The Education Faculty Council met on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, University Hall.

Present:

Sign in sheet is attached to original minutes.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED TO APPROVE the agenda as presented.
Y Norton / D Hunter / CARRIED

2. Minutes of the Education Faculty Council

MOVED TO APPROVE the October 3, 2017 minutes of the Education Faculty Council as presented.
Y Norton / M Doherty / CARRIED

3. Minutes of the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Council

MOVED TO RECEIVE the September 28, 2017 minutes of the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Council.
H Kennedy-Plant / L Daniels / CARRIED

4. Sherry Bennett, Alberta Assessment Consortium

The Alberta Assessment Consortium (AAC):
- is an invaluable professional resource for pre-service teachers and faculty members
- advocates for sound classroom assessment practices that follow the work of assessment leaders and researchers
- is apprised of initiatives at Alberta Education that have a connection to classroom assessment practice
- contributes to assessment literacy in Alberta through action research and inquiry initiatives
- develops classroom assessment materials for Alberta classrooms
- provides professional learning opportunities and materials through publications, website and events

Full information can be found at [www.aac.ab.ca](http://www.aac.ab.ca) / U of A user name: Alberta / U of A password: assessment.
5. The Acceleration of Change

These articles were discussed at Dean’s Advisory Committee in September, and Dean Tupper was encouraged to present them to Faculty Council.

The articles can be used to begin the conversation of changes occurring at universities across North America and in particular, at this institution. It is a tool for understanding some of the challenges and pressures we are facing as university community.

The article notes that universities today are facing many stresses – increasing participation rates (including ill-prepared students), diversification of the study body, digitization of content, rising operating costs (mostly to salaries and benefits), decreasing provincial grants, aging campuses (deferred maintenance), rising levels of student debt, increasing costs of post-secondary education to students.

What are the obstacles to change? How do we navigate these? How do we position our university and faculty for the future?

Dean Tupper made a commitment to be as transparent as possible to faculty members, and encouraged all to be a part of the change conversation going forward.

Faculty members are encouraged to read the articles and discuss with colleagues.

6. Faculty of Education Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan Facilitation Team will meet November 21 with the following agenda items
- review of questions Jennifer has posted to them ahead of time
- discussion and planning of activities for January through to April
- consultative strategies
- communication plan
- finding ways to involve key stakeholders

A sessional member of Faculty Council asked why the membership did not include a sessional. Dean Tupper responded that it was discussed at Dean’s Advisory Committee, but felt the best way for sessionals to participate would be through the consultation process.

Faculty members were encouraged to watch for communication soon after the November 21st meeting.

7. Budget and Finances

A University budget town hall will be held Thursday, November 9th.

A Faculty budget town hall will be Tuesday, November 14th from 9:30 to 10:30 in 2-115 Education North.

Dean Tupper reported that the deans met outside of Deans’ Council and, as a collective, made three motions:
• to rescind their support of the proposed 4% budget cut to Faculties as presented at Deans’ Council
• to not support further cuts of 2.5%, 2.5% in 2019-2020 & 2020-2021
• to work collegially with Central to find solutions to the budget challenges facing the institution

8. Undergraduate Program Review and Renewal

The first phase of the undergraduate program renewal will be a self-study of the program. The working group will consist of:
• Dr Bill Dunn, Associate Dean, Teacher Education, who will act as Chair
• Dr Dwayne Donald, Secondary Education
• Dr Alison McInnis, Educational Psychology
• Dr Noella Steinhauer, Educational Policy Studies

Other individuals, such as associate deans, department associate chairs, will be called upon as necessary.

When the group first meets they will discuss how this research should be framed, what questions to ask, and who to consult with. Other programs will be reviewed as it is important to look outward as well as inward.

9. Dean’s Report

Congratulations to colleagues who have been awarded tenure:
• Dr Okan Bulut, Dr Alison McInnes, Dr Michael McNally, Dr Tami Oliphant and Dr Kris Wells

Congratulations to those who have been promoted to the rank of full professor:
• Dr Cathy Adams, Dr Dia Da Costa, Dr Kent den Heyer, Dr Carla Peck, Dr Patti Pente, Dr. Bonnie Stelmach, and Dr Cora Weber-Pillwax

Dr George Georgiou will serve as Acting Associate Dean, International Initiatives from January 1st to June 30th, 2018 while Dr Lynette Schultz is on a six-month sabbatical.

Dean Tupper attended the Canadian Deans of Education where time was spent learning about and discussing approaches to and our responsibilities for Accommodations in Teacher Education Programs. This included a panel of speakers from various contexts including teacher education, student services, and the legal profession. There was also an opportunity to discuss educational research and it was agreed that there needs to be a process to survey and catalog the research happening at our various institutions with the aim of facilitating institutional collaborations and knowledge mobilization. Time was spent exploring environmental and sustainability education, with an agreement to begin work toward a national accord. Dean Tupper was voted to the ACDE executive as a member-at-large and is looking forward to making contributions to education at the national level through this role.

The Centre for Teaching and Learning will be facilitating a Blanket Exercise on December 6th, 11:30-2:30 in the basement of Cameron Library. If you have not yet had an opportunity to participate in this learning experience, please consider it.
Respectful workplace initiative – Dean Tupper met with the Diversity, Equity and Respect Committee who are working toward establishing shared principles to guide this important work.

Department Chairs are compiling information about activities and initiatives in the Faculty that support truth and reconciliation. If you are involved in something you feel should be included, please make sure your Chairs are aware.

Dean Tupper was the guest speaker at the Education Society Dinner on October 16th, speaking about educational change in a time of truth and reconciliation.

Dean Tupper met with Trustee Michael Janz to begin building relationships with the Edmonton Public School Board. He is very interested in finding more ways to work together, and especially how we might support in-service teachers in anti-colonial / Indigenous Education.

Dean Tupper was invited to attend the Educational Psychology Department Council to discuss a number of items including, and especially, budget.

There is an Alumni Dinner November 8th with approximately 140 guests expected to attend. This is a wonderful way to connect with our alumni and especially as this is our 75th Anniversary as a Faculty.

Dean Tupper invited faculty and staff to attend our Faculty of Education Budget Forum next week – November 14th, 9:30-10:30 in 2-115 Education North.

MOVED to adjourn.
F Glanfield / K Wells / CARRIED