



**MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING
September 8, 2005**

Members:

Council Chair: Dr. Charles Backman

President: Mr. Jim Henderson

Vice President Academic: Mr. Doug Hart

Registrar: Mr. Don Brown

Dean of Business: Dr. Rick Erlendson

Dean of Arts, Science & Education: Dr. Scott McAlpine

Academic Staff Association: Dr. Elroy Deimert
Dr. Barry Ramaswamy
Dr. Campbell Ross – **(Absent)**
Mr. David Gregg – **(Notice of Absence)**
Mr. Bruce Macdonald
Ms. Pat Meyer
Ms. Karla Kordyban – **(Notice of Absence)**

Students' Association: Mr. Nathan Stevens
Ms. Amanda Ford – **(Notice of Absence)**
Ms. Jennifer Fisher – **(Notice of Absence)**

Employees' Association: Ms. Cate Sazwan
Ms. Rosemary Kay
Ms. Leilani Boucher

Community Members: Mr. Dennis Fedeyko

3219 CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called to order the meeting at 4:07 p.m. The Chair determined that there was quorum.

3220 AGENDA

MOVED by Ms. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Stevens the agenda be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

3221 MINUTES OF MAY 10, 2005

The Chair called for errors or omissions in the May 10, 2005 Minutes.

MOVED by Dr. Ramaswamy, seconded by Mr. Henderson the minutes of the meeting of May 10, 2005 be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

3222 2005/2006 ACADEMIC YEAR***Concerns regarding quorum at May & November meetings***

Members voiced concern regarding quorum at the May and November meetings.

As per the terms of reference, Academic Council meets the second Thursday of each month during the academic year. The second Thursday in November of 2005 is November 10th, noted as semester break in the calendar and is the day before a statutory holiday. It was suggested that November 17, 2005 be the November meeting date. The November meeting is the last meeting where curriculum changes for 2006/07 would be considered for inclusion in the calendar.

MOVED by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Macdonald that the November meeting of Academic Council be held November 17, 2005.

CARRIED

Historically there is a problem making quorum at the May meetings. The discussion and decision around the May meeting date will be deferred to the March agenda.

3223 ACADEMIC POLICIES REVIEW***List of policies to be reviewed during 2005/2006 Academic Year***

The list of policies to be reviewed during the 2005/2006 academic year was presented for information.

3224 COMMITTEE REPORTS***Committee to review roles of other Academic Councils***

The review of the role of other Academic Councils was presented for information.

It was suggested that when the Terms of Reference for Academic Council are reviewed, the problem of obtaining quorum be discussed in term of appropriate membership requirements. A copy of the Terms of Reference will be sent to all current Academic Council members.

Convocation Committee

The Minutes of the April 27, 2005 Convocation Committee meeting was presented for information. The Committee was applauded for "a job well done".

3225 ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Members received for information the list of Academic Council Members for 2005/2006. Students' Association elections will take place soon and information will be forwarded to Council regarding representation. The Nominating Committee is still seeking a replacement for the position of Community Member. Two ASA representatives are unable to attend Council meetings. The ASA continues to look for representatives.

The membership, to date, was presented for information.

3226 ACADEMIC COUNCIL COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Members received for information the slate of nominees from the Nominating Committee.

Faculty Representative for Administrative Council Student Misconduct Non-Academic Offense Committee

The Chair called for nominations from the floor.

MOVED by Mr. Hart, Seconded by Mr. Henderson that Ms. Meyer be appointed to the Administrative Council Student Misconduct Non-Academic Offense Committee for the period of July 1 2005 to June 15, 2006.

CARRIED

The Chair asked Council if they were in agreement to defer the remaining Committee elections to the October meeting of Council. The Council agreed.

3227 INSTRUCTOR EMERITUS

The honorary designation of Instructor Emeritus is awarded by Grande Prairie Regional College to retired faculty members in recognition of meritorious service. 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 Dr. McAlpine, seconded by Dr. Deimert that Dr. Kendel Tang be granted Instructor Emeritus of Grande Prairie Regional College.

CARRIED

Abstain – Mr. Stevens

MOVED by Dr. McAlpine, seconded by Mr. Hart that Mr. Lionel Allingham be granted Instructor Emeritus of Grande Prairie Regional College.

CARRIED

Abstain – Mr. Stevens

3228 ACADEMIC COUNCIL CHAIR PRESENTATION TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Dr. Backman handed the Chair over to Vice Chair Macdonald. He then gave Council the same presentation, on Academic Council's accomplishments, that was presented to the Board, at their request, in the spring. Dr. Backman then resumed the Chair.

3229 ACADEMIC ISSUES

Tracking academic success of GPRC students

Mr. Hart presented for information on the success rate of GPRC students transferring to the University of Alberta. He stated that 91% of students who start at our college get a grade of C or better when they transfer to the University of Alberta. Mr. Hart was urged to share this information with students and the public.

3230 OPEN DISCUSSION

The College is moving forward on negotiations with the University of Alberta and the University of Northern British Columbia.

There has been a lot of success around accommodating students on wait lists.

It is hoped the College can expand courses into remote regions in the second semester.

Two proposals have gone forth to ECampusAlberta for funding to put a total of 12 Business Administration courses online.

It was suggested to have the booklist published on the website.

An October conference on *Engaging Students* has been advertised via email.

The College was applauded for the amount of information regarding GPRC that is appearing in the newspaper. It was urged to have the transfer success rate information forwarded to the Tribune as well.

The Students' Association is planning on holding a referendum on changing the Athletic Fee to a Health & Wellness Fee. They have received positive feedback from their health insurers regarding this idea.

Access proposals are due to the government by October 17, 2005.

Mr. Hart gave information on the *Rural Community* information session he attended. The College has been invited to submit written input.

The College along with the City of Grande Prairie has submitted an Expression of Interest for *Alberta Police and Peace Officer College* to the Alberta Solicitor General.

The Nominating Committee was urged to continue to recruit members.

The Nursing department has 35 students this year.

The Minister of Advanced Education visited with the Board of Governors, the Mayor and the Chamber of Commerce early this month.

Mr. Henderson will be attending a System Review Committee meeting in September.

The Facilities Master Plan and A Memorandum of Understanding between Grande Prairie Regional College and NAIT will go to the Board of Governors' September meeting.

The Ministry of Infrastructure has given the College funding to do a business plan to replace the trailers. This is due by March 2006.

3231 ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Dr. Erlendson, seconded by Mr. Stevens, the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Dr. Charles Backman, Chair

Anna Perra, Records

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