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: January 22, 2013
- 2.2 Executive Committee Minutes: February 19, 2013
- 2.3 Nominations Committee Report
- 2.4 Bachelor of Psychiatric Nursing Admission Criteria
- 2.5 Faculty Development Committee Annual Report 2011-2012 and Work Plan 2012-2013

It was requested that 3.0 Report of the President be presented after 6.0 Committee Reports, to which AGC consented.

AGC-01-03-12-2013
Moved by R. Taylor, seconded by L. Blyth THAT Academic Governance Council approve the agenda for March 12, 2013 and the items on the consent agenda, as amended. 
Carried

3.0 Report of the President
David Atkinson, Chair of AGC, vacated the Chair, and Chris Hancock, Vice-Chair of AGC, presided.

David Atkinson, President of MacEwan University, reported on the following items:
- MacEwan Day will be celebrated on March 14, 2013.
- The Government of Alberta Budget 2013, announced March 7, contained measures that significantly reduced funding to MacEwan University.
  - The Campus Alberta Grant and Infrastructure Maintenance Program were reduced.
  - Mandate letters will be issued by the provincial government to post-secondary education institutions.
The University’s primary objective is to maintain the academic integrity of its programs and the quality of the student experience for which MacEwan University is known.

- The University’s hiring freeze remains in place. Exceptions may be submitted for approval to the Vice Presidents, with final approval by the President.
- The President will host meetings at each campus and with each Faculty/School to communicate and receive feedback regarding the budget.
- The following questions arose during discussion:
  - Will the budget decision-making criteria be communicated?
    - Yes. Those interested will be invited to participate in the upcoming planning exercise.
  - How will University-funded programs be affected by the provincial budget cuts?
    - The University funding for those programs will continue.

4.0 Board of Governors Report
David Atkinson, President of MacEwan University, thanked those AGC members who contributed to a successful Board of Governors workshop in February 2013.

C. Hancock, Vice-Chair of AGC, vacated the Chair, and D. Atkinson, Chair of AGC, presided.

5.0 Report of the Provost and Executive Vice President Academic
John Corlett, new Provost and Vice President Academic, was introduced and welcomed.

6.0 Committee Reports
6.1 Academic Policies Committee
6.1.1 Policy C3010: Academic Program Review
Mark Arnison, Acting Chair of Academic Policies Committee, presented revisions to Policy C3010: Academic Program Review, effective July 1, 2013, for approval.

AGC-02-03-12-2013
Moved by D. McFadyen, seconded by J. Stock THAT Academic Governance Council approve revised Policy C3010: Academic Program Review, effective July 1, 2013, as recommended by the Academic Policies Committee (February 1, 2013), as presented in Agenda Item 6.1.1.

Carried

6.1.2 Policy C6002: Dr. Sherrill Brown Distinguished Research Award
Mark Arnison, Acting Chair of Academic Policies Committee, presented Policy C6002: Dr. Sherrill Brown Distinguished Research Award, effective July 1, 2013, for approval. The following points arose during discussion:

- A concern was raised that sessional faculty were not eligible for the award.
  - Sessional faculty may be recognized once they become continuing faculty. The award recognizes a faculty member’s exceptional contribution or lifetime contribution to research in their discipline.
- What is the rationale for the naming of this award?
  - Research Council felt that Dr. Sherrill Brown’s exceptional contribution to research in her discipline and to the framework for research at MacEwan University exemplified the spirit of the award.
- MacEwan University does not have a policy regarding naming of awards, and Academic Policies Committee may want to consider developing one.
  - Past naming practice shows some facilities were named after staff members who had made outstanding contributions to MacEwan University.
- Why must faculty provide a dossier if they are nominated for the award?
  - Since faculty research may be conducted in partnership with external researchers, nominators may not have access to that evidence. Research Council felt the best way to obtain relevant evidence of the faculty member’s research contributions was for the nominated faculty member to provide their dossier.
AGC-03-03-12-2013
Moved by D. McFadyen, seconded by S. Bookhalter THAT Academic Governance Council approve revised Policy C6002: Dr. Sherrill Brown Distinguished Research Award, effective July 1, 2013, as recommended by the Academic Policies Committee (February 4, 2013), as presented in Agenda Item 6.1.2.

Carried
(3 Opposed)

6.2 MacEwan Curriculum Committee
6.2.1 Accounting & Strategic Measurement Diploma: Cooperative Education Major - Program Closure
Bill Richards, Chair of MacEwan Curriculum Committee, presented a recommendation for approval for the Accounting and Strategic Measurement Diploma: Co-operative Education Major Program closure, effective July 1, 2014. The following points arose during discussion:

- What was the response from industry to the closure of this program?
  - Letters were received, supporting the reasoning for the program closure.
  - The School of Business dean held many consultations with industry.
  - Intensity of the workload in the first term was a challenge for students to complete in order to participate in the co-op program.
  - The program did not align well with Policy C2065: Co-operative Education and is experiencing issues around student retention, making it difficult to sustain the program.
  - MacEwan University now offers the four-year Bachelor of Commerce, Accounting Major.

AGC-04-03-12-2013
Moved by R. Roth, seconded by M. Milner THAT Academic Governance Council approve the closure of the Accounting and Strategic Measurement Diploma: Co-operative Education Major, effective July 1, 2014, as recommended by the MacEwan Curriculum Committee, as presented in Agenda Item 6.2.1.

Carried
(2 Opposed)

6.2.2 Management Studies: Golf Operations Management Major - Program Closure
Bill Richards, Chair of MacEwan Curriculum Committee, presented a recommendation for approval of the Management Studies: Golf Operations Management Major Program closure, effective July 1, 2014.

AGC-05-03-12-2013
Moved by R. Meleshko, seconded by T. Costouros THAT Academic Governance Council approve the closure of the Management Studies: Golf Operations Management Major diploma program, effective July 1, 2014, as recommended by the MacEwan Curriculum Committee, as presented in Agenda Item 6.2.2.

Carried

6.2.3 Professional Writing Diploma – Extend Suspension
Bill Richards, Chair of MacEwan Curriculum Committee, presented a recommendation for approval for a one-year extension of the Professional Writing Diploma Program suspension, ending June 30, 2014.

AGC-06-03-12-2013
Moved by D. Roy, seconded by J. Stock THAT Academic Governance Council approve the one-year extension of the Professional Writing Diploma Program suspension, ending June 30, 2014, as recommended by the MacEwan Curriculum Committee, as presented in Agenda Item 6.2.3.

Carried
7.0 Question Period
• Peter Roccia, Co-Chair, Faculty Evaluation Committee, announced that a marketing campaign for faculty evaluations was underway, to increase student response rates.
• In response to the request for an update on the AGC Review process, it was reported that the preliminary report on the AGC Review from external reviewer, Dr. Ronald Bond, University of Calgary’s former Provost and Vice-President (Academic), should be received at the end of March or beginning of April 2013.
  o Dr. Bond will be conducting a separate review of the relationship between Academic Quality Assurance and Accreditation and the academic governance structures of the University.

8.0 Future Agenda Items/Next Meeting – April 23, 2013
The next meeting will be held on April 23, 2013 at 5:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. in Room 436 at the Centre for the Arts and Communications Campus.

9.0 The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Approved by Academic Governance Council
April 23, 2013 (Motion AGC-02-04-23-2013)