School of Business Council Meeting  
Wednesday, February 5, 2014  
4:30 – 6:30 p.m.  
Room 6-132 CCC  
MINUTES

1.0 Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. Quorum was met.

2.0 Agenda/ Consent Agenda

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2.1 Motion: Moved by Teresa Costouros, seconded by Noufou Ouedraogo that School of Business Council approve the Agenda that was presented, as well as the Consent Agenda, which includes the Minutes for the School Council meeting of November 27, 2013, as well as Motions from Executive Committee and Business Program and Curriculum Committee, as well as updates from Standards Approval Committee and the Academic Title Committee and the Academic Governance Council update. CARRIED

3.0 Announcements

3.1 Bob Graves gave an update on the Amazing Case Competition that happened two weeks previously. Thirty-Two students from South Campus had a good experience and next year it will be at CCC. Faculty will need to think about how to get 1st and 2nd year students involved for next year.

3.2 Bob Graves also noted that the Alberta Deans of Business Case Competition happens on March 6, 7, 8 and 9 in Red Deer, where the winning Amazing Case team will compete.

3.3 Bob Graves also informed faculty that Jim Hayes has been working with students to prepare two teams for the CPA Competition.

3.4 Leo Wong is involved in the U of A’s Alberta Not-for-Profit Case Competition (1st one in Canada) happening at the end of February. Anyone interested in providing feedback are asked to contact Leo and he will provide details.

3.5 Lyle Benson reminded all faculty that if they have students that require help with professional skills like writing, research, team work etc., that the Org A310 leadership students are there to provide coaching. They will provide peer services to students in the RBC Centre, Room 5-254N. As of that date, 94 students have been coached by the Org A310 students.
3.6 The Chair reminded faculty that the Student Business Conference (SBC) will be on March 5 at the Shaw Conference Centre. The format will be a little different this year, as there will be an afternoon and an evening session. The keynote speaker will be David Chilton from the Dragon’s Den and author of *The Wealthy Barber*. Mr. Chilton will be speaking about success strategies from *The Wealthy Barber*. Faculty were asked to encourage their students to attend and make it a great success story. A lot of work went into getting this event organized and in obtaining sponsorships.

3.7 The chair announced that an item about Dave Mowat, our Allard Chair for 2014, was in MacEwan Today. In the next few weeks, Dave will be on campus doing classroom visits, breakfast with the Chairs, and discussions with students in the lounge. He has been an incredible supporter and partner in our Mission Possible Business 201 project. As a result our students last term gave over $22,000 to non-profits and he will also be involved this year as well.

4.0 Feedback on Provost’s Draft Academic Plan

The Provost did not attend the meeting but he asked School Council to gather feedback to the Draft Academic Plan.

The Chair discussed a number of approaches that the session could take. It was decided to have faculty members from the same departments would work together in small groups on the Three Goals of our Academic Foundation Plan and report back with their ideas.

The Three Goals of the Academic Foundation Plan:

1. An Undergraduate student experience of life-changing personal meaning and professional preparation.

2. A thriving culture of faculty scholarship as the basis for excellence in teaching and learning.

3. An academically, socially, environmentally sustainable, and responsible university of local and global significance, relevance, and value.

Members of School Council provided feedback that would be provided to the Provost. Due to time constraints faculty were asked to send additional feedback to the Dean’s Office by email.

5.0 Changing the Academic Schedule for 2015-2016 (*Mike Sekulic, University Registrar*)
The University Registrar was seeking School Council’s feedback on a collection of ideas on ways which the academic schedule can be amended for 2015-16. He discussed some pros and cons and said he was looking for ideas going forward that work best for the organization and students.

- A paper by the Association of Registrars of Universities and Colleges is about to come out that takes a look at academic calendars and scheduling practices at institutions across the country. The University Registrar was involved with the study. The paper notes that MacEwan University’s instruction and examination periods are coterminous whereas most institutions have defined instruction and examination periods.
- One idea that came forward was to delay the start of classes in January.
- The Registrar also noted a proposal to split apart three critical dates: drop, add & pay. This would give better flow, help avoid line-ups, and reduce no-shows. This would help when a student drops a class and another student would be able to pick it up.
- One of the items being explored is to move the withdrawal and tuition refund dates. It was mentioned by faculty that some withdrawal dates are right at the end and students are able to fill out the faculty evaluation.
- A faculty member suggested a better system should be in place to notify instructors when students drop out of classes.
- The University Registrar asked faculty about new student orientation that is currently in August. He asked if it is an important activity and whether it should be moved to the first day or first week of the term.
- A student suggested that there should be some sessions for students in the first week of September. Many students don’t move to Edmonton until September so they are not able to participate in orientation in August. It was also suggested that a week-long orientation is too long.

6.0 **Dean’s Update**  
This item was discussed in the announcement section.

7.0 **Academic Governance Council Update-January 21 mtg.** (T. Costouros)  
This item was on the Consent Agenda and a written synopsis was distributed.

8.0 **SOBC Committee Reports** – Updates were on the consent agenda and included in the meeting materials, and no other items were raised.

9.0 **Old Business** – No items were raised.

10.0 **New Business** – No items were raised.

11.0 **Question/Period/Open Discussion** – No items were raised
12.0  **Future Agenda Items**– No items were raised.

13.0  **Next Meeting**  
Next meeting- April 23, 2014, 4:30 p.m., Room 6-132 CCC

14.0  **Adjournment (6:34 p.m.)**

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**Motion:** Adjournment was moved by Teresa Costouros.  **CARRIED**

*Minutes taken by D. Tymchuk*