

Olds College Academic Council

MINUTES



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2024
Meeting 5:15 pm
Location: In person WATC 301/302

	OCFA REPS	SAOC REPS	BOARD REPS
Members:	Gord Ahner Dan Karran Laura Mills Andrea Mix Robert Spencer Bob Van Someren	Ashmeet Kaur Khambha Linnea Hegg Uriel Tomori ShreeNimesh Vyas Aravind Pramod	Dillon Andrus-Dobbs Dennis Beaudoin Dalín Bullock Jay Steeves Debbie Thompson Paul Blankestijn - voted on behalf of D.Thompson Megan Ducharme - voted on behalf of L.Kemp
Chair:	Dalín Bullock Dillon Andrus-Dobbs	Recorder:	Bronwyn Petersen
Regrets:	Keith Friedlander, George Gaeke (ALT), Alireza Keyhani (ALT), Nicole Zukiwsky (ALT), Romy Acorn, Aubrey DePalma, Courtney Skjerdal, ClarenceMarie Santos (ALT), Lori Kemp		

CALL TO ORDER

D. Bullock called the meeting to order at 5:19pm.

1. **Welcome to 2024-2025 Academic Council** (D.Bullock)

1.1. *Member Introductions*

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion AC101024.1 by D.Beaudoin to approve the agenda as presented

- M.Ducharme requested to table agenda items 5.1.1. To 5.1.10 to allow for more time for relevant discussions and collaborations.

Motion AC101024.2 by M.Ducharme to approve the agenda as amended

CARRIED

3. **APPROVAL OF THE [SEPTEMBER 12, 2024](#) MINUTES**

Motion AC101024.3 by D. Karran to approve the September 12, 2024 minutes as presented

CARRIED

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1. Elections

4.1.1. Election of Academic Council Chairperson (Article 9.4) (D.Bullock)

- D.Andrus-Dobbs was nominated by J. Steeves for the role of Chairperson for the 2024-2025 Academic Council term. Seconded by D.Beaudoin. D.Andrus-Dobbs allowed the nomination to stand. No other nominations were received and accepted.

By acclamation D.Andrus-Dobbs was voted in as the Chairperson of Academic Council for the 2024-2025 term.

4.1.2. Election of Academic Council Vice Chairperson (Article 9.4) (Chair)

- A.Kaur-Khambha was nominated by B.VanSomeren as Vice Chairperson for the 2024-2025 Academic Council term. Seconded by G.Ahner. A.Kaur-Khambha accepted the nomination. No other nominations were received and accepted.

By acclamation A. Kaur-Khambha was voted in as the Vice Chairperson of Academic Council for the 2024-2025 term.

4.1.3. Appointment of Committee Members (Article 13) (D.Andrus-Dobbs)

Constitution Review Committee (Article 13.3)

- The Constitutional Review Committee shall be appointed by the Council and shall consist of three persons, one representative from each of faculty, students and Board; and shall be responsible for a yearly constitutional review as per Article 12.5.
- The following representatives have agreed to sit on this committee and review the constitution as per Article 13.3.

Board Representative - Lori Kemp

Student Representative - Ashmeet Kaur-Khambha

Faculty Representative - Andrea Mix

Motion AC101024.4 by B.VanSomeren to appoint the above mentioned representatives to the Constitution Review Committee for the 2024-2025 term.

Carried

Appeals Committee Chairperson and Alternate (Article 13.4)

Chairperson - Andrea Mix

Alternate Chairperson - Jay Steeves

- D.Beaudoin was nominated by M.Ducharme for the role of Chairperson. Seconded by D.Bullock. A.Mix was nominated by D.Karran for the role of Chairperson. Seconded by L.Mills. There was a secret ballot vote. Based on a majority vote, **A.Mix is the Chairperson to the Appeal Committee for the 2024-2025 Academic Council Term.**
- J.Steeves was nominated by P.Blankestijn for the role of Alternate Chairperson for the 2024-2025 Academic Council Term. Seconded by D.Bullock. **By acclamation, J.Steeves was voted in as the Alternate Chairperson to the Appeal Committee for the 2024-2025 Academic Council Term.**

5. 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

5.1. School of Life Science & Business - Tabled to November Meeting

- Items 5.1.1 - 5.1.10 tabled until November Academic Council meeting

5.2. Werklund School of Agriculture Technology

5.2.1. [BAS 4999 - Directed Field Study](#) (J.Steeves)

- The current course is confusing and could potentially create a loophole where students could enter their Direct First Study without completing the entire set of third-year courses.
- This requested change ensures that students must complete all 30 credits of third-year courses including BAS 3999 and provide proof of employment before enrolling in BAS 4999.
- This change would take effect in the spring of 2025.

Motion AC101024.5 by J.Steeves to approve the course modifications to BAS 4999 - Directed Field Study as presented
CARRIED

5.2.2. [BASCAGB - Bachelor of Applied Science - Agribusiness](#) (J.Steeves)

- Students currently take Strategic Marketing (MKG 3000) in the fall term and International Marketing (MKG 3500) in the winter term. Based on student, instructor, and CPR feedback, the PCC recommends removing MKG 3500 from the program of study and incorporating some MKG 3500 competencies into MKG 3000. It was felt that International Marketing and Strategic Marketing are too similar.
- However, removing MKG 3500 creates an open spot in the winter term. The PCC recognizes that students would appreciate choice in their programming.
- Allowing the students to select an option in the winter term relevant to their future career plans creates more student-centred learning opportunities.
- The PCC recommends that students "complete an approved elective during the third year of study." The PCC and the Office of the Registrar will work together to identify these approved electives.
- These changes would take effect in the summer of 2025.

Motion AC101024.6 by J.Steeves to approve the program of study BASCAGB - Bachelor of Applied Science - Agribusiness as presented
CARRIED

6. NEW BUSINESS - DEAN APPROVAL (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

6.1. School of Life Science & Business

6.1.1. [AHT 1140 - Veterinary Practice: The Team Connection](#) (D.Bullock)

7. STATUS UPDATE (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

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

Date: November 14, 2024

Meeting time: 5:15 pm

Location: WATC 301/302

Deadline for agenda item submission is **October 31; the Kualii workflow must be completed by that date.**

D.Andrus-Dobbs adjourned the meeting at 5:52pm.

Links & Documents

[Academic Council Website](#)