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MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING
February 9, 2006

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   **– (Notice of Absence)**
Dean of Arts, Science & Education   Dr. Scott McAlpine

Academic Staff Association: Dr. Elroy Deimert
                                             Dr. Barry Ramaswamy
                                             Dr. Campbell Ross
                                             Mr. David Gregg   **– (Absent)**
                                             Mr. Bruce Macdonald
                                             Ms. Pat Meyer
                                             Ms. Jean Nordin
                                             Ms. Teresa Evans
                                             Ms. Karen Kennedy   **– (Absent)**

Students' Association: Mr. Nathan Stevens
                                             Ms. Amanda Ford   **– (Absent)**
                                             Ms. Jennifer Fisher
                                             Ms. Britta Stephenson   **– (Absent)**
                                             Mr. Steve Swindlehurst **– (Notice of Absence)**
                                             Ms. Lisa Knott   **– (Absent)**
                                             Ms. Mirrah MacIntyre
                                             Mr. Tom Westbrook   **– (Absent)**
                                             Mr. Trevor Clifford   **– (Absent)**
                                             Ms. Erin Brennan   **– (Notice of Absence)**
                                             Ms. Tekla Volkers

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

Community Members: Mr. Dennis Fedeyko
                                             Ms. Janet Longmate   **– (Notice of Absence)**

Guest: Mr. Rick Horner
                                             Mr. Darren Perra

3250   CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called to order the meeting at 4:02 p.m. The Chair recognized Rick Horner, new board member, and Darren Perra, student observer.

3251   AGENDA

MOVED by Ms. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Brown the agenda of February 9, 2006 be approved.
<div align="center">CARRIED</div>

3252   MINUTES OF JANUARY 12, 2006

MOVED by Ms. Meyer, seconded by Ms. Evans the Minutes of the Academic Council meeting of January 12, 2006 be approved.
<div align="center">CARRIED</div>

3253   ACADEMIC ISSUES

Course Implementation and Deletions Policy

The Council received the draft Course Implementation and Deletions Policy for approval.

MOVED by Mr. Brown, seconded by Dr. McAlpine, Academic Council approve the Course Implementation and Deletions Policy, as amended.
<div align="center">CARRIED</div>

3254   OPEN DISCUSSION

Dr. Backman asked Academic Council to brain storm topics that are germane to the terms of reference for Academic Council. These topics will then form the basis for agenda items over the next two years.

Group 1 Priorities
1.   What is GPRC's identify as an institution; relevance of a post-secondary education.
2.   Degree granting
3.   Technology integration; Strategy for computer labs
4.   Teach critical thinking across the curriculum
5.   Communicate admission requirements
6.   Scheduling; time of school starting
7.   Standards for class size
8.   Grading policy

Group 2 Priorities
1. How new programs are approved and what is Academic Council's involvement. Are there niches markets we are missing?
2. Class time/scheduling – options for students

3. How do we ensure academic excellence in our faculty and what do we do when there are concerns
4. How can we ensure that we are meeting our mandate? How is it measured?
5. Ethical review board – do we need one?
6. Working relationships with NAIT – Is there a body who will assume responsibility for maintaining relationships?
7. Size of Academic Council
8. Recruitment report by Mr. Corcoran
9. How often should we do this type of exercise?

Group 3 Priorities
1. New program development – Council approval – what manner of communication do we have around new programs – must collaborative programs come to Council – increase responsiveness of College to new programs – review of administrative processes of college classification committee
2. Frequency of policy review – communication to student body
3. Rural depopulation – demographic growth in Grande Prairie – what is our role in the region – what is the implementation of Aboriginal policies
4. improve and increase policies around research
5. interdepartmental communications
6. expansion of speaker series, expansion of Lobstick, college Academic Journal, research support of Emeritus, annual homecoming week with short lectures by instructors, what is a council quorum, time and place of delivery

The Chair will provide syntheses of the brainstorming session for the March Academic Council meeting.

Roundtable Discussion

- Small group interaction was beneficial.   Suggested this brainstorming could be an annualized event.
- Chair was requested to include as an agenda item something from the brainstorming to keep momentum up.
- Timing of classes /concern of single parents – SA will bring forward this issue at a future meeting.
- The College should hear soon about the Access and Police College proposals.
- A lot of our energies are going into program development.
- Academic Council's role as the quality control mechanism for the College.

3255   ADJOURNMENT
MOVED by Ms. Meyer, seconded by Ms. Fisher, the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

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Charles Backman, Chair   Anna Perra, Records

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