



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

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Mr. Jim Henderson

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Dr. Campbell Ross – **(Notice of Absence)**

Mr. David Gregg – **(Notice of Absence)**

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Mr. Jeff Nutting

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Alternate:

Ms. Jean Nordin

Alternate:

Mr. Ali Wilson

Students' Association:

Ms. Brittany Skaley

Ms. Jenn Fisher - **(Absent)**

Mr. John Oman

Mr. Nathan Stevens

Ms. Britta Stephenson – **(Notice of Absence)**

Employees' Association:

Ms. Cate Sazwan

Ms. Jill Thomson

Ms. Joanne Stiles

Alternate:

Ms. Leilani Boucher

Community Members:

Dr. Rodney Lee

Mr. Dennis Fedeyko

Guests:

Mr. Ross Young

Dr. Rick Erlendson

3247 CALL TO ORDER

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

3248 AGENDA

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

CARRIED

3249 MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 10, 2005

Moved by Ms. Meyer, seconded by Ms. Styles the academic council minutes of the meeting of February 10, 2005 be approved.

CARRIED

3250 ACADEMIC POLICIES REVIEW***Advanced Standing: Recognition of Other Learning Experiences***

The Instruction Team has reviewed and revised this policy and recommends approval by Academic Council.

MOVED by Ms. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Henderson to approve the revised Advanced Standing: Recognition of Other Learning Experiences Policy, as presented.

CARRIED

3251 ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY REVIEW***Revised format for the development of Administrative Policies***

The Executive has decided to make revision to the current format used in developing Administrative policies and presented this to Council, for information.

3252 COMMITTEE REPORTS***Curriculum Committee***

The Council received the minutes of the Curriculum Committee meeting of March 1, 2005. Errors were pointed out and a revised set of minutes were distributed.

MOVED by Mr. Fedeyko, seconded by Ms. Thomson, Academic Council approve the recommendations within the Minutes of the Curriculum Committee meeting of March 1, 2005

CARRIED

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

Business Administration

Approval of a new program and new credential, Diploma in Hospitality and Tourism, pending approval of Alberta Advanced Education. Approval of the program includes the addition of new courses to serve students enrolling in the first year of the program. Second year is still under development.

HT 1210 Tourism Operations Management 3(3-0-0) 45 Hours

HT 1220 Food and Beverages Management 3(3-0-1) 60 Hours

HT 1230 Accommodations Operations Management 3(3-0-1) 60 Hours

HT 1240 Seminar and Practicum 3(3-0-2) 75 Hours

Nursing

The deletion of OR 4020 and OR 4030 as co-requisites for OR 4010 and add prerequisite "Registered Nurse with one year of Nursing experience or permission from the Chair of the Department of Nursing Education", effective September 2005.

The deletion of OR 4020 as a prerequisite for OR 4030, effective September 2005.

The deletion of NS 1910 as a prerequisite for NS 1940, effective September 2005

The deletion of NS 1910 as a prerequisite for NS 1950, effective September 2005.

Arts, Commerce & Education

The addition of SW 2020 Social Work 3 (3-0-0) as a transferable course pending approval from the University of Calgary.

Student Awards Committee

A Summary of Awards for 2003-2004 was presented for information.

Convocation Committee

Minutes of February 9, 2005

The Minutes of the February 9, 2005 Convocation Committee was presented for information.

Minutes of March 2, 2005

The Minutes of the March 2, 2005 Convocation Committee was presented for information.

Terms of Reference

The Convocation Committee has reviewed and revised the Terms of Reference and recommends approval by Academic Council.

MOVED by Mr. Brown, seconded by Ms. Thomson, Academic Council approve the revised Terms of Reference of the Convocation Committee, as presented.

CARRIED

Academic Identify Committee

The Committee reported that they are still working on the document which will show the common values of the institution. It is anticipated that this document will be presented at the April 2005 Academic Council meeting.

3253 ACADEMIC ISSUES

Blended Learning

A workshop on blended learning, held during Reading Week, has spawned interest in blended learning course development. GPRC has one course that is fully developed for blended learning. Once the workshop format is solidified information will be distributed.

U of A meeting

Our college is actively pursuing degree completion opportunities. There are a number of options available to GPRC. In February, GPRC hosted a meeting with the U of A. Their central administration was very supportive of degree completion opportunities in Grande Prairie. Data base access was discussed. The College is seeking to make a presentation at the U of A Deans' Council to pursue this item.

Hospitality & Tourism

The Department of Business Administration is pursuing development of a Hospitality & Tourism Management diploma program. There are other such programs at institutions with smaller catchment areas than the college. An industry advisory committee has been formed. The department is still working on the second year courses with industry partners. The program is being built around the national tourism standards. It was noted that some Ecampus online courses may fit into this initiative. The goal is to launch in this program next year. This is a new two year program rather than a fourth major in the current Business Administration diploma.

Pharmacy Assistant – Retail

SAIT and GPRC have entered into an agreement to offer a five month Pharmacy Assistant – Retail program to students in the north. The projected initial intake is for this spring.

Pre Employment Cooking

GPRC is collaborating with NAIT on a 12-week Pre Employment Cooking program to bring to this area filling a need for trained and skilled workers. The

projected start date for this program is June. The four weeks of practicum hours contribute to apprenticeship requirements.

3254 OPEN DISCUSSION

There has been a position paper tabled by the Agriculture ministry – the rural presidents will meet with the authors of this strategy paper.

There was support expressed for the new initiatives.

The Students' Association reported \$4.5 billion is being put into an endowment for Post Secondary education.

Notice of motion that the SA will be looking at the Academic Grievance policy.

Circle of Aboriginal students are planning an "Honour the Graduate" on April 9th.

GED writing dates are offered in May and June.

The speaker at the Teachers Convention was thought provoking.

3255 ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Ms. Thomson, seconded by Ms. Sazwan, the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Dr. Charles Backman, Chair

Anna Perra, Records

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