1.0 Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. The Chair of the Academic Governance Council (AGC) acknowledged the incoming AGC members. On behalf of AGC, the Chair thanked Margo Baptista, University Secretary, for her work with the Board and welcomed the following members of the Board of Governors in attendance:
- Enzo Barichello
- Carolyn Graham
- Chaldeans Mensah
- John Mitchell
- Tim Schultz

2.0 Approval of Agenda/Consent Agenda
The following items were approved on the consent agenda:
- 2.1 AGC Meeting Minutes: June 12, 2012
- 2.2 Executive Committee Minutes: May 25, 2012
- 2.3 Nominations Committee Report
- 2.4 Admissions and Selections Committee - Annual Report 2011/12 and Work Plan 2012/13
- 2.5 Graduand Lists: Procedural Change

The Chair requested that agenda items 7.1 Institutional Self-Study and 7.2 CFAC Update be included as part of Agenda Item 4.0 Report of the President, to which AGC unanimously consented.
AGC-01-09-18-2012
1. Moved by C. Hancock, seconded by L. Mazo THAT Academic Governance Council approve the following amendment to the agenda for September 18, 2012: Postpone item 5.2.1 Faculty Standards Committee Revised Terms of Reference until the next meeting of AGC. Carried

AGC-02-09-18-2012
2. Moved by R. Ginther, seconded by D. Roy THAT Academic Governance Council approve the agenda for September 18, 2012 and the items on the consent agenda as amended. Carried

3.0 Report of the Provost and Executive Vice President Academic
Janet Paterson-Weir, Provost and Executive Vice President Academic, reported on the following items:
- Campus Alberta Quality Council (CAQC) representatives will be at MacEwan University on October 18 and 19, 2012, to conduct an institutional review of the university.
- A CAQC review team will be at MacEwan University on November 1 and 2, 2012 to review and evaluate the proposal for a Psychiatric Nursing degree program.
- The Ministry of Enterprise and Advanced Education approved MacEwan University to proceed with a three-year diploma program in Design Studies. MacEwan University will integrate relevant curriculum from the one-year Design Foundations certificate program and two-year Design Studies diploma program.
- The Ministry approved the changes to the Management Studies diploma and Asia-Pacific Management diploma, previously approved by AGC.
- A Letter of Intent will be presented to the Board of Governors in October regarding MacEwan University developing a Social Work degree for Edmonton and northern Alberta.
- Faculty Forums on academic rank and title are being held September 19 and 20, 2012.

4.0 Report of the President
David Atkinson, President of Grant MacEwan University, reported that the September 2012 President's Newsletter contained his update.

Presentation: Institutional Self-Study
Susan May, Associate Vice President Academic & Research, updated AGC on the Institutional Self-Study. The Campus Alberta Quality Council will be meeting with various staff, faculty, alumni, and students on October 18 and 19, 2012 to discuss topics described within the study. A question arose regarding how the definitions of teaching excellence and innovation were dealt with in the study to which it was explained that the study did not speak to these directly, but rather within a broad context of institutional mission.

Presentation: CFAC Update
Brent Quinton, Vice-President Finance & Administration, updated AGC on the status of the Centre for the Arts and Culture. Plans have been presented to the City of Edmonton's Design Committee for feedback. He confirmed that 2015 is the target for completion. A question arose regarding where the Communications department will be situated. It has been indicated that the fourth floor offices and labs will accommodate the Bachelor of Communication Studies degree.

5.0 Committee Reports
5.1 Executive Committee
5.1.1 AGC Review
David Atkinson, Chair of Academic Governance Council, reported that the AGC Review will be completed during the 2012-2013 academic year, in order to implement recommendations for 2013-2014. The following points arose during discussion:
- It was requested that AGC approve the Mandate, Composition and Time Frame of the task team being struck for the review.
• It was requested that two points be added to the Mandate of the Task Team:
  o Review information-sharing, deliberations, and decision-making processes within the AGC.
  o Review the relationship between AGC and Executive Committee in terms of decision-making authority and communications.

AGC-03-09-18-2012
1. Moved by P. Roccia, seconded by R. Alam, THAT the following be added to the Mandate of the Task Team:
   • Review information-sharing, deliberations, and decision-making processes within the AGC.
   • Review the relationship between AGC and Executive Committee in terms of decision-making authority and communications.
   
   Carried

2. Moved by R. Alam, seconded by J. Paterson-Weir, THAT the Mandate and Composition of the Task Team for AGC Review be accepted as amended.
   
   Carried

5.1.2 Ad Hoc Committee on Teaching Excellence & Innovation in Teaching
AGC reviewed the Executive Committee motion to rescind the original AGC motion to form the Ad Hoc Committee on Teaching Excellence and Innovation in Teaching (motion AGC-09-04-24-2012). It was explained that the proposal was to move the responsibility to define teaching excellence and innovation to Faculty/School level, so that there was a more direct link between standards and the disciplines that surround those standards. The following comments arose during discussion:
  • Initially, the intent was recognition that the Faculty Standards Committee could have helped define those things, but it affects more than just faculty. It affects all areas of the institution, and it made sense that an overall university definition would trickle down.
  • A broad framework could be useful before it goes to the Faculty/School Councils for input.
    o MacEwan University’s educational philosophy, values, and standards anchor us. They speak to our educational thrust.
      ▪ When we situate this at the Faculty/School Council level, we are assured of expertise that speaks to relevance of and a valued outcome.
      ▪ The definitions need to come from the bottom up. It makes sense to see what each Faculty/School Council finds innovative, and then frame the overarching university definition from that.
  • Titling standards ask for demonstration of teaching excellence such as receiving teaching awards. There is not enough guidance provided about this.
  • There are clear, overarching guidelines for the rest of our work, but overarching goals for all instruction should be the same and definable at an institutional level. How Faculties/Schools fit into that should be identified at that level.
  • The issue was how to define innovation and excellence. We need an overarching definition of terms before we can proceed.
  • If each Faculty developed their guidelines, would that come to AGC for approval or the Review Task Team? How would differences be negotiated?
    o AGC would not want to approve each Faculty’s/School’s individual guidelines. Each Faculty/School would do that first. Then the Faculties/Schools would inform the university what is common and how our philosophy supports that.
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AGC-04-09-18-2012
Moved by D. McGugan, seconded by H. Symonds-Brown THAT Academic Governance Council rescind motion AGC-09-04-24-2012, which states: “THAT AGC establish an ad hoc committee to further develop institutional definitions and standards regarding innovative teaching and teaching excellence. The membership would include members of AGC, members of the Faculty Standards Committee, and other stakeholders with related areas of expertise.”

Defeated

5.1.3 AGC Bylaw Amendment : Leave
David Atkinson, Chair of Academic Governance Council, presented the AGC Bylaws Amendment: Leave information item, which clarified that the June 12, 2012 Bylaws amendment (motion number AGC-02-06-12-2012) does not affect current committee members on leave.

5.2 Faculty Standards Committee
5.2.1 Revised Terms of Reference
This item was postponed to the October 23, 2012 AGC meeting, per motion AGC-01-09-18-2012 above.

5.3 Research Ethics Board
5.3.1 Terms of Reference
Sandy Jung, Chair of the Research Ethics Board, presented the Research Ethics Board's Terms of Reference for approval.

AGC-05-09-18-2012
Moved by S. Manouchehri, seconded by D. Roy THAT Academic Governance Council approve the Terms of Reference for Research Ethics Board presented in Agenda Item 5.3.1.

Carried

5.4 Admissions and Selections Committee
5.4.1 English Language Proficiency Criteria – General
Mike Sekulic, Chair of the Admissions and Selections Committee, presented revisions to English Language Proficiency requirements for both career and degree programs and the Therapist Assistant - Speech Language Pathologist Assistant Program, effective for the Fall 2013 intake.

AGC-06-09-18-2012
Moved by K. Hood, seconded by C. Blatz THAT the Academic Governance Council approve the changes to the English Language Proficiency requirements for both career and degree programs and the Spoken English Proficiency requirements for the Therapist Assistant - Speech Language Pathologist Assistant Program, effective for the Fall 2013 intake as recommended by the Admissions and Selections Committee as presented in Agenda Item 5.4.1

Carried

5.4.2 English Language Proficiency Criteria – Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Psychiatric Nursing Programs
Mike Sekulic, Chair of the Admissions and Selections Committee, presented revisions to English Language Proficiency criteria for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing and the Psychiatric Nursing programs, effective for the Fall 2013 intake. Discussion ensued regarding the definition of “first language” and that the wording should be revised to “primary spoken language”. This matter will be addressed in the future as part of a policy review process.
AGC-07-09-18-2012
Moved by R. Ginther, seconded by T. Costouros THAT the Academic Governance Council approve the changes to the English Language Proficiency criteria for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing and the Psychiatric Nursing Programs, effective for the Fall 2013 intake, as recommended by the Admissions and Selections Committee as presented in Agenda Item 5.4.2.

Carried (2 Opposed)

5.4.3 Asia Pacific Management Admission Criteria
Mike Sekulic, Chair of the Admissions and Selections Committee, presented revisions to the Asia Pacific Management Diploma program, effective for the Fall 2013 intake. Concern was expressed that mature admission appears to have a lower requirement than regular admission. Why not just make mature admission the same as regular admission? It was clarified that mature admission criteria is a subset of the regular admission criteria, and the revised criteria is raising the bar for mature students. The Registrar indicated that Admissions and Selections will provide further clarity about mature admission categories in future as part of a policy review process.

AGC-08-09-18-2012
Moved by S. Manouchehri, seconded by E. Elford THAT Academic Governance Council approve the changes to Asia Pacific Management Diploma program, effective for the Fall 2013 intake, as recommended by the Admissions and Selections Committee as presented in Agenda Item 5.4.3.

Carried

6.0 Business Arising
6.1 University Registrar
6.1.1 University Medals
Mike Sekulic, University Registrar, presented revised Terms of Reference for the President's Medal for Academic Excellence and Student Leadership.

AGC-09-09-18-2012
1. Moved by J. Stock, seconded by C. McCoy THAT Academic Governance Council approve the revised Terms of Reference for the President’s Medal for Academic Excellence and Student Leadership as presented in Agenda Item 6.1.1.

Carried

Mike Sekulic, University Registrar, presented revised Terms of Reference for the Deans’ Medals for Academic Excellence.

AGC-10-09-18-2012

Carried

7.0 Presentations
Scribe’s Note: Both Agenda Items 7.1 Institutional Self-Study and 7.2 CFAC Update were presented as part of Agenda Item 4.0 Report of the President.

8.0 Question Period
A brief update was given in response to the question regarding the sale of South Campus.
Clarification about a point made in the May 25, 2012 Executive Committee minutes was requested. AGC members were reminded of the protocol for discussion and approval of agenda items at meetings.

9.0 Future Agenda Items/Next Meeting – October 23, 2012
The next meeting will be held on October 23, 2012, at 5:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. In Room 9-202 City Centre Campus. The meeting materials deadline is October 9, 2012.

10.0 The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Approved by Academic Governance Council
October 23, 2012 (Motion AGC-01-10-23-2012)