

University of Alberta

Education Faculty Council

The Education Faculty Council met on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 3:30 p.m. in 2-100 University Hall.

Present:

M Abbott, J Anuik, P Boechler, J Bowman, J Branch, T Cardinal, J Considine, M Cutumisu, L Daniels, L De Fabrizio, J Dempsey, M Doherty, W Dunn, W Dussome, F Glanfield, D Gleddie, V Grabia, M Gravel, L Grieve, C Hickson, T Hidson, J Hurley, H Kennedy-Plant, M Kim, S King, K Koch, P MacLeod, J McFeetors, L McGarvey, A McInnes, J McClay, I Muir, Y Norton, D Oberg, J Pegg, C Poth, A Power-Grewal, C Rinaldi, T Samek, A Shiri, R Sockbeson, N Spencer-Cavaliere, E Steinhauer, M Stewart-Harawira, A Ullah, J Van Vliet, B Watt, K Wells, S White, A Worrall, 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.
J McClay / M Stewart-Harawira / CARRIED*

2. Minutes of the Education Faculty Council

On page 3, “Trust and Reconciliation” will be correct to “Truth and Reconciliation”.

MOVED TO APPROVE the December 1, 2015 minutes of the Education Faculty Council as amended. S White / D Oberg / CARRIED

3. Minutes of the Graduate Academic Affairs Council

3.1 *MOVED TO RECEIVE the November 2, 2015 minutes of the Graduate Academic Affairs Council. J McClay / A Shiri / CARRIED*

3.2 *MOVED TO RECEIVE the December 7, 2015 minutes of the Graduate Academic Affairs Council. J McClay / D Gleddie / CARRIED*

4. Minutes of the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Council

In reference to a question concerning undergraduate program numbers (page 3, Program Issues), Dr McGarvey reported that no further comment has been received from the Provost. This will be reviewed when Drs Wimmer and McGarvey meet with the Provost for their annual meeting.

4.1 *MOVED TO RECEIVE the October 8, 2015 minutes of the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Council. C Hickson / J McFeetors / CARRIED*

4.2 *MOVED TO RECEIVE the November 26, 2015 minutes of the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Council. C Hickson / J Pegg / CARRIED*

4.3 *MOVED TO RECEIVE the January 14, 2016 minutes of the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Council. C Hickson / L McGarvey / CARRIED*

5. Introduction of New Faculty

Dr Jason Harley, Educational Psychology, was introduced.

6. Motion from the Faculty Evaluation Committee

The Faculty Evaluation Committee (FEC) manual and the Faculty Agreement are silent on whether or not the FEC Chair is a voting member. It is up to each individual Faculty to decide.

At the January 25, 2016 FEC meeting, it was agreed that the FEC Chair, for the Faculty of Education, will be a non-voting member, voting only to break a tie. Should there be a tie, all FEC members will vote again including the Chair.

The FEC membership consists of department chairs and elected academics who are considered to be peers. The Chair's role is one of providing direction, facilitation, and could be seen to be parallel to the Chair of Faculty Council, who does not vote.

In reviewing other departmentalized faculties, the FEC Chair does not vote.

MOVED THAT THE Faculty Evaluation Committee Chair be a non-voting member unless there is a tie. F Glanfield / M Doherty / CARRIED

7. Aboriginal Teacher Education Program (ATEP) 10 year Anniversary Research Presentation

Ms Christine Martineau and Ms Angela Wolfe, from the Aboriginal Teacher Education Program (ATEP) presented to Faculty Council.

- ATEP was established in 2001 with funding from the Alberta Government.
- ATEP is intended to address the urgent need for Aboriginal teachers and teachers everywhere who have the desire and commitment to work with Aboriginal students.
- A strong focus is on preparing Aboriginal men and women in the more remote communities of northern Alberta who aspire to be teachers.
- ATEP is community based so students can complete their degree while maintaining family, community, and cultural connections.
- The program offers the same high standards of quality as the campus-based BEd (Elementary) using University of Alberta faculty and sessional instructors.
- The added components of the program include the involvement of community Elders and the use of local resources to create a learning environment inclusive to Indigenous ways of knowing and learning.
- The program is cohort and community based with combined online and face-to-face instruction.
- A research study of the program has taken place with a report submitted to Alberta Education in fall 2015.
- An article was recently accepted to the Canadian Journal of Native Education.
- Future objectives are development of a Secondary Education program and an urban co-hort.

ATEP stats (taken from Peoplesoft and the Registrar's Office, as well as telephone and email surveys with a 58% response rate):

- 10 cohorts since 2002 with 175 graduates

- Blue Quills (4 cohorts)
- Northern Lakes College (4 cohorts)
- Maskwacis (1 cohort)
- Portage (1 cohort)
- Currently 2 cohorts in their final year:
 - Northern Lakes College
 - Portage College
- Profile of graduates
 - 59% Aboriginal
 - 41% non-Aboriginal
 - 93% women
 - average age of applicants is 35
 - 22% have earned degrees *with Distinction*
 - 96% are teaching / 79% teaching full time / 17% subbing
 - 73% are teaching in public schools
 - 24% are teaching in band schools
 - 3% are teaching at a post-secondary level

8. (Interim) Dean's Report

Response to the TRC Calls to Action: Community Gathering event

- this event is a follow up to the Pipe Ceremony and takes place Friday March 18

New Strategic Institutional Plan

- the consultation process is now closed, with over 850 sets of feedback received
- the first draft is scheduled to be released to the University community mid-March
- the final document is scheduled for presentation to the Board of Governors in June

Budget update

- there is currently no change to the 2% budget expected for next year, however, given the economic situation nothing should be out of the question
- our faculty will be fine, but we need to be conservative

City of Edmonton Read In Week

- the faculty of Education has been asked to be the University partner with the Mayor's Office for the kick off events for Read In Week in early October
- Dr Jill McClay is the Dean's Office representative on the University relations working group

Teacher Quality Standards, School Leader Standards, School Authority Standards

- Ministerial approval is set for June with one year of piloting to follow

Revenue Generating Initiatives (RGI)

- RGI will be "on pause" for the time being as there are too many unanswered questions at the University and Government level
- these answers are needed before significant faculty investments are made

Fulbright Scholar – Dr Sosanya Jones (Ed Policy Studies)

- Dr Jones' area research is diversity in higher education and she will be on campus until the end of June

Educators in Motion Alumni Series

- the purpose of these events is to engage newer alumni and undergraduate students with “out of the box” thinking and big ideas of what our alumni are doing
- the most recent event included speakers Ken Bautista and Christina Stasia
- we welcome ideas for future events

Awards for Faculty Excellence

- some important awards to be aware of with a deadline of May 1st
 - Distinguished University Professor, University Cup, Vargo Teaching Chair and the Excellence in Mentorship award

Faculty's 75th Anniversary

- April 11, 2017 is the 75th Anniversary of the Faculty of Education
- a working group to be struck soon ideas and volunteers welcome!

Meeting adjourned.