

Olds College Academic Council

AGENDA



THURSDAY, February 13, 2025
Virtual: [Google Meet](#)

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion AC130225.1 by A.Kaur Khambha to approve the agenda as presented

CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF THE [NOVEMBER 14, 2024](#) MINUTES

Motion AC130225.2 by L.Kemp to approve the November 14, 2025 meeting minutes as presented

CARRIED

3. NEW BUSINESS - CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAW REVISIONS

3.1. First and second reading of the revised [Academic Council Constitution and By-Laws](#) (A.Mix)

- **Action Item:** To bring forward to a future Academic Council meeting: Discussion about operationalizing the distribution of Academic Council meeting agendas.
- The revisions to 11.15 will remain as is until this discussion takes place at a future Academic Council meeting.

Motion AC021325.3 by A.Mix to move forward to the second reading of the revisions to the Academic Council

Constitution and By-laws.

CARRIED

- A.Mix presented the second reading of the revisions to the Academic Council Constitution and By-laws.

Motion AC021325.4 by C.Skjerdal to move the third reading of the revisions to the Academic Council Constitution and By-laws to the next meeting.

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. School of Life Science & Business

4.1.1. [New Course - EQN 1045-Equine Reproduction Basics](#) (A.Ngai)

- Feedback from instructors and students in the Equine Care Management (ECM) program suggests that students in the ECM program should have an opportunity to learn information related to equine reproduction at an introductory level. The current courses offered are part of the Equine Reproduction Technician (ERT) certificate, and are out of scope with the needs of ECM students.
- This new course would not be a prerequisite nor an equivalent for any of the existing ERT courses.
- This proposal is coming forward outside of the recommended November deadline as the student feedback came forward during the Fall 2024. If approved, this course would be offered in Term 1 of Equine Care & Mgt (Fall 2025).

4.1.2. [EQNCRMG - Equine Care and Management](#) (A.Ngai)

- Student and instructor feedback shows that students in the Equine Care & Management (ECM) program should have the opportunity to learn information related to equine reproduction.
- However, the current courses offered as electives from the Equine Reproduction Technician (ERT) certificate are out of scope with the needs of ECM students.
- This proposal recommends removing the two ERT courses as electives and adds the new EQN 1045 Equine Reproduction Basics course which was developed with the needs and scope of the ECM students in mind. It also removes ANH 1050 as an elective in Term 1 so as to focus the ECM student to the three remaining electives in

Term 1 and provide a broader selection of electives in Term 2 when they are able to select two electives.

- The PCC found it was important to make these changes to the program content immediately as it will reduce conflict and limitations that exist in the current electives and provide students with a better learning experience.

Motion AC130225.5 by A.Ngai to approve 4.1.1 to 4.1.2 by consent agenda

CARRIED

4.1.3. [ACT 1012 - Accounting Principles II](#) (A.Ngai)

- It is being proposed to remove BUS1050 - Business Mathematics as a prerequisite for ACT 1011.
- The rationale behind this action is that the concepts in BUS1050 are not a requirement to complete ACT1012. Successful completion of ACT1012 can be achieved without taking BUS1050. There is one main concept covered in BUS1050 that is also covered in ACT1012 - Preserve Value and Future Value. However these concepts are taught in ACT1012 as if no prior knowledge of the subject has occurred.
- Removing the prerequisites would also allow dual credit students the ability to complete both level 1 and 2 accounting through dual credit programs.

Motion AC130225.6 by A.Ngai to approve the pre and/or co requisites for ACT 1012 - Accounting Principles II as presented

CARRIED

4.1.4. [TRF 1620 - Applying Environmental Principles for Pesticide Certification](#) (A.Ngai)

- Admin and Faculty have reviewed the competency statements & Require a clarification.
- Students are not guaranteed to achieve provincial pesticide applicators certification. Students are being prepared to attempt the provincial pesticide applicators exam. We cannot force students to take the exam, not pay the associated fees, therefore success in the diploma program should not hinge upon the student achieving a passing grade on a third party administered provincial exam (Lakeland College 2025).

Motion AC130225.7 by A.Ngai to approve the course description revisions to TRF 1620 - Applying Environmental Principles for Pesticide Certification as presented

CARRIED

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

5.1. School of Life Science & Business

- 5.1.1. [ANH 1550 - Veterinary Digital Applications](#) (A.Ngai)
- 5.1.2. [EQN 1005 - Equine Terminology](#) (A.Ngai)
- 5.1.3. [EQN 1025 - Introduction to Careers in the Equine Industry](#) (A.Ngai)
- 5.1.4. [EQN 1035 - Fundamentals of Equine Health](#) (A.Ngai)
- 5.1.5. [EQN 1390 - Equine Massage Field Placement](#) (A.Ngai)

6. STATUS UPDATE (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

7. [NEXT MEETING](#)

Date: March 13, 2025

Meeting time: 5:15 pm

Location: TBD

Deadline for agenda item submission is **February 27**; the Kuali workflow must be completed by that date.

D.Andrus-Dobbs adjourned the meeting at 5:54pm

Links & Documents

[Academic Council Website](#)