

Olds College Academic Council

MINUTES



THURSDAY, May 9, 2024

Meeting 5:15 pm

Location: WATC 301/302

	OCFA REPS	SAOC REPS	BOARD REPS
Members:	Gord Ahner Dustin Farr Keith Friedlander Andrea Mix Robert Spencer Bob Van Someren	Ashmeet Kaur Khambha	Dillon Andrus-Dobbs Dennis Beaudoin Dalín Bullock Ben Cecil Jay Steeves Debbie Thompson Paul Blankestijn (ALT) Megan Ducharme (ALT)
Guests:	Barb Mulholland		
Regrets:	Dan Karran, Jason Finnigan (ALT), Ken Fry (ALT), Nicole Zukiwsky (ALT), Angela Deng, Amanda Hopper, Ryoichi Kato, Jillian McCambly, Mackenzie Rendall, Courtney Skjerdal, Peter Mal, Lisa King (ALT)		
Chair:	Dillon Andrus-Dobbs	Recorder:	Bronwyn Petersen

CALL TO ORDER

D.Andrus-Dobbs called the meeting to order at 5:15pm.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion AC09052024.1 by D. Bullock to approve the agenda as presented

CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF THE [APRIL 11, 2024](#) MINUTES

Motion AC09052024.2 by D.Thompson to approve the April 11th minutes as presented

CARRIED

3. 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

3.1. School of Trades & Skills

3.1.1. [HAT 1000 - Introduction to Hospitality, Tourism, and Events](#) (D.Beaudoin)

- The third-party training is being removed from courses and stipulated as Non-Academic Requirements on each program of study: Hospitality and Tourism Management Post-Diploma Certificate, Hospitality and Tourism Certificate, Hospitality & Tourism Management Diploma.
- As it is critical for students to apply basic knowledge and skills from First Aid/ CPR, AGLC ProServe, AGLC Protect and Advanced Food Safety, it is proposed as an FIO to include proof of completion of these four certifications as Non-Academic Requirements. These are to be removed from the HAT 1000 Calendar Description.
- Also related to this proposal, an advisory statement will be added to HAT 1112 and HAT 1114 to provide clear communications to students to explain the requirements for participation in the courses.

Motion AC09052024.3 by D.Beaudoin to approve the course description to HAT 1000 - Introduction to Hospitality, Tourism, and Events as presented **CARRIED**

3.1.2. [HAT 1112 - Culinary Theory and Production](#) (D.Beaudoin)

- A statement was added to the Advisory section of the Pre/Co Requirements section to inform students of a non-academic training requirement.
- For the safety of students, instructors and staff in this course, it is necessary for students to complete Advanced Food Safety training prior to participating in labs.
- There is a third-party training available online that students can arrange to take on their own time at their own cost. Students who have already completed this training are required to provide proof of completion, but are not required to retake the training specifically for this course.
- Certifications must remain valid through completion of the program of study and equivalent certifications may be considered.

3.1.3. [HAT 1114 - Restaurant, Banquet and Event Service](#) (D.Beaudoin)

- A statement was added to the Advisory section of the Pre/Co Requirements section to inform students of a non-academic training requirement.
- For the safety of students, instructors and staff in this course, it is necessary for students to complete Advanced Food Safety training prior to participating in labs.
- There is a third-party training available online that students can arrange to take on their own time at their own cost. Students who have already completed this training are required to provide proof of completion, but are not required to retake the training specifically for this course.
- Certifications must remain valid through completion of the program of study and equivalent certifications may be considered.

3.1.4. [HAT 2490 - Event Planning](#) (D.Beaudoin)

- Students in the HAT 2490 course are required to work together to organize an event. The kitchen and dining spaces at the Pomeroy Inn & Suites necessitate that students in HAT 2490 have demonstrated the skills/knowledge covered in the HAT 1112 and HAT 1114 (by receiving a minimum of a "D" in *both courses*) so that they can effectively and safely organize, plan and operate within those spaces using protocols as established in the identified pre-requisite courses.
- **Friendly amendment:** Indicate in the proposal rationale that students must pass both classes. The pre-requisite section is correct.

Motion AC09052024.5 by D.Beaudoin to approve the Pre- and/or Co-requisites to HAT 2490 - Event Planning as amended **CARRIED**

3.2. Werklund School of Agriculture Technology

3.2.1. [LNWEVST - Environmental Science and Technology](#) (J.Steeves)

- Market research conducted in July 2023 indicated that there is value in renaming the existing Land and Water Resources program to better align with nomenclature in commonly used industry and in similar programs offered across Alberta and Canada. The program name is especially important for marketing and recruitment purposes, to connect with prospective students for the purpose of increasing enrolment.
- The PCC is proposing that the program name be changed to "Environmental Science and Technology". With the suspension of the Reclamation and Remediation major, the Environmental Stewardship and Rural Planning major, and the redevelopment of a single program offering, the specialization name documented in PAPRS will be Land Reclamation and Conservation.
- With a proposed program name change to "Environmental Science and Technology," the program description has also been updated to better reflect the redeveloped program and program name change.
- Additionally, the program of study has been modified based on input from the curriculum development team and program curriculum committee to reflect a more succinct and scaffolded learning journey for students—an approach that necessitated a reorganization of course sequence throughout the two years of study, followed by a reimagining of existing and new course content and compositions—in alignment with market research and trends.

Motion AC09052024.6 by J.Steeves to approve the Name and Program of Study Content Change to LNWEVST - Environmental Science and Technology and to move to the Board of Governors for approval as presented **CARRIED**

3.2.2. [EVS 1730 - Land Conservation and Reclamation](#) (J.Steeves)

- With the removal of the majors in the program, this course will be modified to include both conservation and reclamation content.

- Ethics content and competencies will be removed and included in the Examining Environmental Issues course. As a result of these modifications a title and description change is proposed.

Motion AC09052024.7 by J.Steeves to approve the name and course changes to EVS 1730 - Land Conservation and Reclamation as presented **CARRIED**

3.2.3. [EVS 2330 - Reclamation Field Methods](#) (J.Steeves)

- With the removal of the majors in the program, this course will be modified to reflect a broadening of scope from “oilfield” reclamation methods to multiple types of reclamation field methods.

Motion AC09052024.8 by J.Steeves to approve the name and course changes to EVS 2330 - Reclamation Field Methods as presented **CARRIED**

3.2.4. [EVS 2711 - Wildlife Identification and Conservation](#) (J.Steeves)

- This is a new course being proposed in the redeveloped Environmental Science and Technology diploma program (formerly the Land and Water Resources diploma).
- Feedback from alumni, industry, and current students identified Wildlife as an important content area to include in the program.

Motion AC09052024.9 by J.Steeves to approve the new course EVS 2711 - Wildlife Identification and Conservation as presented **CARRIED**

3.2.5. [LUP 1620 - Contemporary Environmental Issues and Ethics](#) (J.Steeves)

- Additionally, the course name and description have been modified to reflect a broadening of scope from "land" legislation to environmental legislation.
- In this way, ethics content and competencies will be removed from EVS 1730 and included in LUP 1620—in alignment with the topics and case studies covered in this course.
- Recommendation to explore Canadian history and indigenous land use.
- **Friendly amendment:** (with the recommendation to review with the PCC) To review the language and to consider adding “indigenous perspectives” to the course description.

Motion AC09052024.10 by J.Steeves to approve the name and course changes to LUP 1620 - Contemporary Environmental Issues and Ethics as amended **CARRIED**

3.2.6. [LUP 2610 - Environmental Land Use Planning and Management](#) (J.Steeves)

- To improve the financial sustainability of the program, the courses have been evaluated to identify opportunities to optimize resources while maintaining high quality curriculum and positive student experience.
- The course title change reflects broadening of scope from “rural” to multiple land use planning and emphasizing management as a continuous practice beyond development.
- **Friendly amendment** to the proposal rationale: This will be a two hour lecture and a one hour lab.

3.2.7. [SOI 2340 - Soil Classification and Management](#) (J.Steeves)

- To improve the financial sustainability of the program, the courses have been evaluated to identify opportunities to optimize resources while maintaining high quality curriculum and positive student experience.
- In this way, the course will also be modified to reflect a change of scope from “mapping” soil classifications to exploring how these are managed in alignment with industry trends.
- There were comments from students and faculty to maintain the lab hours as is as the hands-on work in this course has a beneficial impact for students.

Motion AC09052024.12 by J.Steeves to approve the name and course changes to SOI 2340 - Soil Classification and Management as presented

CARRIED

3.2.8. [ATG 2009 - Telemetry \(Telematics\) Integration](#) (J.Steeves)

- Based on the ever-changing agriculture technology landscape, it is proposed that this course be updated to incorporate a more holistic view of telemetry and telematics with a greater focus on the Internet of Things (IoT). The current course framework focuses extensively on the use of online platforms to access and transmit farm data.
- While we do have some such access via the OCSF, the simplicity of such platforms combined with concerns around data privacy and logistical challenges of providing more extensive access make it challenging to provide engaging and valuable learning experiences throughout the course.
- This proposal seeks to incorporate more hands-on and technical learning based on the concepts of IoT and the hardware, software, protocols, and computer networking principles that are fundamental to the science of telemetry.
- This proposed update also considers the likelihood that this course may be a suitable substitution for AGT 2100 (The Internet of Things in Agriculture) given the desire for a 2+2 pathway into the BDA program.

Motion AC09052024.13 by J.Steeves to approve the course changes to ATG 2009 - Telemetry (Telematics) Integration as presented

CARRIED

3.2.9. [ATI 3004 - Measurement and Instrumentation](#) (J.Steeves)

- After three years of teaching the course and also in the review process, some changes in GACs and competency statements emerged. Using proper wordings to align with Bloom's Taxonomy of Learning and also adding and deleting some of the competency statements to reflect better students' engagement are proposed. Students' assessments were needed to be changed to comply with Olds College D33 Assessment Policy.
- Since lab sessions are carried out using Tinkercard in a virtual environment, modifications for student equipment and supply requirements were needed.

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

4.1. School of Life Science & Business

4.1.1. [FIO - ANHLTHT - Veterinary Technology](#) (D.Bullock)

4.2. Werklund School of Agriculture Technology

4.2.1. [FIO - AMT 2035-Agribusiness Financial Management](#) (J.Steeves)

4.2.2. [FIO - AMT 2630-Agribusiness Planning and Management](#) (J.Steeves)

4.2.3. [FIO - EVS 1210-Applied Ecology](#) (J.Steeves)

4.2.4. [FIO - EVS 2560-Environmental Statistics and Database Management](#) (J.Steeves)

4.2.5. [FIO - GIS 1300-Introduction to GIS](#) (J.Steeves)

4.2.6. [FIO - GPS 1200-Introduction to GPS and Mapping](#) (J.Steeves)

4.2.7. [FIO - WTR 2630-Watershed Management](#) (J.Steeves)

5. STATUS UPDATE (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

5.1. D19: Student Academic Record (Records, Grading & Academic Standing) - approved and posted to the website

5.2. Post-Diploma Certificate - Business - Project Management - pending Board & PAPRS approval

5.3. Post-Diploma Certificate - Business - Supply Chain Management - pending Board & PAPRS approval

5.4. Post-Diploma Certificate - Business - Agricultural Business - pending Board & PAPRS approval

6. [NEXT MEETING](#)

Date: June 13, 2024

Meeting time: 5:15 pm

Location: TBD

Deadline for agenda item submission is **May 30; the Quali workflow must be completed by that date.**

D.Andrus-Dobbs adjourned at 6:09 pm.

Links & Documents

[Academic Council Website](#)