School of Business Council (School Council) is pleased to submit to Academic Governance Council (AGC) this Annual Report of its activities for the 2015-2016 academic year.

1. Membership (see attached attendance list for 2015-2016)

2. Issues arising during the year

- School of Business Council (School Council) approved an Admission Criteria Review and Approval Processes document.
- School Council approved the establishment of an Ad Hoc Bylaws Review Committee in October. The Committee concluded its work and Revised Bylaws of School Council were adopted at the April 28 meeting.
- School Council reviewed and endorsed the Faculty Performance Evaluation Criteria prepared by Executive Committee, as per the Collective Agreement.
- School Council prioritized the following academic initiatives that were identified at the Academic Priorities Summit on September 2nd. The Priorities were presented to the University Budget Advisory Committee:
  a) Academic priorities that require resources:
     - B.Com Legal Major/Paralegal Diploma Exit
     - B.Com Cooperative Education Expansion
     - Graduate Certificate Development
  b) In addition, the following are academic priorities that do not require additional budget resources to move forward:
     - Degree/ Diploma Integration
     - Strategic Research Plan
     - Alumni Advisory Committee
     - BCom Minors
     - BCom Honours Implementation
- School Council ratified the Dean’s selection of members for Appointment Review and Promotion Committees, under the new Collective Agreement process.
- School Council approved Procedures for Student Advisory Committees (as per Policy C3030)
- School Council approved Revised Terms of Reference for the Business Programs and Curriculum Committee (BPCC).
- School Council approved the outcome of the BCom Admission Criteria Review.
- School of Business Council approved the delegation to BPCC the recommendation of all new courses, course changes, and Master Course Syllabi.

3. Program of Study Changes; Course Changes; New Course Proposals, Reviews; Suspensions; Closures

- Major Course Change to INTB 250 Doing Business Internationally –Study Tour to Asia-Pacific.
- Program of Study Change to the Legal Assistant Diploma Program of Study.
- Program Name Change from Legal Assistant Diploma to Paralegal Studies Diploma and associated PARS Proposal Program/ Specialization Name Change.
• Alignment of Paralegal Studies Diploma Admission Standards with admission requirements of the Bachelor of Commerce program.
• Co-operative Education to expand to all BCom majors for Fall 2017.
• Name change to the Bachelor of Commerce Supply Chain Management Co-operative Education Major, effective September 1, 2017.
• Suspension of Bachelor of Applied Business Administration – Accounting (Reallocates resources to co-ops, pursuant to expansion of co-ops to all majors, effective Fall 2017.

4. Presentations
• Update on the planned addition to the west of the Christensen Family Centre for Sports and Wellness, which would accommodate SAMU. (Jodi Campbell, Amy Beard)
• Sexual Violence Prevention Program (Michelle Plouffe)
• APPC Community Engagement Working Group Report (Sharon Bratt, Carolyn Ives)
• APPC Blended Learning Working Group Report (Lynn Feist)
• APPC Working Group on Learning Outcomes (Co-curricular Record)
• (Catherine Davis-Herbert, Dorothy Ritz)
• Update on MacEwan International (Kimberley Howard)
• Consultation on Professor Emeritus Policy (E. Elford for the Provost)

5. Information Items
• Following the recommendation of the Business Advisory Council, there was a broader call for nominations for the 30th annual Dr. Charles Allard Chair in Business honorary teaching position. Nicole Bourque-Bouchier, was chosen by the selection committee. She is one of the most successful indigenous business persons in Canada.
• The School of Business hosted 2016 national ASAC conference (The Administrative Sciences Association of Canada).
• The School of Business hosted, with the Canadian Council on Aboriginal Business, a panel discussion with leading Indigenous business people about opportunities, challenges and aspirations for Indigenous businesses in Alberta and beyond.
• The School of Business hosted, with the Aboriginal Education Centre, an Indigenous Education Forum where prominent Indigenous academics and business people discussed:
  – Building a quality environment for Indigenous learners; and
  – Beginning a path towards indigenization of the School.
• A new Coordinator is working on the development a Social Enterprise and Innovation Hub.
• The new Coordinator of Cooperative Education is working on the expansion of Co-ops to all BCom majors.
• Bachelor of Commerce Competitive Admission Pilot Project was to be implemented by the Office of the University Registrar.
• A Competition Strategy is being developed with the goal of fostering support for internal case competitions, and encouraging a competitive approach to external competitions.
• A Faculty Research Showcase and faculty and staff recognition and team-building event was held.
• Chairs of the four Department Councils shared their reports on departmental activities.
• The Dean hosted at School of Business Town Hall information-sharing meeting with sessional faculty.
• The Dean gave an update on the Budget.

6. Meeting dates
August 27, 2015, October 1, 2015, January 5, 2016, April 28, 2016