



ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES January 8, 2009

Members:

Council Chair: Dr. Som Pillay
Council Vice-Chair: Mr. Ali Al-Asadi

President: Mr. Don Gnatiuk
Vice-President Academic: Ms. Susan Bangrove
Deans: Dr. Scott McAlpine
Ms. Jean Nordin
Dr. Jerry Petryshyn

Academic Staff Association: Mr. Ali Al-Asadi
Mr. Franco Carlacci
Ms. Pat Caulfield Fontaine
Mr. Garth Finlay
Ms. Nancy Fraser
Dr. Rene Gadacz
Ms. Shonda Holt
Ms. Arlene Loewen
Dr. Som Pillay
Ms. Carolyn Vasileiou

Students' Association: Ms. Jessica Bull
Mr. Jacob Hiller | **Absent**
Mr. Jules LaPrairie | **Notice of Absence**
Ms. Corry Lemire | **Notice of Absence**
Ms. Vannessa Maisonneuve
Ms. Amy Penson
Mr. Jesse Sopko
Mr. Rory Tarant
Mr. Jordan Zeyha | **Absent**

Employees' Association: Ms. Lynne Ness
Mr. Gordon Pellerin
Ms. Cate Sazwan

Community Members: Ms. Janet Longmate | **Notice of Absence**
Ms. Terri Scott

3453 CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

3454 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Mr. Gnatiuk, **SECONDED** by Ms. Sazwan that the agenda of January 8, 2009 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3455 MINUTES OF DECEMBER 18, 2008

MOVED by Ms. Fraser, **SECONDED** by Ms. Sazwan, that the Minutes of December 18, 2008 be approved with revisions as follows:

Item 3449 – Curriculum Committee Minutes of December 2, 2008 - **MOTION:**
Recommend that Academic Council approve a change in program requirements for the CST ~~Data Communications and Networking~~ Diploma to “Computing Science option (3): CS 2000 (3) recommended” pending approval of the Advanced Diploma in Computing Science (Game Development) by Alberta Education and Technology.

CARRIED

3456 ACADEMIC POLICIES*GRADING POLICY*

The Grading Policy was presented by Ms. Nordin for approval.

MOVED by Ms. Maisonneuve, **SECONDED** by Ms. Caulfield Fontaine to approve the Grading Policy as presented with the following revision:

Delete Item 6. – Appeals.

CARRIED

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES POLICY

The Students with Disabilities Policy was presented by Ms. Nordin for approval.

MOVED by Ms. Nordin, **SECONDED** by Ms. Scott to approve the Students with Disabilities Policy as presented with the following revision:

Policy Statement: ~~In accordance with our Mission Statement,~~ Grande Prairie Regional College encourages academically qualified individuals with disabilities to seek admission to its programs.

CARRIED

3457 OPEN DISCUSSION

Dr. Pillay reviewed potential agenda items brought forward from the May 2008 Academic Council meeting. Dr. Pillay will add Non-Credit Programming to the February 12, 2009 Academic Council agenda.

Dr. McAlpine will report on the Sculpture in the Park program at the February 12, 2009

Academic Council meeting. The Fine Arts Department will be undergoing a fairly significant move in the next week as they vacate L-wing.

Dr. Petryshyn advised that although there will not be an expansion of the fitness facilities, equipment upgrades will be made.

Mr. Gnatiuk reported that he recently met with the emergency management consultants. They will be providing a report with recommendations.

Mr. Gnatiuk will advise when the winter fire drill will take place.

3458 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Dr. Som Pillay, Chair

Ms. Barb Johnston, Records

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