

Olds College Academic Council

MINUTES



Thursday, December 13th, 2018
Dinner 4:30 pm, Meeting 6:15 pm
Bell 954/955

	OCFA REPS	SAOC REPS	BOARD REPS
Members:	Andrea Mix Bruce Brittain Ken Fry Lori Kemp Neil French Sandi Jones Bob Van Someren (ALT)	Connor Smith Benjamin Masson Carissa Samoila Jeffrey Bengtson Joel Cates Olivia Jasmin (ALT)	Debbie Thompson Barb Mulholland Dalin Bullock Dan Daley Peter Mal Gordon Gilchrist
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Guest:	James Benkie Ashley Davidson	Susan Smyth	Amy Christiansen
Chair:	Peter Mal	Recorder:	Angela Sharpe

CALL TO ORDER

1.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion AC121318.1 by B.Mulholland to approve the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

2.0 APPROVAL OF THE [NOVEMBER 8th, 2018 MINUTES](#)

Motion AC121318.2 by C.Smith to approve the November 8, 2018 minutes as presented.

CARRIED

3.0 NEW BUSINESS - POLICY APPROVAL

3.1 [D37 Student Fee Consultation](#) (P. Mal)

- This item was chaired by Vice Chair C.Smith
- P.Mal explained the revisions to the policy and groups that provided feedback
 - Consulting review is a requirement of the Post Secondary Learning Act, changes have been made within the guidelines.
 - The revisions provide more clarity around the procedures and when the meetings will happen. Involves SAOC further in the process.

Motion AC121318.3 by D.Thompson to submit this Policy to the College Leadership Team for approval.

CARRIED

4.0 NEW BUSINESS - MISC.

4.1 [Constitution and Bylaws](#) / [Terms of Reference](#) (D. Thompson)

Revision to membership (amend to 3 alternates for each group and inclusion of chairs) and delete Board approval of Constitution and Bylaws ([PSLA](#) for Reference)

THIRD APPROVAL

- Explanation was given on the changes made to the Constitution and By Laws and the Term of Reference. Noted items were: the inclusion of Chairs, three alternates for each group and the deleted areas for Board inclusion and approval.

Motion AC121318.4 by D.Thompson to approve the Constitution and Bylaws / Term of Reference as presented.

CARRIED

4.2 New Program: Agriculture Technology (For information only) (J.Benkie)

- [Certificate - Agriculture Technology Integration \(PAPRS Proposal\)](#)
- [Diploma - Precision Agriculture - Techgromy \(PAPRS Proposal\)](#)
- [Degree - Bachelor of Science - Agriculture Engineering Systems Technology \(PAPRS Proposal\)](#)
- J.Benkie stated that PAPRS proposals were based on the recommendations from the last Academic Council meeting.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS - CURRICULUM APPROVAL

5.1 School of Agriculture Technology

5.1.1 [Approve the new program of study for the Agriculture Technology Integration Post-Diploma Certificate](#) (J.Benkie)

- As technology applications on farm and agribusiness continue to iterate through multiple versions (both hardware and software), a significant skill gap exists to support producers with the integration of disparate systems. Based on industry feedback, this skill gap continues to increase every year as agriculture technology changes. We have responded to the need to support this skill-set gap by creating this program called Agriculture Technology Integration.
- **AMENDMENT:** Move headings from Program Outcomes #1 through #9 and place in parenthesis at the end of the statement instead.
- **AMENDMENT:** Edit program learning outcomes to ensure verb agreement with the statement.
- **AMENDMENT:** Collapse #14 into #18 while capturing skill and experience in #18 as currently it is more conceptual.
- **AMENDMENT:** For differentiation between programs in the Certificate, Diploma and Degree - change the course names to Level 1, Level 2, Level 3 (or similar) and adjust descriptions to clarify differences between similar courses within the programs.
- The following items were noted:
 - Revisions will be done as courses are developed and will come back to Academic Council for approval at that time.
 - It was suggested that admission requirements should include a GPA of 2.5 in the previously attained diploma.
 - Course names in the programs are for placeholders only. Naming convention for courses will be finalized going forward.
 - There was some discussion around “memo technical writing” vs “technical writing” and how this might affect faculty and student interests. Something to be aware of when developing courses.

Motion AC141318.5 by D.Thompson to approve the new program of study as amended for the Agriculture Technology Integration Post- Diploma Certificate

CARRIED

5.1.2 [Approve the new program of study for the Precision Agriculture - Techgromy Diploma](#) (J.Benkie)

- The agriculture industry has had significant disruption from technology and decisions support systems and is represented at some level on most farms in Western Canada. With the convergence of agronomy and technology, we have aptly named this specialization “techgromy”, as it exemplifies the use of

technology as a tool along with the discipline of agronomy to achieve a specific set of outcomes in farming or agribusiness.

- **AMENDMENT:** Move headings from Program Outcomes #1 through #10 and place in parenthesis at the end of the statement instead.
- **AMENDMENT:** Edit program learning outcomes to ensure verb agreement with the statement.
- **AMENDMENT:** For differentiation between programs in the Certificate, Diploma and Degree - change the course names to Level 1, Level 2, Level 3 (or similar) and adjust descriptions to clarify differences between similar courses within the programs.
- The following items were noted:
 - It was suggested for this program, because of the program requirements, a requirement of 55% in Math 30-1 might be best for admissions.
 - Synthesis capstone is 6 credits course because it is twice the hours to the 3 credit courses.
 - Some flexibility in the diploma for internship due to the two year timeline of the program. Also students may be able to receive credit for prior experience if they are able to identify specific learning outcomes in their preparation course. The smart farm and the partnerships made both locally and globally will assist students with the completion of their internships.
 - The internship will conform to Advanced Education guidelines

Motion AC141318.6 by J.Bengtson to approve the new program of study as amended for the Precision Agriculture - Techgronomy Diploma

CARRIED

5.1.3 [Approve the new program of study for the Bachelor of Science - Agriculture Engineering Systems Technology Degree](#) (J.Benkie)

- The Bachelor of Science degree program in Agriculture Engineering Systems Technology at Olds College will prepare students for technology careers and authentic leadership and management positions within agriculture and related industries. We have recognized, through significant industry and key stakeholder feedback, a pressing need for skilled people who understand and apply a systems-thinking approach to optimizing and managing increasingly complex and sophisticated technical systems in agriculture and agribusiness.
- **AMENDMENT:** Move headings from Program Outcomes #1 through #10 and place in parenthesis at the end of the statement instead.
- **AMENDMENT:** Edit program learning outcomes to ensure verb agreement with the statement.
- **AMENDMENT:** For differentiation between programs in the Certificate, Diploma and Degree - change the course names to Level 1, Level 2, Level 3 (or similar) and adjust descriptions to clarify differences between similar courses within the programs.
- The following items were noted:
 - Course descriptions may need to be updated to better provide distinction between courses. (ie. 1007, 2008, 2003, 4002, 4005)
 - This program will be assessed externally from the Government in order to ensure it meets professional standards.
 - Professional memberships that have been discussed are:
 - AIA (Alberta Institute of Agrolgist) - Olds College has chosen not to engage.
 - ASET - looking at their framework and looking for students engagement.
 - It was noted that students are not as often looking for membership now.
 - The internship will conform to Advanced Education guidelines
 - The 6 dimensions for the [Canadian Degree Qualifications Framework](#) are: Depth and Breadth of Knowledge, Knowledge of Methodologies and Research, Application of Knowledge, Communication Skills, Awareness of Limits of Knowledge, Professional Capacity /Autonomy

- All courses will need to come to Academic Council for approval, looking to have the first set of 20 courses ready for September 1, 2019 so approvals are in place for the deadline of November 2019.

Motion AC141318.7 by D.Bullock to approve the new program of study as amended for the Bachelor of Science - Agriculture Engineering Systems Technology Degree

CARRIED

6.0 NEW BUSINESS - DEAN APPROVAL (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

6.1 School of Animal Science and Horticulture

6.1.1 [Revised course outline AHT 1040 - Animal Behaviour and Handling](#) (D.Bullock)

6.1.2 [Revised course outline AHT 1160 - Veterinary Elective Equipment and Procedures](#) (D.Bullock)

No questions were forthcoming on these items

7.0 [NEXT MEETING](#)

Date: January 10th, 2019

Time: Dinner 4:30 pm at the Elements dining cafeteria

Meeting 6:15 pm

Venue: Bell 954/955

Deadline for agenda item submission: DECEMBER 17th, 2018

Meeting was adjourned by P. Mal at 8:06 pm.