1.0 Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m.

2.0 Approval of Agenda/Consent Agenda
The following items were approved on the consent agenda:
- 2.1 AGC Meeting Minutes: October 24, 2011
- 2.2 Executive Committee Minutes: September 23, 2011
- 2.3 Nominations Committee Report

AGC-01-11-15-2011
Moved by R. Irwin, seconded by M. Hossain THAT Academic Governance Council approve the agenda for November 15, 2011 and the items on the consent agenda as presented.

Carried
3.0 Report of the President

David Atkinson, President of MacEwan University, reported on the following items:

- Presidential Installation and Convocation: The President thanked all those who participated in the November 14, 2011 Presidential Installation and MacEwan University Fall Convocation ceremonies.
- MacEwan University received top marks in the Globe and Mail 2012 Canadian University Report.

Janet Paterson-Weir, Vice President Academic, and Brent Quinton, Vice President, Finance and Administration, presented The University in a Downtown Setting, a presentation which explained the stages and process of implementing the single sustainable campus model. During the presentation the following points were noted:

- Advantages of a single campus: cultivates a community of scholars, single-sourced teaching and learning; consolidating levels of expertise in supporting learners.
- Challenges: environment is more shared; centrality of timetabling; technology and pedagogy inform the space.
  - Community engagement in being part of downtown and bringing downtown to our campus.
- When South Campus programs move to City Centre it is estimated the density will be the same as levels experienced prior to opening of the Robbins Health Learning Centre.
- Staff levels could be accommodated by addressing position duplication, and converting some building space for better utility. It was noted that the new building will have multipurpose space.
- Discussions are ongoing regarding the sale of South Campus.

The following points arose during discussion:

- In response to the question of when the City Centre Campus needs and scheduling requirements space will be thoroughly analyzed, it was explained that MacEwan University is consulting with the Ministry on this and should be completed in 3-6 months.
- Regarding how the South Campus move will impact student housing and residence, it was noted that 2011-2012 was one of the first years that the residence was full. Full occupancy would enable Residence Services to meet its financial obligations.
- In response to the observation that AGC and the Board could have been working on the South Campus move together and that the academic side should have been included and consulted sooner, it was noted that the challenge in this case was the urgency of opportunity and that in future a more inclusive process could be used.

4.0 Board of Governors Report

The Board report for October 27, 2011 was included in the November 15, 2011 AGC meeting package.

5.0 Report of the Provost and Executive Vice President Academic

Janet Paterson-Weir, Provost and Executive Vice President Academic, reported on the following:

- The Accreditation Office Update from November 2011 was provided for information.
  - Campus Alberta Quality Council program reviews and reporting requirements were highlighted.
  - Nursing Education Program Approval Board gave the MacEwan University’s Bachelor of Science in Nursing 100% approval for reaccreditation, for which congratulations were extended.

A brief report regarding letters of intent and a summary report on reaccreditation was included.
6.0 Committee Reports

6.1 Animal Care and Ethics Committee
6.1.1 Annual Report and Work Plan
Trevor Hamilton, Chair of Animal Care and Ethics Committee, presented the Animal Care and Ethics Committee’s Annual Report and Work Plan for information.

AGC-02-11-15-2011
Moved by D. Drohan, seconded by J. Stock THAT Academic Governance Council accept for information the 2010-11 Annual Report and the 2011-12 Work Plan of the Animal Care and Ethics Committee as presented in Agenda Item 6.1.1. Carried

6.2 Faculty Evaluation Committee
6.2.1 Annual Report and Work Plan
Denise Roy and Debbie Styles, Co-Chairs of the Faculty Evaluation Committee, presented the Faculty Evaluation Committee’s Annual Report and Work Plan for information. The following points arose during discussion:

• Ongoing need to define components of teaching assessment.
• How to accommodate student feedback with further peer review: the Committee’s goal is to have a larger contingency of peer reviewers which will assist in this process.
• Regarding the evaluation of non-instructional faculty, it was noted that another committee is working on the development of this evaluation process.
• Work on the evaluation of Chairs had not yet begun but was slated as future Committee work.
• Regarding increasing student response rates to surveys two strategies were highlighted:
  o Having forums where student and faculty engagement and discussion are fostered.
  o Publishing evaluation results – the Committee has not submitted its recommendation regarding publishing results yet as they are still reviewing evaluation best practices.

AGC-03-11-15-2011
Moved by E. Elford, seconded by L. Cook THAT Academic Governance Council accept for information the Faculty Evaluation Committee Annual Report for 2010-11 and Work Plan for 2011-12 as presented in agenda item 6.2.1. Carried

6.3 MacEwan International Council
6.3.1 Annual Report and Work Plan
Rick Lewis, Chair of the MacEwan International Council, presented the MacEwan International Council’s Annual Report and Work Plan for information.

AGC-04-11-15-2011
Moved by C. Gnauck, seconded by J. Stock THAT Academic Governance Council accept for information the MacEwan International Council Annual Report for 2010-11 and Work Plan for 2011-12 as presented in Agenda Item 6.3.1. Carried

6.4 Research Council
6.4.1 Annual Report and Work Plan
Meghan Abbott, Chair of Research Council, presented the Research Council’s Annual Report and Work Plan for information. In response to the question of why there was no mention in the Council’s Work
Plan about applying for university eligibility to administer Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) grants, it was explained that the University would not be able to move forward with NSERC applications until Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC) certification is received. (MacEwan University currently has NSERC eligibility as a college).

**AGC-05-11-15-2011**

**Carried**

6.5 **Research Ethics Board**
6.5.1 Annual Report and Work Plan

**AGC-06-11-15-2011**

**Carried**

6.6 **Student Success Committee**
6.6.1 Work Plan
Alan Vladicka and Karen Heslop, Co-Chairs of Student Success Committee, presented the Student Success Committee’s 2011-2012 Work Plan for information. It was suggested that mature student orientation be considered by the Committee.

**AGC-07-11-15-2011**
Moved by D. Roy, seconded by D. Drohan THAT Academic Governance Council accept for information the 2011-2012 Work Plan of the Student Success Committee as presented in agenda item 6.6.1.

**Carried**

6.7 **Nominations Committee**
6.7.1 Distinguished Citizen Selection Committee Member
Chris Hancock, Chair of Nominations Committee, requested a nomination from the floor for a faculty member from AGC to sit on the Distinguished Citizen Selection Committee for a one-year term.

**AGC-08-11-15-2011**
Moved by J. Paterson-Weir, seconded by K. Hering THAT Rose Ginther be appointed to the Distinguished Citizen Selection Committee for a one-year term.

**Carried**

6.7.2 Emeritus Review Committee Member
Chris Hancock, Chair of Nominations Committee, requested nominations from the floor for two AGC members, including one faculty member, for a one-year term each.

**AGC-09-11-15-2011**
Moved by D. Roy, seconded by D. Drohan THAT Jim Head and Debbie McGugan be appointed to the Emeritus Review Committee for one-year terms.

**Carried**
6.8 Strategic and Resource Planning Advisory Committee
6.8.1 Operational Priorities
Alan Vladicka and Sherrell Steele, Co-Chairs of Strategic and Resource Planning Advisory Committee presented the recommendations and observations on the draft Operational Priorities for decision. The following points arose during discussion:
- Concern that the Enrolment Management Plan will be too centralized and out of the hands of the Faculty/Schools.
- Regarding whether consideration had been given to the issue of consistency/alignment of admission standards in the case of bridging and integrating programs, it was noted that work is planned in this area.

AGC-10-11-15-2011
Moved by R. Alam, seconded by K. Hood THAT Academic Governance Council endorse the recommendations of the Strategic and Resource Planning Advisory Committee as outlined in Agenda Item 6.8.1 and provide to the Board of Governors as advice.

Carried

6.9 MacEwan Curriculum Committee
6.9.1 Motion Image and Exhibit Presentation Majors, Design Studies Diploma Program Suspension
Davar Rezania, Chair of MacEwan Curriculum Committee, presented the Motion Image and Exhibit Presentation Majors, Design Studies Diploma Program Suspension for decision. It was requested by the Chair of AGC that proposed program suspensions, whenever possible, be brought forward to AGC prior to closing admission cycle rather than afterwards.

AGC-11-11-15-2011
Moved by C. Blatz, seconded by L. Cook THAT Academic Governance Council approve the suspension of the Motion Image and Exhibit Presentation Majors, Design Studies diploma program effective September 1, 2012, with the intention of program closure, as recommended by the MacEwan Curriculum Committee, as presented in Agenda Item 6.9.1.

Carried

6.9.2 Golf Operations Management Major, Management Studies Diploma Program Suspension
Davar Rezania, Chair of MacEwan Curriculum Committee, Golf Operations Management Major, Management Studies Diploma Program Suspension for decision.

AGC-12-11-15-2011
Moved by C. Wild, seconded by L. Blyth THAT Academic Governance Council approve the suspension of the Golf Operations Management Major, Management Studies diploma program effective September 1, 2012, with the intention of program closure, as recommended by the MacEwan Curriculum Committee, as presented in Agenda Item 6.9.2.

Carried

6.10 Faculty Standards Committee
6.10.1 Recommendations
Susan May, Chair of Faculty Standards Committee, and the Committee members presented the Committee’s Recommendations for the MacEwan University model for academic designation for decision. The presentation included information about the history of titling at MacEwan University and the committees which have researched and advanced the initiative over the past several years. It was explained that there has been considerable faculty debate and input since 2006.
Points of Clarification
The following arose:

- Regarding choice of Associate Teaching Professor and Teaching Professor for the bipartite stream, it was noted that these titles had been selected following a review of existing titles at other North American universities; another consideration was MacEwan University’s mandate as a teaching-focused institution.
- It was noted that there were no immediate plans to address titling for out of scope academic staff.

Areas of consideration:
Council members noted the following points:

- The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) requirement in the bipartite stream was questioned in relation to similarities with tripartite standards.
- Rigour of the tripartite third rank is supported: no one should be entitled to be a full Professor without demonstrating significant academic achievements.
- International recognition for a teaching-centred university may be difficult to obtain.
- “Currency” appears missing in bipartite and tripartite streams: staying current in programs of professional practice (e.g. nursing) should be an expectation.
- Concern was expressed regarding the lack of broader based faculty consultation: some members were willing to approve the principle of the models presented, but not the wording of standards for each rank. It was noted that the process had begun 6 years ago and that three committees largely made up of faculty members had done extensive work including open sessions and research on other universities’ titling processes.
- Several members noted they felt they did not have sufficient time to consult with others regarding the document presented – need to better understand the implications of approving the Recommendations. It was noted that much of the work presented was built on previous work.
- It was suggested the model be fully evaluated in 3 years time.

Process Questions:

- Is the stream that a faculty member follows chosen by the faculty member or the position into which he or she is hired? It was explained that the position defines the role.
- Can faculty members switch between bipartite and tripartite streams?
- Regarding grandfathering: can a current faculty member apply to the top level (e.g. Professor; Teaching Professor; Librarian III; Counsellor III)?
- If in bipartite stream, how would expectation of SoTL affect workload?
- Need for clarity regarding how the publication and national recognition required in the third rank of bipartite stream would be demonstrated.

It was noted that many of the process questions which were raised will be covered in the Committee’s forthcoming final report.

Members of the Faculty Standards Committee commented that the questions and issues raised by AGC members were discussed previously by the Committee. There will be an important role for faculty members to play in developing department/area standards appropriate to individual disciplines/areas. The March final report will include recommendations concerning transition and implementation matters.

The AGC Chair thanked members of the Committee for their work on developing a model.
AGC-13-11-15-2011
Moved by M. Hills, seconded by N. Zadorozhna THAT the motion to approve the Designations Model and Recommendations for Academic Standards be considered as two separate motions, as follows:
1. That Academic Governance Council approve the MacEwan University Model for Academic Standards and Rank; and

2. That Academic Governance Council approve the Standards for Bipartite Faculty, the Standards for Tripartite Faculty, the Standards for Library Faculty, and the Standards for Counsellor Faculty.

Defeated

AGC-14-11-15-2011
Moved by K. Hood, seconded by B. Brady-Fryer THAT Academic Governance Council approve the Designations Model and Recommendations as presented, including the standards for Tripartite, Bipartite, and Librarian/Counsellor faculty as presented in Agenda Item 6.10.1.

Carried

6.11 Academic Policies Committee
6.11.1 C5053: Animal Care and Ethics
Susan May, Chair of Academic Policies Committee, presented revised policy C5053: Animal Care and Ethics for decision. It was noted that this policy had been revised to accommodate requirements of the Canadian Council on Animal Care.

Moved by D. Drohan, seconded by D. McFadyen THAT Academic Governance Council approve the revised Policy C5053: Animal Research Ethics, effective July 1, 2012, as recommended by the Academic Policies Committee as presented in Agenda Item 6.11.1.

Carried

7.0 Question Period
It was noted that Institutional Research and Planning is looking for volunteers for focus groups on Blackboard and Learning Management Systems. Any faculty members who are interested should contact Kari Rasmussen for more information.

8.0 Future Agenda Items/Next Meeting – January 24, 2012 – City Centre Campus

9.0 The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 P.M.