

# Olds College Academic Council

## AGENDA



Thursday, December 8, 2022

Meeting 5:15 pm

Google Meet

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	OCFA REPS	SAOC REPS	BOARD REP
<b>Members:</b>	Bertrand Bickersteth Dan Karran Robert Spencer Bob Van Someren - <b>voting for K.Smyth</b> Desmond Bouteiller (ALT) - <b>voting for B.Hoffos</b> George Gaeke (ALT) - <b>voting for G.Ahner</b> Kurt Spady (ALT) - <b>voting for B.Van Someren</b>	Keith Huseby Rachel Borges Ben Kabbeke	Debbie Thompson Dalin Bullock Dan Daley Barb Mulholland Jay Steeves Dennis Beaudoin (ALT) Mary Dallas (ALT) - <b>voting for R.Block</b> Christine Chalaturnyk (ALT) Lisa King (ALT)
<b>Chair:</b>	Keith Huseby	<b>Recorder:</b>	Bronwyn Petersen
<b>Regrets:</b>	Gord Ahner, Bob Hoffos, Keith Smyth, Mason Crosschild, Amanda Hopper, Ethan Willier, Ronnie Wallace Scout, Thomas Fidler, Ray Block, Peter Mal, Darlene MacDonald (ALT)		

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### CALL TO ORDER

K.Huseby called the meeting to order at 5:15pm

#### 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*Moton AC120822.1 by B.Van Somersen to approve the agenda as presented*

**CARRIED**

#### 2. APPROVAL OF THE [November 17, 2022](#) Minutes

*Moton AC120822.2 by B.Van Somersen to approve the November 17, 2022 Minutes as presented*

**CARRIED**

#### 3. NEW BUSINESS - POLICY APPROVAL

##### 3.1. [D33 Assessment Policy](#) / [Track Changes](#) / [Briefing Note](#) (B.Mulholland)

- Policy D33 was up for renewal as per the policy renewal cycle.
- The Policy has gone through significant levels of review at this point.
- A large portion of the policy was moved to the D33 Procedure.

- There was discussion about the definition of Final Exam being too prescriptive for instructors.
  - B.Van Somersen suggested changing the word “majority competencies” to “many competencies”.
  - B.Mulholland pointed out that the original policy was even more prescriptive with the wording “all competencies”.
- K.Huseby called a Straw Poll vote to leave the definition of Final Exam as presented in Policy D33. **Carried.**

**Motion AC120822.3 by B.Mulholland to submit the Assessment Policy to the College Leadership Team for approval as presented** **CARRIED**

#### 4. NEW BUSINESS - CURRICULUM APPROVAL

**Please note** - In the proposals attached:

- The items that require Academic Council approval are highlighted in yellow.
- The items that are for FIO only are highlighted in green.
  - You are welcome to reach out to the individual dean if you have any questions
  - These items are not included in the Academic Council discussion

##### 4.1. Werklund School of Agriculture Technology

###### 4.1.1. [ATG 2010 - Synthesis Capstone](#) (J.Steeves)

- The course ATG 2010 Synthesis Capstone engages students in synthesizing and applying skills and knowledge they have gained throughout the program in a full-term research project. No new concepts are intended to be introduced. Following the first course delivery in the W22 term, the PAT PCC determined a research skills gap among students entering this Year 2 diploma course. Program learning outcomes and competencies support the acquisition of some principles, methodologies, and statistics training related to research; however, students were most successful in this course when carrying out a significant project that synthesized a combination of problem-solving and other theoretical and technical competencies rather than an immersive research project requiring the introduction of new concepts. The essence of capstone projects still aims to include research components but focuses more on encouraging students to synthesize relevant skills. Removing “research” from the course outline and competency profile and replacing it with “project” reflects the true nature of the work more accurately and better promotes student success. **Therefore, the newly modified course description** and competencies prioritize project-related language, focusing on approaching and presenting a project professionally.
- Competency D6 - [prepare for a public presentation. Intent is presentable to the public but necessarily used in that context.

**Motion AC120822.4 by J.Steeves to approve the course revisions to ATG 2010 - Synthesis Capstone as presented** **CARRIED**

**4.1.2.** [Program Termination - AGMG - Agricultural Management - Marketing Major](#) (J.Steeves)

- Olds College received ministry approval for the AgriCommerce specialization on March 20, 2018. The AgriCommerce specialization replaced the Finance and Marketing specializations effective July 1, 2018.
- Students were last admitted into the Finance and Marketing specializations in Fall 2017.
- In December 2018, Olds College submitted a suspension proposal for each specialization. The suspension of both specializations was approved in December 2018, with a suspension period of July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2022. Olds College was instructed to advise Advanced Education of whether we wanted to terminate or reactivate the specializations by January 2022. The College did not communicate the decision within the time frame, so the two specializations defaulted to “Active” in PAPRS.
- In the original suspension proposals from 2018, Olds College indicated that the longer-term plan was to terminate the Finance and Marketing specializations effective July 1, 2022. Olds College has consulted with Advanced Education in October 2022, and they recommended that we submit a termination proposal for both specializations. In PAPRS an administrative correction will be made to retroactively terminate the Finance and Marketing specializations with an effective date of July 1, 2022 once internal reviews and approvals are complete.

***Motion AC120822.5 by J.Steeves to recommend the program termination of AGMG - Agricultural Management - Marketing Major go to the Board of Governors for approval as presented*** ***CARRIED***

**4.1.3.** [Program Termination - AGMGFIN - Agricultural Management - Finance Major](#) (J.Steeves)

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***Motion AC120822.6 by J.Steeves to recommend the program termination of AGMGFIN - Agricultural Management - Finance Major go to the Board of Governors for approval as presented*** ***CARRIED***

5. **NEW BUSINESS - DEAN APPROVAL (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

5.1. **School of Life Science & Business**

5.1.1. [FIO - HRT 2400 - Propagating Plants](#) (D.Bullock)

5.1.2. [FIO - TRF 3120 - Maintaining Golf Course Design Integrity](#) (D.Bullock)

5.2. **Werklund School of Agriculture Technology**

5.2.1. [FIO - DGTLAGR - Bachelor of Digital Agriculture](#) (J.Steeves)

6. **[NEXT MEETING](#)**

**Date: January 12, 2023**

**Virtual meeting starting at 5:15pm**

**Earlier deadline for agenda item submission: **December 20, 2022****

**K.Huseby adjourned the meeting at 6:03pm**

**Links & Documents**

**[Terms of Reference](#)**

**[Academic Council Website](#)**