



**ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
25 November 2021**

**Members:**

Council Chair: Dr. Julia Dutove  
Council Vice-Chair: Mr. Jeremy Parker |Notice of Absence

President: Mr. Justin Kohlman  
Vice-President Academic and Research: Dr. Vanessa Sheane  
Deans: Dr. Brian Redmond  
Dr. Carly McLeod

Director, Student Services: Ms. Aman Litt  
Academic Staff Association: Dr. Julia Dutove  
Ms. Lesley Brazier  
Mr. Jeremy Parker  
Dr. Craig Smith |Notice of Absence  
Mr. Brent Boutilier  
Ms. Deena Honan  
Ms. Theresa Suderman  
Ms. Lorelle Warr  
Dr. Elena Voskovskaia  
Alternates: Ms. Tamara Van Tassell  
Ms. Terrah Lindsay  
Ms. Cara Leaf  
Mr. Myles Mintzler  
Dr. Shawn Morton

Students' Association: Mr. John Tiede  
Ms. Brooklyn Broaders  
Mr. Tyler Barr |Notice of Absence  
Mr. Jordan Drake  
Mr. Josh Winland  
Ms. Liberte Tiede |Notice of Absence  
Ms. Sara Yelligadu  
Ms. Saransh Kapoor |Notice of Absence  
Ms. Nneka Nwaigwe  
TBD  
Alternates: TBD

Employees' Association: Ms. Lana Bennett  
Ms. Lisa Hollis

Alternate Ms. Tanya Kinderwater

Alberta Union of Provincial Employees: Ms. Lin Roy  
Alternate: Ms. Lynette Tye

Community Members: Ms. Dianne McWatt | Notice of Absence  
Ms. Sasha Dorscheid

Non-Voting Guests: Mr. Tony Shmyruk

**4151 CALL TO ORDER**

The In-Person & ZOOM Academic Council meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

**4152 AGENDA**

The agenda was **APPROVED** as presented by consensus.

**CARRIED**

**4153 MINUTES OF 14 OCTOBER 2021**

The Minutes of 14 October 2021 were **APPROVED** as presented by consensus.

**CARRIED**

**4154 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Curriculum Committee**

Academic Council received The Curriculum Committee Minutes for 12 November 2021. **MOTIONED** by Dr. Vanessa Sheane; **SECONDED** by Ms. Lorelle Warr to Recommend to the Board of Governors to **APPROVE** the minutes for 12 November 2021 as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4155 POLICY & RECOMMENDATIONS**

**CREDENTIALS POLICY**

Background: recommended by CAQC evaluator committee to have align Certificate and Diplomas to the AB Credential Framework so we have a clear definition of the differences.

**MOTIONED** by Dr. Vanessa Sheane; **SECONDED** by Ms. Deena Honan that Academic Council Recommend to the Board of Governors to Approve the revised Credentials Policy as presented with the only change being the approving body now be the Board of Governors.

**CARRIED**

**ADMISSIONS POLICY**

**MOTIONED** by Dr. Vanessa Sheane; **SECONDED** by Mr. Brent Boutilier that Academic Council Recommend to the Board of Governors to Approve the revised Admissions Policy as presented and remove existing Admissions Policy.

**CARRIED**

**RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING POLICY**

**MOTIONED** by Dr. Vanessa Sheane; **SECONDED** by Ms. Lorelle Warr that Academic Council Recommend to the Board of Governors to Approve the removal of the Recognition of Prior Learning Policy.

**CARRIED**

**ABSENCES FOR ATHLETIC TEAM TRAVEL POLICY**

**MOTIONED** by Dr. Vanessa Sheane; **SECONDED** by Dr. Brian Redmond that Academic Council Recommend to the Board of Governors remove the Absences for Athletic Team Travel Policy.

**CARRIED**

**DEATH OF STUDENT POLICY**

Background: This is a procedure not a policy; therefore, should be removed from the Policy Suite

**MOTIONED** by Dr. Vanessa Sheane; **SECONDED** by Ms. Lorelle Warr that Academic Council Recommend to the Board of Governors to Remove the Death of Student Policy from the Policy suite.

**CARRIED**

**4156 CALENDAR HARD COPY**

Dr. Vanessa Sheane shared on behalf of Ms. Tanya Lopez:  
2022-2023 Program dates – program dates were revised by all programs and feedback was incorporated into finished doc.

Dr. Vanessa Sheane **MOTIONED** 2022-2023 Program dates be accepted as presented; **SECONDED** by Ms. Deena Honan

Discussion occurred around Aug. 29 Start date as opposed to a Sept. 1 Start Date. Sept. 1. Concerns from both dates were heard including information from SA Representatives. Vote for support of each date was taken. Start Date of Aug. 29 received the majority vote.

**CARRIED**

**2022-2023 Important Dates document**

Dr. Vanessa Sheane **MOTIONED** the Important Dates Document be Accepted as presented; **SECONDED** by Ms. Lenora Roy.

**CARRIED**

**4157 NEW BUSINESS****ENROLLMENT UPDATE**

Dr. Vanessa Sheane shared PPT. prepared by Ms. Tanya Lopez which gave clear breakdown of FLE's by program.

Projection for enrollment is decreased because of Covid and low number of International students. This was the first time this information has been provided; feedback is invited as to what you would find useful for next meeting.

**INSTRUCTOR EMERITUS**

Academic Council received recommendations to approve eligible retired GPRC faculty to receive Instructor Emeritus status.

**MOVED** by; Ms. Lorelle Warr and **SECONDED** by; Dr. Carly McLeod that, Academic Council approve the recommended eligible retired GPRC faculty to receive Instructor Emeritus status starting 25 November 2021,

**CARRIED**

In Approving the recommendations brought forward, Academic Council **Approved** the following eligible retired faculty to receive GPRC Instructor Emeritus status starting 25 November 2021: Mr. Chris Nicol

**4158 TREND IN HIGHER EDUCATION DISCUSSION****MICRO CREDENTIALS – How should GPRC define Microcredentials?**

- Tie in with FLE's. PLAR would be prerequisites.
- Maintain certification, you need to keep up education. Would Micro credentials tie in to offer Professional Development options as well.
- Micro credentials would be bite-size courses with focus on outcomes. Would increase student confidence for laddering for courses.
- Would permission be needed for programs that have governing bodies?
- Create Community partnerships; fill in skills that are needed in industry.

- Get industry to recognize value.
- Key aspects that define what a Micro credential is: asynchronous or synchronous, within a time frame.
- How are Micro. Different from Continuing Educations courses? Are we relabeling Con-Ed Courses?
- Micro credentials tie more closely to Credit programs; Ideally, they open a pathway from non-credit courses to Credit Courses and programs.
- More connections between Departments.
- Con-Ed and Credit work together and not against each other; people may start with one competency and take more.
- How will Micro credentials bridge to other PSI's in Province? Is there a standard? Is there a body we can go to?
- Like to see an opportunity for Trades to be able to branch into academic world while still being able to work.
- Align with Industry = student can sample opportunities before joining the occupation.
- 'Bookends' to an existing certification, reskill or upskill your abilities.
- offer to our Alumni as opportunity to further their education skill level.

Bluesky ideas for Micro credentials:

Kinesiology, Early Childhood Education (Government funding opportunities just announced), Post-Apprenticeship Courses: ex. Specializations or Business Management.

**TOPIC FOR NEXT MEETING:**

New Apprenticeship Training Act

**4159 OPEN DISCUSSION**

**4160 ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 5:08 pm.

  
Julia Dutove (Aug 8, 2022 15:37 MDT)

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Dr. Julia Dutove, Chair



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Ms. Teresa Bell, Records

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