Plan of the Admissions and Selections Committee as submitted.
Carried

6.2.2 Admission Criteria – Occupational Health Nursing Certificate Program
Discussion arose as to the definition of “Registered Nurse”; Registrar Stefanie Ivan noted that this is clarified by the change in Admission Criteria for the program.

AGC-11-01-20-2009
Moved by Ruth Stewart, seconded by Harrison Applin THAT Academic Governance Council approve the changes to the admission criteria for the Occupational Health Nursing certificate program, effective for the Fall 2010 intake of the program, as recommended by the Admissions and Selection Committee (November 26, 2008).
Carried

6.2.3 Admission Criteria – Bachelor of Arts Program

AGC-12-01-20-2009
Moved by David Higgins, seconded by John-Paul Hermano THAT Academic Governance Council approve the changes to the admission criteria for the Bachelor of Arts degree program, effective for the Fall 2010 intake of the program, as recommended by the Admissions and Selections Committee (November 26, 2008).
Carried

6.2.4 Admission Criteria – Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program
In response to the question regarding whether students take Math 31 without taking Math 30, Stefanie Ivan noted that there are some students who apply who have taken one of Math 30 or Math 31 but not both.
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AGC-13-01-20-2009
Moved by Caitlin Goyeau, seconded by Denise Roy THAT Academic Governance Council approve the changes to the admission criteria for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program, effective for the Fall 2010 intake of the program, as recommended by the Admissions and Selections Committee (December 17, 2008).

Carried

6.2.5 Admission Criteria – Psychiatric Nursing Diploma Program

AGC-14-01-20-2009
Moved by Harrison Applin, seconded by Lucille Mazo THAT Academic Governance Council approve the changes to the admission criteria for the Psychiatric Nursing diploma program, effective for the Fall 2010 intake of the program, as recommended by the Admissions and Selections Committee (December 17, 2008).

Carried

6.2.6 Admission Criteria – General Studies
Presented for information.

6.3 MacEwan Curriculum Committee – Davar Rezania

6.3.1 Work Plan
Davar Razania, Chair of the MacEwan Curriculum Committee, presented the work plan of the MCC. He acknowledged the work of the office of the Associate Vice-President Academic for its assistance to the MCC in developing forms and establishing processes for evaluation of submissions to the committee.

AGC-15-01-20-2009
Moved by Lucio Gelmini, seconded by David Higgins THAT Academic Governance Council approve the MacEwan Curriculum Committee Annual Work Plan for 2008-09 as submitted.

Carried

6.3.2 Aboriginal Police Studies Program Suspension
Davar Razania, Chair of MCC briefly outlined the rationale for the suspension of this program as presented to MCC, in terms of continuing low enrolment and other opportunities available to prospective students.

AGC-16-01-20-2009
Moved by Alice Nycholat, seconded by Harrison Applin THAT the Academic Governance Council approve the suspension of the Aboriginal Police Studies certificate program, effective immediately, as recommended by the MacEwan Curriculum Committee.

Carried

6.4 Student Services Policy Committee – Al Morrison

6.4.1 Work Plan
Al Morrison, Co-Chair of the Student Services Policy Committee, presented the work plan, noting that this was a new committee formed last academic year.

AGC-17-01-20-2009
Moved by Leslie Blyth, seconded by Lucille Mazo THAT Academic Governance Council approve the Student Services Policy Committee Annual Work Plan for 2008-09 as submitted.

Carried
7.0 Other Business
7.1 Academic Scheduling Principles – Cathryn Heslep
Vice President Student Services Cathryn Heslep noted that the Academic Schedule is guided by principles for its development. The principles ensure that the appropriate numbers of instructional days are available to deliver the curriculum. Professional development days will now take place in May and late August instead of the fall term, and student orientation will be scheduled prior to the beginning of the term. Several corrections were noted in regard to the Assumptions Re: Academic Schedule and Proposed Academic Schedules.

AGC-18-01-20-2009
Moved by Craig Gnauck, seconded by Paul Byrne THAT Academic Governance Council approve the Principles for Academic Scheduling as presented.
Carried (with one abstention)

8.0 Board of Governors Report
President Paul Byrne introduced the Board of Governors’ report, which gives a brief synopsis of items of relevance to AGC that were discussed at the Board of Governors’ meeting in December 2008.

9.0 Question Period
Regarding (10.4.2) of the AGC Bylaws it was noted that the section refers to “Board”, this should be “Council.”

10.0 Future Agenda Items
1. Information update on facilities planning (suggested by President, P. Byrne).

11.0 Next Meeting – March 10, 2009, 5:45 – 8:45 p.m., South Campus

12.0 The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.