Chair: Janet Paterson-Weir  Vice-Chair: Ron Meleshko

Members Present: Rafat Alam  John-Paul Hermano  Joanne Minaker
Cristina Anton  Cathryn Heslep  Agnes Mitchell
Gerard Bellefeuille  David Higgins  Judy Moore (by teleconference)
Barbara Brady-Fryer  Kevin Hood  Joyce Nethercote
Paul Byrne  Travis Huckell  Alice Nycholat
Linda Cook  Robert Irwin  Brent Quinton
Teresa Costouros  Shahidul Islam  Denise Roy
Elsie Elford  Alan Knowles  Binthi Samuel
Allan Gilliland  Lucille Mazo  Ross Shaw
Craig Gnauck  Debbie McGugan  Michael Stock
Chris Hancock  Susan Mehsuria

Regrets: Leslie Blyth  Moonfyre Cardinal  Willow MacLeod
Sharon Bookhalter  Mark Jacober  Russel McQuatt
Barry Boroditsky  Joseph Kubelka  Wayne Williams

Presenters: Bill Richards, Vice-Chair, MacEwan Curriculum Committee
Susan May, Chair, Academic Policies Committee
Stefanie Ivan, Chair, Admissions & Selections Committee

AGC Secretariat: Peter Geller  Kim Warkentine (Recorder)

1.0 Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

2.0 Approval of Agenda/Consent Agenda
The following items were approved on the consent agenda:
- 2.1 AGC Meeting Minutes: March 15, 2011
- 2.2 Executive Committee Minutes: February 23, 2011
- 2.3 Massage Therapy Diploma Program Admission Criteria
- 2.4 Bachelor of Commerce Admission Criteria

Moved by J. Minaker, seconded by J.P. Hermano THAT Academic Governance Council approve the agenda for April 26, 2011 and the items on the consent agenda as presented.

Carried

3.0 Board of Governors Report and Report of the President
Paul Byrne, President and CEO of Grant MacEwan University reported on the following items:
- The Board will have three new members:
  - Kassie Russell, Students’ Association (incoming SA Vice President Operations and Finance)
  - Carolyn Graham, Public Board Member, who will chair the Audit and Finance Committee
• Elizabeth Hurley, Public Board Member, who will chair the Human Resources Committee
  • The New Minister of Advanced Education and Technology is interested in creating more transfer opportunities among and between Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia’s post-secondary institutions including more block transfers.

The President took the opportunity to congratulate and thank the AGC members on their work on the Academic Governance Council, a governance body that he felt is doing important work focused on academic matters, working together, and dedication to students. He thanked the Council members for being an important part of the institution and for their work as Council members.

4.0 Report of the Provost and Executive Vice President Academic
Janet Paterson-Weir, Provost and Executive Vice President Academic, reported on the following items:
• Copies of MacEwan’s Report on Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity 2009/2010 are now available.
• The Academic Affairs Update will be held Thursday, May 5, and the Academic Policies Forum will be held Tuesday, May 10, 2011.
• The research seminar “Promoting Multiple Forms of Scholarship at MacEwan” will be held Wednesday, May 11.
• The Faculty Commons Spring/Summer 2011 Programming is now available online at https://facultycommons.macewan.ca/
• AGC members were encouraged to visit the Design Studies Portfolio Show held April 26 in the Robbins Health Learning Centre.

5.0 Committee Reports
5.1 Executive Committee
5.1.1 AGC Nominations Committee Student Member
J. Paterson-Weir, Chair of the AGC Executive Committee, informed AGC that a replacement student member was sought for the Nominations Committee due to the end of J.P. Hermano’s term as Students’ Association Vice-President Academic (SA VP Academic) as of May 1. David Drohan, SA VP Academic elect, was nominated from the floor.

AGC-02-04-26-2011
Moved by J.P. Hermano, seconded by D. Roy THAT David Drohan be appointed to the Nominations Committee of the Academic Governance Council for a one-year term from May 1, 2011 to April 30, 2012.

Carried

5.2 Nominations Committee
5.2.1 AGC Executive Committee Student Member
C. Hancock, Chair of the Nominations Committee, informed AGC that a replacement student member was sought for the Executive Committee due to the end of J.P. Hermano’s term as Students’ Association Vice-President Academic (SA VP Academic) as of May 1. David Drohan, SA VP Academic elect, was nominated from the floor.

AGC-03-04-26-2011
Moved by J.P. Hermano, seconded by C. Heslep THAT David Drohan be appointed to the Executive Committee of the Academic Governance Council for a one-year term from May 1, 2011 to April 30, 2012.

Carried
5.2.2 Nominations Procedures  
C. Hancock, Chair of the Nominations Committee, presented the updated Nominations Procedures for information.

5.2.3 Nominations Committee Report  
C. Hancock, Chair of the Nominations Committee, presented for decision a slate of nominees for the following AGC committees:

- Academic Policies Committee
- Admissions and Selections Committee
- Distance and Distributed Education Committee
- MacEwan Sabbatical Leave Committee
- Research Council
- Strategic and Resource Planning Advisory Committee
- Student Services Policy Committee
- Animal Care and Ethics Committee

AGC-04-04-26-2011
Moved by C. Gnauck, seconded by C. Anton THAT Academic Governance Council elect the slate of nominees for Academic Policies Committee, Admissions and Selections Committee, Distance and Distributed Education Committee, MacEwan Sabbatical Leave Committee, Research Council, Strategic and Resource Planning Advisory Committee, Student Services Policy Committee and Animal Care and Ethics Committee as presented in Agenda Item 5.2.3.
Carried

The slate of nominees for the MacEwan Curriculum Committee was presented. It was noted that the current Committee’s membership includes 10 faculty members, while the revised Terms of Reference (approved by AGC at its January 25, 2011 meeting) only included 8 faculty members. To ensure balanced representation, the Nominations Committee recommended a slate of 5 faculty nominees (plus 1 librarian) as a means of transitioning from the previous Committee composition; therefore, the membership would continue with 10 faculty members in total. In response to the question of whether the new Terms of Reference allow for this sort of flexibility, the Chair of MCC replied that 8 faculty members was the minimum required.

Note: Following the April 26, 2011 AGC meeting it was confirmed that the Composition section of the MCC Terms of Reference (AGC motion AGC-04-01-25-2011) did not specify a minimum number for membership. This will come forward to the next AGC meeting for clarification.

AGC-05-04-26-2011
Moved by D. Roy, seconded by K. Hood THAT Academic Governance Council elect the slate of nominees for MacEwan Curriculum Committee as presented in Agenda Item 5.2.3.
Carried

5.2.4 Presidential Transition Team Member  
C. Hancock, Chair of the Nominations Committee, requested that an AGC faculty member be nominated from the floor for the Presidential Transition Team.
Moved by R. Irwin, seconded by D. Roy THAT Robert Irwin be appointed to the Presidential Transition Team.

Carried

5.3 MacEwan Curriculum Committee
5.3.1 Bachelor of Commerce: Marketing and Human Resources Management Majors
B. Richards, Vice Chair of the MacEwan Curriculum Committee, presented the Bachelor of Commerce: Marketing and Human Resource Management Majors. During discussion the following points arose:

- Students graduating from the proposed degree would be prepared for Certified Human Resources Professional (CHRP) designation.
- Enrolment in the Human Resources diploma program remains strong, but will be monitored with the implementation of the new Human Resources major. It is anticipated that the impact on the HR Diploma program in terms of enrolment and student transfer would be manageable because the focus of the diploma program and the HR major is different but complimentary.

Moved by C. Hancock, seconded by P. Byrne THAT Academic Governance Council approve the Bachelor of Commerce – Human Resources Management Major and the Marketing Major as recommended by the MacEwan Curriculum Committee (March 21, 2011) as presented in Agenda Item 5.3.1.

Carried

5.4 Academic Policies Committee
5.4.1 Policy C2100: Graduation
S. May, the Chair of the Academic Policies Committee, presented revised academic policy C2100: Graduation for approval. It was noted that section 3.3.5 had been revised to specify that students must be in good academic standing according to Policy C2070: Academic Standing to graduate.

Moved by S. Islam, seconded by L. Cook THAT Academic Governance Council approve Policy C2100: Graduation, effective September 1, 2011, as recommended by the Academic Policies Committee (March 1, 2011) as presented in Agenda Item 5.4.1.

Carried

5.5 Admissions and Selections Committee
5.5.1 Acupuncture Diploma Program Admission Criteria
S. Ivan, the Chair of the Admissions and Selections Committee, presented revised Acupuncture Diploma Program admission criteria for approval. During discussion the following points arose:

- In terms of the requirement for high school courses, a change was made from the requirement of “a minimum overall average of 60% with no course grade lower than 50%” to “no course grade lower than 50%” in the required high school courses as potential students are required to have post-secondary experience prior to applying to the program; thus, the emphasis is placed on what the students’ academic experience after high school.
- The credit load was defined rather than time to complete; this will serve to accommodate part-time studies.
- A process is established by the Office of the Registrar with the program regarding the recognition of private institutions and non-credit studies.
Moved by A. Mitchell, seconded by J. Minaker THAT Academic Governance Council approve the changes to the admission criteria for the Acupuncture Diploma program, effective for the Fall 2012 intake of the program, as recommended by the Admissions and Selections Committee March 23, 2011 as presented in Agenda Item 5.5.1.

Carried

5.5.2 Bachelor of Child and Youth Care Program Admission Criteria
S. Ivan, the Chair of the Admissions and Selections Committee, presented revised Bachelor of Child and Youth Care Program admission criteria for approval. It was noted that the probationary admission category had been removed from the revised Admission Criteria. Further, as per discussion at the last AGC meeting, the Admissions and Selection Committee will undertake a review of the category of Probationary Admission.

AGC-10-04-26-2011
Moved by T. Costouros, seconded by C. Hancock THAT Academic Governance Council approve the changes to the admission criteria for the Bachelor of Child and Youth Care, effective for the Fall 2012 intake of the program, as recommended by the Admissions and Selections Committee March 23, 2011 and as presented in Agenda Item 5.5.2.

Carried

5.5.3 Bachelor of Communication Studies Admission Criteria
S. Ivan, the Chair of the Admissions and Selections Committee, presented revised Bachelor of Communication Studies admission criteria for approval. It was requested that the Implication section be removed as it did not address academic issues.

In response to the question regarding why the revised criteria only apply to graduates of the Bachelor of Applied Communications in Professional Writing and Journalism programs at MacEwan, it was explained that MacEwan students would have already completed this writing assessment, whereas external applicants would need to be assessed for this very specific skill set.

AGC-11-04-26-2011
Moved by A. Nycholat, seconded by M. Stock THAT Academic Governance Council approve the changes to the admission criteria for the Bachelor of Communication Studies, effective for the Fall 2012 intake of the program, as recommended by the Admissions and Selections Committee March 23, 2011 as amended in Agenda Item 5.5.3.

Carried

5.5.4 Bachelor of Arts Admission Criteria
S. Ivan, the Chair of the Admissions and Selections Committee, presented revised Bachelor of Arts admission criteria for approval. It was explained that there were changes to the new Math requirements, English language requirements, and rewriting the section related to the probationary admission to clarify the conditions of entry.

The question was raised whether replacing the phrase “post-secondary credits” with the phrase “university-level credits” would place certificate or diploma students at a disadvantage. It was noted that this would not be the case as the revisions would ensure that applicants were considered based on relevant university-level coursework and not on performance in unrelated post-secondary programs. As well, the changes in terminology reflect those currently used in other programs at MacEwan, including the Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Social Work diploma program.
Moved by K. Hood, seconded by R. Alam THAT Academic Governance Council approve the changes to the admission criteria for the Bachelor of Arts, effective for the Fall 2012 intake of the program, as recommended by the Admissions and Selections Committee February 16, 2011 as presented in Agenda Item 5.5.4.

Carried

5.5.5 Bachelor of Science Admission Criteria
S. Ivan, the Chair of the Admissions and Selections Committee, presented revised Bachelor of Science admission criteria for approval. The following points arose during discussion:

- In response to the probationary category seeming inconsistent between degrees, it was noted that the Probationary Admission category for all programs would be reviewed by Admissions and Selections next year.
- Currently, students accepted to the program under Probationary Admission are placed on Academic Probation and are required to sign a probationary contract.

Moved by D. McGugan, seconded by R. Irwin THAT Academic Governance Council approve the changes to the admission criteria for the Bachelor of Science, effective for the Fall 2012 intake of the program, as recommended by the Admissions and Selections Committee February 16, 2011 as presented in Agenda Item 5.5.5.

Carried

5.5.6 Recommendations from Review of Other Admission Criteria
S. Ivan, the Chair of the Admissions and Selections Committee, presented recommendations from review of Other Admission Criteria for the Theatre Arts diploma, and the Arts and Cultural Management diploma. A series of other recommendations going forward to the programs were presented to AGC for information.

Moved by T. Costouros, seconded by L. Mazo that:

1. That Academic Governance Council approve the revised Other Admission criteria for the Theatre Arts diploma effective 2012/2013, as recommended by the Admissions and Selections Committee as presented in Agenda Item 5.5.6; and

2. That Academic Governance Council approve the revised Other Admission criteria for the Arts & Cultural Management diploma effective 2012/2013, as recommended by the Admissions and Selections Committee as presented in Agenda Item 5.5.6.

Carried

6.0 Question Period
The following was noted:

- The Faculty Standards Committee would present an interim report at the June AGC meeting.
- PeopleSoft and academic quality at MacEwan would be presented as the last item of the June meeting.
- The last scheduled AGC meeting of 2010/2011 will be held 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 13, 2011 in room 7-146/7-187.

7.0 Future Agenda Items/Next Meeting – May 24, 2011 – Centre for the Arts and Communications

8.0 The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M.