1.0 Call to Order

The Chair, Dean, Elsie Elford, called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. as quorum was met.

2.0 Approval of Agenda/ Consent Agenda

SOBC-01-2016-10-04

MOTION: Moved by Bruce Thomson, and seconded by Noufou Ouedraogo that the School of Business Council approve the Agenda and Consent Agenda as presented, which includes the following on the Consent Agenda:

2.1 Minutes, School Council Meeting, September 6, 2016

2.2 Executive Committee:
   2.2.1 Minutes, Executive Committee, September 14 (For information)
   2.2.2 Motion – Election of School Council Members: Sessional members

2.3 Business Programs & Curriculum Committee (M. Gulawani, Chair):
   2.3.1 Update (for information)

2.4 Academic Governance Council Update: Meeting Synopsis, Sept 20

3.0 Dean’s Update

The Dean introduced the President, Dr. Atkinson, who had an important topic he wanted to talk about with Council.

3.1 Future Planning – School of Business (D. Atkinson, President)

The President was asked by the Board of Governors to discuss with School of Business faculty whether or not they had any interest in moving the School to the fifth floor of the new CFAC building. The President stated that at the present, there are no plans for a building designated for the School of Business. The fifth floor is currently undeveloped and it has 65-70,000 square feet of space that could be designed to suit the needs of the School of Business, including faculty and advising offices. The President would like a formal resolution indicating whether the School of Business is interested in moving to the 5th floor of the new CFAC building.

Questions raised by faculty:
Chris Hancock asked the question: Would the motion need to include any details of the layout?
   o No, we would need to sit down and map out what the needs and ambitions are.

Randy Jenne posed the question: Will there be enough classroom space to hold all of the School of Business classes?
   o There will be no guarantee that all of the business classes will be housed in the CFAC building as the School of Business is very large with many classes.

Elsie Elford raised the question: How long of a timeline are we looking at if we agree to go ahead?
   o If a decision was made to do this for the School of Business it could take anywhere between 18 to 36 months.

Teresa Costouros posed the question: Are we going to vote on this today?
   o The President didn’t need an answer today but would need one soon.

Teresa Costouros asked the question: Before we provide an answer, could you give a little more information on the design of the space?
   o The President was unsure at this time as to what the design would look like. The process of identifying needs for a design is a fairly lengthy and complicated process that includes architecture and construction management and none of that is in place right now.

The President mentioned he would like a response as soon as possible so that he can take it to the October 27th Board meeting.

The President left the meeting at that point. The matter was discussed later in the meeting under the new Business agenda item, at which time a motion was carried.

3.2 36th Allard Chair update
Nicole Bourque-Bouchier’s term as the 2016 Allard Chair of Business is concluding and she is now finishing up with a few meetings and classroom visits. She is still available in October and November.

The selection committee for the next Allard Chair will be proceeding shortly. There will be one academic staff member selected from each department. If you are interested please let your Chair know. The next step is to have a new chair selected by November and in place by January.

3.3 Strategic Planning Update

The Dean gave an update on the Strategic Plan for 2015-16 and an overview of emerging items for 2016-19 that were discussed at the academic planning summit on September 6:

**HIGHLIGHTS OF COMPLETED ITEMS, 2015-16**
- New study tours; China, Korea, Czech Republic, France and Morocco
- Proposal developed for Co-op expansion
- Established Alumni Advisory Committee
- Developed a Strategic Research Plan
- Hosted an Aboriginal Education Forum
- Worked on degree and diploma integration
- Letter of Intent for Graduate Certificate in PR approved by Board of Governors

**ONGOING, 2016-19**
- Developing a proposal for Legal Studies in Business major
- Developing a minor in property management (the first course started last month, a second section was added for January)

**NEW, 2016-19**
- Develop the Social Enterprise and Innovation Hub, which just received approval. It will be housed in the new building on the main floor
- Develop a more refined focus for international education initiatives
- Enhance communication with students through social media
- Strengthen and refine Research Institutes
- Expand accessibility of data sets
- Strategic focus on scholarship of teaching and learning
- Build on co-op expansion to identify research opportunities
- Develop minors such as Property Management, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Legal Studies, Design Studies and Marketing, Sports Management, Oil and Gas, Real Estate Management

The Dean was pleased with the planning outcomes, which showed solid priorities, strong initiatives and objectives that came out of the summit. This will assist with the submission to the budget advisory committee in November. The Dean also noted the Vice Provost’s survey on a research policy for the University.

3.4 Associate Dean – Students - Update (G. Lucyk)

3.4.1 **Student Leadership Series** - The orientation session held for club executives on October 2 at ACC was a great success. There was a representative from each club in attendance. The Dean facilitated a StrengthsFinder session. At the session, club members shared their ideas and had the opportunity to collaborate amongst the groups. Support in terms of managing projects and sponsorship was discussed, as well as plans for future sessions.

3.4.2 **Student Led Initiative Funding** – The institution provides opportunities for students to apply for funding for projects. Clubs were informed that if they require funding they need to discuss it with a faculty advisor before October 14, which is 2 weeks before the application deadline of October 28.

3.4.3 **Student Competitions**

3.4.3.1 High School Competition - Ali Taleb and the Oikos Club will be organizing this competition in March with Dave Fisher, Recruiter and John Alexander in the Dean’s Office.

3.4.3.2 EIA (European Innovation Academy) – This competition will include Entrepreneurship Club and the CASE Club.

3.4.3.3 In the Fall, there will be a session for all advisors to review various competitions that are taking place.
3.4.3.4 A trip is planned to the University of Calgary in November to look at their processes and technology and how they use it to get students engaged.

3.4.4 **Student Advisory Committees** – Gordon advised faculty he is still looking for students to sit on Student Advisory Committees. If they knew of someone they were encouraged to have them apply as soon as possible.

3.4.5 **President’s Medal** – If faculty knew of students that qualified academically, they were asked to put their names forward with a letter of support.

3.4.6 **University 101** – This course is a pilot project to help students that are at risk and struggling academically. There are 15 students participating from the Bachelor of Commerce program. The academic standing policy changed to run at the end of the year, instead of each term, which helps to provide opportunities for students in need during the year and before the end of the year.

3.5 **Associate Dean – Research & International - Update** (W. Wei)

3.5.1 **Research Luncheon** – Athabasca University organizes a luncheon on the last Friday of every month for the exchange of ideas on research. Dianna Dempsey is also organizing similar internal research meetings.

3.5.2 **BRIEF** (Business Research Information Exchange Forum) – To take place on November 6.

3.5.3 **International** – Study tours for next year are: France & Morocco and Germany & Czech Republic. There will also be a teaching exchange in Czech Republic. Looking for more faculty members to become involved with study tours and the exchange.

3.6 **New members:**
The Dean welcomed the following members to their first meeting:
- New Librarian Member: Martina King
- New Sessional Members: Utku Akkoc, Mannat Kahlon and Asif Siddiqui
- In addition, Bob Graves assumed a new role as Vice Chair of School Council and of Executive Committee.

4.0 **Presentation – Budget Planning** (R. Ellis, Assoc. V.P. Finance and CIO and M. Gallagher, Director, Budget and Resource Planning)

Rick and Mike gave an overview of the financial numbers for the following items:

1. **University 2015/16 Operating Results**
2. **School of Business 2015/16 Operating Results**
3. **Enrollment and Cost per FLE**
4. **Faculty Development Fund**

5.0 **Appointment Review and Promotions Committees**
The Vice Chair took over the Chair position so the Dean could make the motion, and speak if necessary, for ratification of her selections for external members of the four ARPC committees.

**SOBC-02-2016-10-04**

**MOTION:** Moved by Elsie Elford and seconded by Ali Taleb that the probationary and continuing faculty members of School of Business Council ratify the Dean’s choices of three continuing members and three alternates for the four Department Appointment Review and Promotions Committees, as listed below.

**Members**
1. Victor Bilodeau
2. Charles Keim
3. Michelle Malin

**Alternates**
1. Lorrie Adams
2. Chris Hancock
3. Leo Wong

All in favor. Carried

6.0 **Chair’s Updates on Department Councils**
3.7 Accounting & Finance (S. Elbarrad)
- Presentation was held for 11 new sessional instructors
- Discussion with faculty on the best repository for sharing documents

3.8 Decision Sciences (R. Enstroem)
- Ratified members for the ARPC Committee
- In process of interviewing four candidates for faculty position

3.9 IB, MKTG, Strategy & Law (M. Roberts)
- Meeting with sessionals was positive
- In process of interviewing five candidates for the Legal Assistant Professor position

3.10 OB, HRM & MGMT (N. Ouedraogo)
- Posting for the HRM Associate Professor position is now on the University website
- Changes to the POS for Library, Information & Technology are complete and ready for approval at the next BPCC meeting. These changes would allow students to go into the Bachelor of Arts - with 60 credits and the minor waived. Thank you to Norene Erickson for leading this.

7.0 New Business

Return to future planning for the School of Business

The meeting returned to a discussion of the topic of moving the School of Business to the 5th floor of the new CFAC Building. The following motion was made:

SOBC-03-2016-10-04
MOTION: Moved by Bob Graves and seconded by Randy Jenne that, assuming that the space is upgraded such that it meets the needs of the School of Business, the School of Business is interested in moving into the 5th floor of the CFAC building.

There was discussion on the motion and Joan Patrick proposed amending the motion by replacing the word upgraded with developed.

SOBC-04-2016-10-04
MOTION TO AMEND: Moved by Joan Patrick and seconded by Bob Graves to have the motion amended as follows:

That assuming that the space is developed such that it meets the needs of the School of Business, the School of Business Council is interested in moving into the 5th floor of the CFAC building. CARRIED.

Discussion ensued on the amended main motion with the following items raised:

- At this point we are stating an expression of interest and not a commitment.
- A number of faculty do not want an open space concept, we should make it a conditional acceptance that the space should have closed offices
- Could we change the name of the building? Mention it in our proposal as a condition
- Move would be for all faculty, all staff, students, and student advisors all to the fifth floor, some classrooms on the 4th & 3rd floor.
- A long time faculty member who has been involved in many moves with MacEwan shared her experience that each time they moved, they were consulted on the new space, and each new place was better than the last. Felt faculty needs to be more optimistic.

The main motion was carried. There were no objections and two abstentions.

The Dean noted that a meeting would take place in the next week, with the director of Space Management, the Dean, Associate Deans, and Chairs, to begin looking at the school’s needs. The information will be discussed at department meetings and school council. If faculty have any input please discuss it with your chair at department meetings.

8.0 Announcements

Weidner Investments
Weidner Investments Services donated 1 million dollars for the development of the Property Management Minor. The donor recognition event is to be held on October 26, at 4:00 pm in room 5-205.

Presidential Search, Chris Hancock

Chris Hancock is a member of the Search Committee and he advised that their deliberations have moved to closed-door sessions with no further news until a new President is announced.

Faculty Association, Chris Hancock, President

All members welcome to attend the October 5th meeting.

9.0 Question/Period/Open Discussion – No questions were asked.

10.0 Future Agenda Item – N/A

11.0 Adjournment – 5:40 p.m.

SOBC-05-2016-09-06

Adjournment was moved by Travis Huckell. CARRIED

Minutes taken by Darlene Tymchuk.