1.0 Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m.

The Chair began the meeting by acknowledging the new AGC Members.

2.0 Approval of Agenda/Consent Agenda
Prior to the approval of the agenda, the Chair explained that the AGC agenda would now include a consent agenda to streamline the meeting processes and focus the meeting on substantive decision items. Items which appear on the consent agenda are routine items and information items that would not require discussion or debate such as minutes of previous meetings, information reports from Committees, and routine decision items recommended by Committees. The AGC Executive Committee, working with the AGC Secretariat, will determine which items will go on the consent agenda. It was noted that an AGC member may request that an item be moved from the consent agenda to the regular agenda if the member feels any discussion is warranted.

The following items were approved on the consent agenda:
- Item 2.1 AGC Meeting Minutes: June 15, 2010
- Item 2.2 Nominations Committee Report
Consent Agenda Item 2.1 - Academic Governance Council Minutes – October 12, 2010

AGC-01-10-12-2010
Moved by T. Huckell, seconded by J.P. Hermano THAT Academic Governance Council approve the agenda and the items on the consent agenda for October 12, 2010 as presented in Item 2.0.
Carried

3.0 Election of Faculty Member, AGC Executive Committee
Chris Hancock, Chair of the Nominations Committee, presented the list of the 2010-11 AGC Executive Committee membership. Elections were conducted by e-mail and all positions were by acclamation:
- Vice-Chair of AGC: Ron Meleshko, Chair, Computer Science, Faculty of Arts and Science
- John-Paul Hermano, Students’ Association Vice President Academic
- David Higgins, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Science
- Binthi Samuel, Instructor, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Faculty of Health and Community Studies

As there was still a vacancy on the Committee a nomination was sought from the floor. Barbara Brady-Fryer, Instructor, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Faculty of Health and Community Studies was nominated and elected by acclamation.

AGC-02-10-12-2010
Moved by C. Gnauck, seconded by C. Hancock THAT Ron Meleshko be appointed to the position of Vice-Chair of the Academic Governance Council and John-Paul Hermano, Binthi Samuel, David Higgins and Barbara Brady-Fryer be appointed to the Executive Committee of the Academic Governance Council for a term ending August 31, 2011 or until his/her successor is elected.
Carried

4.0 Report of the President
Paul Byrne, President and CEO of Grant MacEwan University presented the following items for information:
- Congratulations extended to Shannon Szabados, student, Bachelor of Education transfer program, who won an Olympic gold medal in women’s hockey in the position of goaltender at the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics.
- Recognition of the successes of MacEwan Business students at case competitions. In 2010, MacEwan student teams placed first in the following national and international competitions:
  - January 6-10: Manitoba International Marketing Competition
  - March 17-19: Certified Management Accountants
  - March 27: Alberta Deans of Business Case Competition.
- Acknowledgement of the importance of the work of AGC to the University. The President thanked AGC members for their commitment to Council and to all those involved in the work of AGC committees.

AGC was updated on the President’s trip to Brazil, intended to develop further relationships with post-secondary institutions in that country. These partnerships can assist Brazilian colleges and universities with teaching and institutional development, create exchange opportunities for students, as well as facilitate faculty and leadership development.

5.0 Board of Governors Report
The Board of Governors Report for September 9, 2010 was included in the October 12, 2010 AGC package (Agenda Item 5.0). President and CEO, Paul Byrne updated AGC on the business of the Board of Governors including:
• On July 15, 2010 the Government of Alberta named John Day as chair of The Board of Governors of Grant MacEwan University for a three year term.
• The presidential search process continues to move forward.

6.0 Report of the Provost and Executive Vice-President Academic
Janet Paterson-Weir, Provost and Executive Vice-President Academic, reported on the following items:
• Dr. Jonathan Withey and Dr. Samuel Mugo, instructors in the university's Bachelor of Science degree program, have received a research grant from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC). This is the first NSERC College and Community Innovation research grant involving MacEwan faculty as the principal investigators.
• Final approval was obtained for the Bachelor of Communication Studies and the Arts and Cultural Management Diploma Program, both of which will begin in Fall 2011.
• On November 6, 2010 MacEwan will be hosting its Open House event.
• In Fall 2010, 170 faculty participated in professional development day, and over 80 new faculty attended New Faculty Orientation.
• On November 24, 2010 Dr. Michael Eisenberg will be visiting MacEwan to deliver the public lecture Lessons Learned: What university students say about seeking and using information in the digital age.

7.0 Committee Reports
7.1 Executive Committee Minutes: May 25, 2010 & August 4, 2010
The Chair presented the AGC Executive Committee meeting minutes for the May 25, 2010 and August 4, 2010 meetings for the information of AGC. It was explained that during the summer, the Executive Committee approved the following on behalf of the AGC:
• Nominations to Research Ethics Board, Student Services Policy Committee and Research Council.
• Recommendation by MacEwan Curriculum Committee of program change to the Acupuncture Program.

In response to a question regarding the Executive Committee acting on behalf of AGC, it was noted that the Executive Committee can make decisions on behalf of AGC if there is a need for a decision when AGC is out of session (such as over the summer).

7.2 Faculty Standards Committee Terms of Reference
The Chair presented the Faculty Standards Committee (FSC) Terms of Reference for decision. A number of points of discussion were raised, including the following:
• Composition of the Committee: the role of the Faculty Association as liaison members and whether such members should be voting or non-voting.
• The importance of recognizing what is within the Committee’s Terms of Reference and within AGC’s role in terms of establishing the model for academic titling and what may fall within the Collective Agreement between Grant MacEwan University and the Faculty Association.
• Consideration of librarians and counsellors in developing the model for academic designation for faculty at MacEwan.

AGC-03-10-12-2010
Moved by C. Anton, seconded by T. Huckell THAT Academic Governance Council approve the amendment to section 2.1 of the Faculty Standards Committee Terms of Reference through the addition of the following sentence: Any aspects possibly touching upon future Collective Agreements will be drawn to the attention of the Faculty Association.

Carried
Consent Agenda Item 2.1 - Academic Governance Council Minutes – October 12, 2010

7.3 Academic Policies Committee

7.3.1 Policy C1005: Credentials
Susan May, Chair of the Academic Policies Committee, presented for decision changes to Policy C1005: Credentials. She provided an overview of the policy review and revision process, including ensuring that MacEwan’s policies are in line with other universities and that consultation takes place within the University community. By the time that the proposed draft goes to AGC the policy has been thoroughly reviewed, including by Academic Leadership Team and Leaders’ Forum.

Regarding Policy C1005: Credentials, it was noted that this policy was up for review as the Ministry of Higher Education and Technology requested MacEwan to add the credential type, Post-Basic Certificate and to retire the old credential type, Certificate of Completion, as Grant MacEwan University no longer offers the first two years of the University of Alberta Collaborative Baccalaureate Nursing Program.

AGC-05-10-12-2010
Moved by B. Boroditsky, seconded by A. Nycholat THAT Academic Governance Council approve the revised Policy C1005: Credentials Policy, effective July 1, 2011, as recommended by the Academic Policies committee as presented in Agenda Item 7.3.1.

Carried

7.3.2 Annual Report and Work Plan
The Chair of the Academic Policies Committee presented the Committee’s Annual Report and Work Plan for AGC’s approval. In response to the question about the progress of policy C1060: Credit Course Numbering, S. May explained that work had been done to improve the foundation of the policy but that the policy development was still in progress.

AGC-06-10-12-2010
Moved by J.P. Hermano, seconded by T. Costouros THAT Academic Governance Council approve the 2009-10 Annual Report and the 2010-11 Work Plan of the Academic Policies Committee as presented in Agenda Item 7.3.2.

Carried

7.4 Admissions and Selections Committee

7.4.1 Annual Report and Work Plan
Stefanie Ivan, Chair of the Admissions and Selections Committee presented the Committee’s Annual Report and Work Plan for approval.

AGC-07-10-12-2010
Moved by D. McGugan, seconded by S. Bookhalter THAT Academic Governance Council approve the 2009-10 Annual Report and the 2010-11 Work Plan of the Admissions and Selections Committee as presented in Agenda Item 7.4.1.

Carried

7.5 MacEwan Curriculum Committee

7.5.1 Annual Report and Work Plan
Davar Rezania, Chair of the MacEwan Curriculum Committee, presented for approval the Committee’s Annual Report and Work Plan.
Concerns were raised about the decision process regarding the approval of the Acupuncture Program changes. Of particular concern was that this seemed to be a case of the Program not being able to meet required deadlines for providing requested information. It was noted that the proposed program changes were approved through the regular review process, although the vote was undertaken by e-mail. It was noted that changes to the MacEwan Curriculum Committee (MCC) review process have been made to avoid similar situations in the future.

In response to a question regarding the Committee’s nomination process as outlined in the attached Terms of Reference, it was explained the MCC Terms of Reference were approved before AGC was formed. The AGC nomination process was put in place for MCC member selection for 2010-11, and the Terms of Reference which are currently being revised will address this.

AGC-08-10-12-2010
Moved by J. Kubelka, seconded by R. McQuatt THAT Academic Governance Council approve the 2009-10 Annual Report and the 2010-11 Work Plan of the MacEwan Curriculum Committee as presented in Agenda Item 7.5.1.
Carried

7.6 Student Services Policy Committee
7.6.1 Annual Report and Work Plan
Stefanie Ivan, Chair of the Student Services Policy Committee presented the Committee’s Annual Report and Work Plan for approval.

AGC-09-10-12-2010
Moved by C. Hancock, seconded by C. Gnauck THAT Academic Governance Council approve the 2009-10 Annual Report and the 2010-11 Work Plan of the Student Services Policy Committee as presented in Agenda Item 7.6.1.
Carried

8.0 Question Period
The following items were discussed:

- Regarding when course descriptions for newly approved courses are published on-line, this depends on the implementation date of the course. Courses descriptions are available through the Program link on the MacEwan website; the 2011-12 Calendar will be published near the end of February 2011 and will include course descriptions for that academic year.
- In response to a question regarding the relationship of the Faculty Evaluation Committee (FEC) to AGC it was noted that the FEC is a subcommittee of AGC. In terms of whether faculty evaluation tools are approved by AGC it was noted that this falls under the Committee’s work, as outlined in its Terms of Reference and the Faculty Evaluation Policy, both of which were approved by AGC last academic year. The FEC will be providing its Annual Report and Work Plan at the November AGC Meeting which will provide an opportunity for discussion of the FEC’s work.
- AGC members were reminded that they are invited to attend convocation on November 8, 2010.

9.0 Future Agenda Items/Next Meeting – November 16, 2010, 6-212

10.0 The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 P.M.