

The University of Alberta
Faculty of Education

GRADUATE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL

April 4, 2016

PRESENT: George Buck, Alicia Cappello, Jackie Filipek, Doug Gleddie, Heather Kanuka, Christa King, Lynn McGarvey, Norma Nocente, Marian Rossiter, Gaylene Schreiber, Ali Shiri, Jill McClay, (Chair), Betty jo Werthmann (Administrator)

Regrets: Cathy Adams, Jennifer Branch, Joe da Costa, Chantal Labonte, Elaine Simmt, Rochelle Starr

1. Approval of Agenda

*MOVED TO APPROVE the agenda as circulated.
M Rossiter / L McGarvey / CARRIED*

2. Approval of Minutes

Under the *Report from the ATA*, the ATA Board of Governors should be stated as the ATA Teacher Salary Qualifications Board. Original minutes will be amended.

*MOVED TO APPROVE the minutes of February 1, 2016 as amended.
A Shiri / H Kanuka / CARRIED*

3. Motion to Approve

3.1 EDEL 566 Ethnographic Research Methodology in Education

This new course was presented for notice of motion at the February 1, 2016 meeting. No feedback was received.

An editorial change was requested for “Ethnographic” to have a lower case ‘e’ in the course description.

*MOVED TO APPROVE EDEL 566 Ethnographic Research Methodology in Education, and to include the editorial change.
J Filipek / L McGarvey / CARRIED*

4. Notice of Motion

4.1 EDSE 510 Research Methods in Secondary Education

As the Department now offers this course in fall and winter, it is a request to change from “first” term to “either” term.

There was a process question at this point concerning minor editorial changes. Do they need a notice of motion? Could they be approved by the Chair on behalf of GAAC? This process is used at the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Council. Jill will take this under consideration.

4.2 EDPS 515 Sexual and Gender Minorities in Education and Culture

This course has been taught under an umbrella number and the Department now wishes to have a permanent number. The course is designed to address emerging issues, legislation, research, and trends in K-12 education and culture in Canada.

5. Chair's Report

Jill reported as follows:

- The University is moving to gender neutral language. The Registrar's Office has reviewed the Calendar and made all appropriate changes. Departments and instructors should be aware of this in preparing calendar descriptions, course outlines, etc.
- The approval body for certificate programs has been Faculty Council. Future certificate submissions will now be reviewed by GAAC (graduate) and UAAC (undergraduate). GAAC's role will be to consider how proposed certificate courses and the overall program fit into our graduate programs.

As GAAC minutes go to Faculty Council for receipt, what if a certificate was challenged at that point, but had already been sent forward through governance from GAAC. Lynn McGarvey responded that if proper consultation takes place, followed by a strong review and discussion at GAAC, then any questions that may arise at Faculty Council should be for clarification only. One of the consultation steps required prior to GAAC is a review by the Vice Dean.

- An upcoming project taking place in the Faculty is obtaining information on our BED and graduate students following graduation, e.g. where employed. This is important information for many reasons but will be required for future graduate program reviews. A graduate student internship will soon be posted to assist with this project.
- The Faculty has advertised for five post-doctoral positions – one for each department with selections being done by department review committees.
- Congratulations to Educational Psychology, Elementary Education and Secondary Education on their successful student research showcases.
- Catherine van Kessel from Secondary Education is a finalist in the 3 minute thesis competition.
- The latest PD session was "Applying and Interviewing for Academic Jobs". Approximately 40 students attended in person with 14 livestreaming. The panel consisted of Heather Brown, Educational Psychology; Lindsay Gibson, Elementary Education; and Elaine Simmt, Director, Master of Educational Studies.

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