**MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING**
**February 10, 2005**

**Members:**

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| Council Chair: | Dr. Charles Backman |
| President: | Mr. Jim Henderson |
| Vice President Administration: | Mr. Mike Dion **– (Notice of Absence)** |
| Vice President Academic: | Mr. Doug Hart |
| Registrar: | Mr. Don Brown |
| Academic Staff Association: | Dr. Dorothy Eiserman |
| | Dr. Elroy Deimert |
| | Dr. Barry Ramaswamy |
| | Dr. Campbell Ross |
| | Mr. David Gregg |
| | Mr. Bruce Macdonald **– (Notice of Absence)** |
| | Ms. Pat Meyer |
| | Mr. Jeff Nutting**– (Notice of Absence)** |
| | Ms. Joan Godbout |
| Students' Association: | Ms. Brittany Skaley |
| | Ms. Jenn Fisher |
| | Mr. John Oman **– (Absent)** |
| | Mr. Nathan Stevens **– (Absent)** |
| | Ms. Britta Stephenson |
| Employees' Association: | Ms. Cate Sazwan |
| | Ms. Jill Thomson |
| | Ms. Joanne Stiles **– (Notice of Absence)** |
| Alternate: | Ms. Lelani Boucher **– (Absent)** |
| Community Members: | Dr. Rodney Lee |
| | Mr. Dennis Fedeyko |
| Guests: | Ms. Jennifer Thomas |

**3240 CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called to order the meeting at 4:01 p.m.

**3241 AGENDA**

**Moved** by Dr. Ross, seconded by Ms. Meyer that an item to revisit the action by Academic Council in January regarding Item 3235 Motion #5 – deletion of courses from the college calendar be added to the agenda.

**DEFEATED**
**Opposed – 9**

The Chair reviewed the process required for approve this being added to agenda as per Academic Council Authority and Bylaws which reads:

"20. Any member of the college community may refer a matter to the attention of the Council by presenting in writing a submission to the Chair no less than ten days prior to any meeting of the Council.
21. All submissions to the council will be considered for the agenda of the next regular meeting of the Council. Submissions may be returned to the originator only:
    21.1 if there is insufficient information for Council to make an informed decision;
    21.2 if the submission would be better served in a different forum;
    21.3 if prescribed College procedure has not been followed.
22. In exceptional circumstances and with the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at a meeting, the Chair may entertain a motion dealing with an item not on the agenda."

There was a lengthy and passionate discussion of the motion. Dr. Ross noted that he would bring this item forward to Council for the March 10th agenda according to the required process.

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

**CARRIED**

**3242 MINUTES OF JANUARY 13, 2005**

The Chair called for errors or omissions in the January 13, 2005 Minutes.

**MOVED** by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Ms. Fischer the minutes of the meeting of January 13, 2005 be approved.

**CARRIED**

## 3243 ACADEMIC POLICIES REVIEW

### *Instructor Emeritus Policy*

The Instruction Team has reviewed this policy and it is recommending approval by Academic Council.

**MOVED** by Mr. Hart, seconded by Dr. Eiserman, to approve the Instructor Emeritus Policy, as presented.

**CARRIED**

### *Admissions Policy*

The Instruction Team has reviewed this policy and it is recommending approval by Academic Council.

**MOVED** by Mr. Hart, seconded by Dr. Lee, to approve the Admissions Policy, as presented.

**CARRIED**

### *Program Monitoring and Review Policy*

The Instruction Team has reviewed this policy and recommends the process be suspended by Academic Council for one year. Reasons for suspension of the process and concerns of quality assurance if reviews are not being done were discussed.

**MOVED** by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Gregg, to suspend the Program Monitoring and Review process for one year, as presented.

**CARRIED**
**Opposed – 2**

## 3244 COMMITTEE REPORTS

### *Curriculum Committee*

The Council received the minutes of the Curriculum Committee meeting of February 1, 2005.

**MOVED** by Dr. Eiserman, seconded by Ms Fisher, Academic Council approve the recommendations in the Minutes of the Curriculum Committee meeting of February 1, 2005.

**CARRIED**

In approving the recommendations of the Curriculum Committee, the following changes to curriculum were approved.

*Nursing*

Change in admission requirements for students transferring into the nursing program to include a letter of support from the Chair or Dean of the student's previous nursing program.

*Human Services*
Change in prerequisites for CD1145 to include CD1045 or (CD1040 and CD1060) and 225 hours of Early Childhood Development course work which includes CD1050, CD1350, CD1010, CD1370 and one Child Development course

***Learner Support Centre Task Force***

As per Council motion of January 13, 2005 a task force will be established to determine the best framework to develop and implement the Learning Commons initiative. Ms. Thomas presented her recommendations for the taskforce and possible objectives. The principal would be that the task force will determine the priorities as to the College's support of students in an open dialogue.

Mr. Brown, Mr. Hart, Ms. Skaley, Ms. Fisher and Dr. Ross volunteered to sit on the task force in addition to those already identified. The Chair of the task force will be decided at the first meeting. Ms. Campbell will be interim Chair. The task force will report back to Academic Council in May.

**Moved** by Ms. Thomson, seconded by Ms. Fisher that the task force consists of Mr. Brown, Mr. Hart, Ms. Skaley, Ms. Fisher, and Dr. Ross in addition to Ms. Thomas, Ms. Campbell and Mr. Haakstad from Advancement. Ms. Campbell will be interim Chair.

**CARRIED**

***Committee to Review Academic Council Authority and Bylaws***

A committee will be established to review Academic Council Authority and Bylaws. This was deferred from the October meeting in lieu of a paper copy of the collective agreement

**Moved** by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Henderson that a committee be formed to review Academic Council Authority and Bylaws.

**CARRIED**

Dr. Deimert, Mr. Brown, Mr. Hart, Mr. Fedeyko and Ms. Sazwan volunteered to be on the committee. The Chair of the committee will be decided at the first meeting. Mr. Brown will be interim Chair. The committee will report back to Academic Council in May.

**Moved** by Dr. Deimert, seconded by Dr. Eiserman that the Committee to Review Academic Council Authority and Bylaws consist of Dr. Deimert, Mr. Brown, Mr. Hart, Mr. Fedeyko and Ms. Sazwan with Mr. Brown as interim Chair.

**CARRIED**

***Committee to Review other Academic Councils***

A committee will be established to review the role of other Academic Councils.

**Moved** by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Henderson to establish a committee to review the role of other Academic Councils.

**CARRIED**

It was suggested that the Committee to Review Academic Council Authorities and Bylaws assume the review of the role of other Academic Councils.

**Moved** by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Fedeyko that the Committee to Review Academic Council Authority and Bylaws assume the review of the role of other Academic Councils.

**CARRIED**

**3245 ACADEMIC ISSUES**

Due to the fact that the motion put forward by Dr. Ross to revisit Item 3235 Motion #5 of the January 10, 2005 minutes was defeated and this item will not be on the agenda until brought forward as per the process identified in the bylaws in order to follow process, he requested assurance that courses being deleted from the calendar would not be put in jeopardy of transfer. He couched his comments that he would be guided by the Chair in regards to process. He specifically mentioned his concern that it would affect negotiations with UNBC. Mr. Hart informed Council of the process the college is following to ensure that there are no problems with the articulation agreement process with UNBC.

Dr. Campbell again requested assurance that courses being deleted from the calendar would not be put in jeopardy of losing transferability status. Lengthy discussion followed. Ms. Meyers noted that she had grave concerns that individuals are not being allowed to speak and requested this be noted in the minutes.

Ms. Thomson advised there were a number of items in the memo circulated by Dr. Ross that contained inaccuracies or were not relevant to the motion passed at the January 10th meeting. The list of transfer courses is an ever changing list. There is no program articulation in place with UNBC and courses would not be listed until due process was followed. She suggested Council ask that the Vice President Academic, ACE Chair, Director of Students, herself meet to discuss these concerns.

Dr. Deimert inquired as to what would be the status of the list of courses on the "to be deleted list" in the mean time until this item could be discussed at the March 10th meeting of Council. Mr. Brown suggested that a meeting to resolve this matter be held outside of Council. Ms. Thomson noted that she had made a request through the Academic Council Chair for the ACE Chair to discuss his

concerns on this matter; but this has not to date taken place. The Chair stated he felt that the Council was being used as a forum prematurely given the above.

Dr. Campbell requested the Chair call a meeting as expeditiously as possible of Mr. Hart, Ms. Thomson, Mr. Brown and Dr. McAlpine to discuss this matter. The Chair agreed to call this meeting and again restated the process to be followed to place an item on Council's agenda.

**3246 OPEN DISCUSSION**

Mr. Brown reported there was more participation from the community then ever before at the recent Career Fair and Open House. He thanked departments and students for their participation.

Mr. Henderson noted that Administration is still trying to interpret the Premier's announcement. The province will announce the budget in April. A speech from throne is scheduled around the end of February. He understood that in regards to the tuition freeze that all fees will be increased as per normal but the amount of increase for Canadian students will be paid by government for one year. The maximum tuition fee increase is $280.00. Administration hopes to have more information before the February board meeting. This may impact the timing of finalization of our budget process.

Ms. Stephenson noted that the Student Association Council Executive will be changing to three positions next year from the current four.

Dr. Eiserman reminded Council of the governance role it plays. She cautioned that Council must be very careful to maintain process as it is a governing body of the College. The focus group by U of A Senate Task Force on Student Life occurs on March 2nd.

Mr. Hart reported that the president's address at the Chamber of Commerce today included an excerpt of annual report and the trends appearing.
Mr. Henderson clarified that he said future collaboration is key to what we are going to do, GPRC is not pursuing being an university in the near future, and he emphasized being a community college is not second class. Mr. Hart thanked the College for putting learners first rather than mandate.

Ms. Skaley is looking forward to the Learning Centre Support Committee.

Dr. Ross questioned what the next capital project for GPRC would be if the province comes up with a lot of dollars. Mr. Henderson noted that the College needs to update the master plan for facilities in able to address this question.

**3247 ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED** by Dr. Eiserman, seconded by Ms. Fisher, the meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

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