



UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA FACULTY OF EDUCATION

Undergraduate Academic Affairs Council

Thursday, March 10, 2016

1:30 – 4:00 pm

533 A Education South

MINUTES

Present: C Hickson (Chair), H Kennedy-Plant (Administrator)

C Christianson, B Stelmach, L Daniels, B Dunn, T Dust, S Fairfull, M Gravel, J McFeetors, L McGarvey, J Pegg, B Smilanich, E Steinhauer, C Weber-Pillwax

Regrets: D Chorney, B Hanson, L Shultz, J Sousa

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1. Welcome, Introductions and Announcements
 - C Hickson introduced new ESA member, Sarah Fairfull and around the table introductions occurred
 2. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION (L McGarvey): To approve the agenda, as circulated
Seconded by: B Smilanich
Carried
 3. Approval of the Minutes of February 11, 2016 (attached)

MOTION (B Smilanich): To approve the agenda, as circulated
Seconded by: J McFeetors
Carried
 4. Calendar Change Documents (attached)
 - Editorial Calendar Changes:
 - None
 - Other Calendar Changes:
 - **Notice of MOTION (J Pegg):** New Course: EDEL 470: Bridging Cultures: Diverse Ways of Knowing in Science *3
Rationale: In science, bridging the gap between western science and indigenous ways of knowing has been inadequately addressed. The course helps pre-service teachers better understand the significance of divergent perspectives and 'ways of coming to know' as promoted by recent curricular initiatives in Alberta. The response for this course from both indigenous and nonindigenous students has been positive. This course has been offered as an EDEL 495 for students in the Aboriginal Teacher Education Program (ATEP) on an annual basis since 2013 and is planned for future years. Therefore, it is requested that this course receive a permanent course number.
 - J Pegg provided an overview of the Notice of Motion and desire to give the course a permanent number in the calendar
 - During discussion it was asked if the criteria might be to have an Aboriginal instructor teach the course. As well, there was a request for an explanation of the ethnographic approach
 - C Hickson explained that this Notice will come back as a Motion to the next meeting and members were encouraged to contact J Pegg if questions arise which can be addressed before the meeting
 - Inclusion of the GPRC Code of Conduct being included in the course outline was questioned and it was asked if instead it should be exclusively the U of A Code of Conduct that is included. C Hickson confirmed that since it is a U of A course, students are bound by U of A Code of Conduct

- Since short-long range planning is not addressed in the course KSAs, a question arose asking if it should be addressed
- Asked if the ATA Professional Code of Conduct is included in all Education courses, it was confirmed that University policies must be adhered to in course outlines but the ATA is not required. It was mentioned that it is slightly ambiguous in the department procedures and it is included as informational practice
- J Pegg stated that documentation would be revised to address questions that arose during the presentation of the Notice of Motion. Revised documents were emailed to members on March 17th

5. Information items

- New online University Calendar update
 - The new online version of the calendar is live and accessible and members were encouraged to become familiar with the format. The content is there but navigation and appearance is quite different. Members were asked to take request to familiarize with new format back to departments, units, and groups
 - C Hickson shared that there has not yet been direction from University Governance on how calendar changes will be managed. When directions become available they will be shared with members
 - C Hickson explained some of the formatting changes that have occurred in the transition
 - If Calendar changes are done prior to receiving direction, they can be prepared according to past practice
 - T Dust requested that feedback be shared with Calendar team about the difficulty in navigation for high school prospective students on finding the specific groups of subjects for the required 5 subjects (can't find group A, B...subjects)
 - Asked if there are timelines for providing feedback, C Hickson shared that it is centrally managed and that if there are errors that they can be shared with him or Heather which will enable them to be fed back to the Registrar's Office
- UAAC May 12, 2016, optional meeting discussion
 - There was discussion on need for the May meeting and availability of members to attend, in order to meet quorum. There was agreement of a need for meeting due to several departments goals to bring agenda items forward to April which require the May meeting to serve the Motions
 - Members were reminded that there are normally two meetings in September and one in October to finalize all the Calendar changes for the 2017-18 Calendar if deadlines remain the same as in the past
 - 11 members confirmed that May 12 works for their schedules and members were asked to hold the meeting in their calendar schedules, in order to ensure quorum will be met at the confirmed May meeting

6. Items for Discussion

- Program Renewal Work
 - None
- Program Issues
 - None

7. Update Items from the Council membership

- J Pegg invited members to attend Elementary Education's, March 18th Research Expo being held in 464 Ed South, from 1:00-4:00 pm
- M Gravel provided an update from the ATA. A postcard on the *Creating a Compassionate Classroom*, a new ATA publication, was distributed. As well, members were informed about a collaborative research project and upcoming conference on the topic of Growing up Digital, and a brochure that included details about the research was shared with members
- S Fairfull announced that the ESA Elections are being held on April 6th
- C Weber-Pillwax shared that on March 18th the IEC group would be hosting a gathering, the second TRC follow up event, and the focus would be on how the university can serve aboriginal communities. Members were invited to the event which was to be open for drop ins and located in the 4th Floor Lounge in Education North

8. Reminder of Agreed Upon Future Agenda Items

- Potential presentation: Office of Student Conduct and Accountability – C Hickson spoke about having the presentation and OSCA asked when it might be best to have the presentation to have information and to share. Members indicated April, May or January seem logical

Adjournment: J Pegg moved to adjourn. Adjourned at 2:07 pm