



MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING
January 11, 2007

Members:

<u>Council Chair:</u>	Mr. Bruce Macdonald	
<u>Acting President:</u>	Mr. Doug Hart	
<u>Acting Vice President Academic:</u>	Dr. Rick Erlendson	
<u>Registrar:</u>	Mr. Don Brown	
<u>Dean</u>	Dr. Scott McAlpine	
Alternate:	Ms. Jane Friesen	- Notice of Absence
<u>Academic Staff Association:</u>	Dr. George Ding	
	Dr. Weixing Tan	
	Dr. Laurie Nock	
	Ms. Dianne McDonald	
	Ms. Jean Nordin	
	Ms. Teresa Evans	- Absent
	Ms. Karen Kennedy	- Absent
	Ms. Joan Godbout	- Absent
	Ms. Liz Richard	
<u>Students' Association:</u>	Mr. Carl Edozien	
	Ms. Jennifer Fisher	- Notice of Absence
	Ms. Amanda Ford	
	Ms. Dong Hui (Serina) Cia	- Notice of Absence
	Ms. Rebecca Hussey	- Absent
	Mr. Rory Tarant	- Absent
	Ms. Melissa O'Brien	- Absent
	Ms. Krista Chanin	- Absent
	Mr. Jerid Elzinga ¹	- Absent
	Ms. Mirrah McIntyre	- Notice of Absence
<u>Employees' Association:</u>	Ms. Jill Thomson	
	Ms. Rosemary Kay	
	Ms. Katalin Ormay	- Notice of Absence
Alternate:	Ms. Joanne Stiles	
<u>Community Members:</u>	Mr. Dennis Fedeyko	
	Ms. Janet Longmate	
<u>Guests:</u>	Mr. Evans Forsyth	

¹ As amended by Academic Council February 8, 2007

3318 CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called to order the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

3319 AGENDA

MOVED by A. Ford, seconded by D. Hart the agenda of January 11, 2007 be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

3320 MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7, 2006

The Chair called for errors or omissions in the December 7, 2006 Minutes.

MOVED by S. McAlpine, seconded by L. Richard, the Minutes of the meeting of December 7, 2006 be approved.

CARRIED

3321 ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS POLICY

Academic Council received the Athletic Eligibility Standards Policy for approval.

MOVED by D. Brown, seconded by D. Hart, the Athletic Eligibility Standards Policy be accepted, as presented.

CARRIED

It was clarified that a GPA of 1.0 is a passing grade which is standard at Colleges² and Universities across Canada.

3322 INSTRUCTOR EMERITUS

The honorary designation of Instructor Emeritus is awarded by Grande Prairie Regional College to retired faculty members in recognition of meritorious services. To be eligible, faculty members must have at least 15 years of tenured instructional service and have left full time employment with the College. Instructors achieving this distinction are encouraged to display their continuing affiliation with the College in various ways: research, community service and publications.

MOVED by J. Nordin, seconded by D. McDonald that Ms. Karen Burgess be granted Instructor Emeritus of Grande Prairie Regional College.

CARRIED

3323 MEDICAL EDUCATION IN GRANDE PRAIRIE

Mr. Evans Forsyth, a member of the College Board of Governors was invited to speak to Academic Council about recent activities concerning medical education in Grande Prairie. He reported that there is a joint board consisting of the

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College Board (GPRC) and Peace Country Health Board (PCH) to look into the educational needs of Peace Country Health and how GPRC can be of assistance. Discussions are at the early stage. The coordination between the two Boards, the two Institutions and future opportunities of a possible three way collaboration between PCH, GPRC and an appropriate University was outlined.

3324 QUALITY ASSURANCE: ONLINE AND BLENDED COURSE DESIGN POLICY

Academic Council received the Quality Assurance: Online and Blended Course Design Policy for approval.

MOVED by J. Stiles, seconded by L. Nock, the Online and Blended Course Design Policy be accepted as presented.

Moved by D. Brown, seconded by D. Hart to amend the motion to delete the words "credit and non credit" from Item 1 of the Procedures/Rules Statement.
Amendment to main motion CARRIED

The intent of the motion is that the policy deals with credit courses only.

Moved by D. Brown, seconded by D. Fedeyko to table the main motion.
DEFEATED (9/6)

CARRIED

It was suggested that quality assessment standards for non credit courses be discussed at the February meeting.

3325 DEGREE ACCESS – COLLABORATIONS VS. DEGREE GRANTING

The College is currently involved in nine collaborative degrees. The College was given authority to grant degrees in January 2005 but have yet to apply for one. We are currently negotiating a B.A. and B.Sc. with Athabasca University. The pros and cons of degree completion versus degree granting were reviewed. It was suggested that this discussion item be added to the February agenda.

3326 OPEN DISCUSSION

J. Longmate will be on the Program Review Committee.

3327 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of Academic Council adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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