

University of Alberta

Education Faculty Council

The Education Faculty Council met on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. in 2-100 University Hall.

Present:

M Abbott, C Adams, J Anuik, H brown, G Buck, O Bulult, D Cormier, J Considine, M Cutumisu, S Dahlke, L Daniels, B Decker, M Doherty, W Dunn, W Dussome, L Gibson, F Glanfield, D Gleddie, M Gravel, L Grieve, T Hidson, K Koch, L Laidlaw, J Leighton, D Lewkowich, J McFeetors, L McGarvey, A McInnes, M McNally, Y Norton, D Oberg, C Peck, J Pegg, K Rose, M Rossiter, T Samek, E Simmt, C Smythe, N Spencer-Cavaliere, G Thomas, A Ullah, J Van Vliet, R Veldkamp-Nyman, S White, L Wiltse, Y Wu, R Wimmer (Chair), B Werthmann (Secretary)

Sign in sheet is attached to original minutes.

1. Approval of Agenda

*MOVED TO APPROVE the agenda as presented.
S White / J Leighton / CARRIED*

2. Minutes of the Education Faculty Council

*MOVED TO APPROVE the October 6, 2015 minutes of the Education Faculty Council as presented.
R Veldkamp-Nyman / C Peck / CARRIED*

3. Minutes of the Graduate Academic Affairs Council

*MOVED TO RECEIVE the September 14, 2015 minutes of the Graduate Academic Affairs Council.
F Glanfield / L Daniels / CARRIED*

*MOVED TO RECEIVE the October 5, 2015 minutes of the Graduate Academic Affairs Council.
M Rossiter / C Adams / CARRIED*

4. Minutes of the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Council

*MOVED TO RECEIVE the September 24, 2015 minutes of the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Council.
C Hickson / L McGarvey / CARRIED*

5. Building the Next Institutional Strategic Plan

Guests:

Anne Bailey, Director, Internal Communications, Office of the Vice-President (University Relations)
Amy Dambrowitz, Strategic Development Manager, Office of the Provost and Vice-President (Academic)

Dr Wimmer wished to raise awareness of the process taking place to develop the University's next Institutional Plan. *Building the Next Institutional Plan* discussion paper was released to the University community on October 28. The discussion paper provides the overarching themes

developed by President Turpin through his visits to each faculty. The President and Provost are asking members of the U of A community to consider some of the key questions facing our institution today. The Institutional Plan website <https://uofa.ualberta.ca/strategic-plan> provides background information on the work done to date, access to the discussion paper and the on-line feedback form.

Dr Wimmer is pleased that Dr Leighton is a member of the committee looking at recommended actions.

6. Revenue Generation Working Group update

Revenue generation initiatives (RGI) were the key discussion topic at the April Dean's Advisory Committee (DAC) retreat. At the June 9, 2015 Faculty Council meeting it was reported that a revenue generation working group would be struck and a report given to Faculty Council in December 2015.

Membership consists of:

Lynn McGarvey, Vice Dean (Chair)
Patricia Boechler, Associate Dean (Research)
Vanessa Grabia, APO, Elementary and Secondary Education
Yvonne Norton, Assistant Dean, Finance and Administration
Ali Shiri, Associate Chair and Graduate Coordinator, SLIS
Elaine Simmt, Director, Master of Educational Studies
Janet Welch, Assistant Dean, Technologies in Education
Betty jo Werthmann, Administrator

Below are highlights from Dr McGarvey's presentation:

- Definitions:
 - Revenue generation – activities that bring funds into the Faculty
 - Cost recovery – budgeted activities where revenue equals costs
 - Cost-plus – budgeted activities where revenue exceeds costs
- Why necessary?
 - We are unlikely to see an increase in government grants to postsecondary operating funds. And we will *not* see a return to previous levels of government funding.
 - Faculties are now responsible for Across the Board (ATB – Cost of Living) and Merit Pay.
 - With no additional operating funds, we can also anticipate an increasing shortfall.
- Inventory and possibilities
 - Credit programs – graduate degrees, certificates, diplomas
 - Non-credit programs and activities:
 - professional development for teachers/educators
 - knowledge dissemination to the broader community
 - university prep and bridging, exam prep, tutoring
 - children and youth camps and programs
 - Fee for Service – educational technologies, consulting, contracts
 - Fundraising and donations
 - Infrastructure Rental – space, equipment
 - Other – merchandising, ePublishing

- Moving forward
 - Revenue Generation Working Group recommendations to the Dean:
 - identify a resource person to assist with revenue related research, policy and support;
 - pursue a research-informed, iterative approach to expand revenue generation within the Faculty;
 - gather feedback from faculty and staff regarding revenue generation priorities and processes.

Dr McGarvey summarized by saying we are not the only post-secondary institution looking at revenue generation. There are many questions yet to be answered – at the faculty level as well as central administration.

7. (Interim) Dean's Report

Chair Selection update

- Department chair searches are currently underway for Elementary Education and Educational Policy Studies, with the process for Educational Psychology will be starting soon.
- Dr Wimmer has met with all three department councils to review the process, and will soon be having follow up visits for discussions concerning the role of a department chair, and to encourage consideration of future chairs.

Truth and Reconciliation Commission: Calls to Action

- Dr Wimmer has been part of an informal group that includes, among others, the Deans of Native Studies, Arts.
- As part of the Deputy Provost portfolio, Dr Wendy Rodgers is compiling a list of Aboriginal initiatives and work already underway across campus. Her role will be to coordinate these efforts and support and move initiatives forward. Dr Rodgers has met twice with our Indigenous Education Council (IEC).
- The IEC will be holding a ceremony as their opening response to the TRC Calls to Action. This ceremony will provide the necessary spiritual foundations and support that will guide other upcoming events offered through IEC. All are invited to attend this event in the 4th floor lounge of Education North on December 11.
- President Turpin will be meeting with IEC on December 15.

Canadian Deans of Education

- Dr Wimmer attended the biannual Canadian Deans of Education meeting in November.
- There are 62 Deans of Education, and this group illustrates the diversity and difference of how higher education is organized in Canada.
- A positive initiative has been the development of the Deans Accords on: Initial Teacher Education, Indigenous Education, Research in Education, International Education, and Early Learning Education.
- All Faculties of Education are asked to post links to these documents on their websites.
- A series of five videos are being produced to accompany the Accord documents. These will be presented at CSSE in Calgary this spring. Links to these videos will also be provided on our web site.

Alberta Deans of Education

- Recently the Alberta Deans were called to meet with the Deputy Minister of Education to discuss teacher education, ministry concerns with teacher education, and upcoming changes to the Teaching Quality Standard and Leadership framework.
- Dr Dunn, Associate Dean, Teacher Education, represented our Faculty at these meetings. Dr Dunn was left with the impression that the Ministry is interested in increased communication with the Faculties of Education.

Misc

- In November, Dr Wimmer attended the installation of the new President as well as Fall Convocation.
- Representatives from the Education Students' Association were invited to a DAC meeting to discuss concerns over increasing their membership.

Meeting adjourned.