

Olds College Academic Council

AGENDA



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2025

Meeting 5:15 pm

Location: [Virtual](#)

	OCFA REPS	SAOC REPS	BOARD REPS
Members:	Andrea Mix Robert Spencer Dan Karran Mark Fournier Keith Friedlander	Sukhpreet Singh Brooklyn Niznik Daniel Schafer	Dillon Andrus-Dobbs Dennis Beaudoin Dalin Bullock Lori Kemp Barb Mulholland 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, Dan Reaman, David Prins (alt), David Johnson (alt), Kyle Puchala (alt), Whitney Moore (alt), Jatinder Attwal, Rachel Chater, Simranpreet Kaur, Sukhwinder Singh, Debbie Thompson		

CALL TO ORDER

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

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion AC121125.1 by M.Fournier to approve the agenda as presented

CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF THE [NOVEMBER 20, 2025](#) MINUTES

Motion AC121125.2 by D.Karren to approve the November 20th meeting 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. **Werklund School of Agriculture Technology (J.Steeves)**

3.1.1. [LNWEVST - Environmental Science and Technology](#)

- Adding chemistry courses into the program of study is to address industry feedback from the IAC. Graduates from this program fill specific jobs in the land reclamation, remediation, and site assessment industry.
- Two specific practice areas Olds College graduates have been eligible for in the past are the Land Reclamation (LR) and Assessment, Remediation and Management of Contaminated Lands (ARMCL). The IAC strongly recommended the program continues to provide students with the opportunity to be eligible for these two specific practice areas. In order for that eligibility, graduates must have 6 credits from two distinct chemistry courses (inorganic and organic)> As such, the PCC is proposing to add these chemistry courses into the program so that graduates have the opportunity to apply for designation in the specific practice areas after graduation.
- One chemistry course would be required because all students in an environmental science program would benefit from foundational chemistry knowledge to apply in their careers in this industry and it also aligns with other competitive programs across Alberta
- The second chemistry course is an elective because it is more relevant to the ARMCL practice area, which not all students need or may be interested in.
- The competencies from the removed course (EVS 2730) are incorporated into the two new chemistry courses to specifically tie environment chemistry to environmental site assessment as that is when chemistry is applied in the industry.
- The current 2025 cohort of students (year 1 in the program) will not be impacted by these proposed changes.
- There will be a term sort to fit the two new chemistry courses into the curriculum.

Motion AC121125.3 by J.Steeves to approve the revisions to the Program of Study LNWEVST - Environmental Science and Technology as presented **CARRIED**

3.1.2. [New Course - CHE 1000 - Inorganic Chemistry for Site Assessment and Remediation](#)

- This is a new course in the Environmental Science and Technology program reflecting the proposed changes integrating chemistry into the program of study.
- Friendly amendment to update GAC E2 to state "inorganic pollutants".

3.1.3. [New Course - CHE 1050 - Organic Chemistry for Site Assessment and Remediation](#)

- This is a new course in the Environmental Science and Technology program reflecting the proposed changes integrating chemistry into the program of study.

Motion AC121125.4 by J.Steeves to approve agenda items 3.1.2 & 3.1.3 by consent agenda as amended **CARRIED**

3.1.4. [SOI 2340 - Soil Classification and Land Forms](#)

- The course title change shifts the focus towards classification of soils and the understanding of soils found in various landforms. Students will learn aspects of soil management, but to a lesser extent.
- Due to timing constraints, this proposal did not meet the November Academic Council meeting deadline. However, the WSAT Office of the Dean consulted with the Registrar's Office and agreed upon an extension to present at this December meeting.
- In the program redevelopment, the PCC decided to remove mapping content from this course.

Motion AC121125.7 by J.Steeves to approve the course revisions to SOI 2340 - Soil Classification and Land Forms as presented **CARRIED**

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

4.1. **School of Life Science & Business (B.Mulholland)**

- 4.1.1. [ANH 1720 - Veterinary Pharmacy and Medical Math](#)
- 4.1.2. [ANH 1770 - Diagnostic Imaging](#)
- 4.1.3. [ANH 1790 - Clinical Skills I](#)
- 4.1.4. [ANH 2090 - Clinical Skills II](#)

4.2. **Werklund School of Agriculture Technology (J.Steeves)**

- 4.2.1. [EVS 1730 - Land Conservation and Reclamation](#)
- 4.2.2. [MGT 3333 - Agricultural Innovation and Leadership](#)

5. **STATUS UPDATE (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

- 5.1. New Program - MEATMGT - Meat Processing Management - approved by BoG, pending PAPRS approval
- 5.2. New Program - AIT Electrician Apprenticeship - approved by BoG, pending AIT approval

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

Date: January 8, 2025

Meeting time: 5:15 pm

Location: TBD

Deadline for agenda item submission is December 18; the Kualu workflow must be completed by that date.

Links & Documents

[Academic Council Website](#)

[Curriculum Change Process and Approvals](#)

D.Andrus-Dobbs adjourns meeting at 5:30pm