

Olds College Academic Council

AGENDA



THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2026

Meeting 5:15 pm

Location: WATC 301/302

	OCFA REPS	SAOC REPS	BOARD REPS
Members:	Robert Spencer Dan Karran Laura Mills	Leila Reid Rachel Chater Daniel Schafer	Dennis Beaudoin Dalín Bullock Lori Kemp Jody Kennedy Tanya McDonald Jay Steeves Bronwyn Petersen (alt)- Voting on behalf of D.Thompson
Chair:	Dalín Bullock	Recorder:	Joey Shields

Regrets: Debbie Thompson, Keith Friedlander, David Prins (alt), Andrea Mix, Jatinder Attwal, Brooklyn Niznik, Mark Fournier, Simranpreet Kaur, Sukhwinder Singh, Dan Reaman, David Johnson (alt), Kyle Puchala (alt), Whitney Moore (alt)

CALL TO ORDER

D.Bullock called the meeting to order at 5:16pm

Housekeeping Items

- D. Bullock will Chair meetings for remainder of 2025/26
- New members: J. Kennedy, Interim Registrar; Joey Shields, Recorder; Leila (Reid) Vachon, New SAOC VPA

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion AC051426.1 by D. Beaudoin to approve the agenda as presented

CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF THE [MARCH 12, 2026](#) Minutes

Motion AC051426.2 by N. Zukiwsky to approve the March 12th meeting minutes as presented

CARRIED

3. NEW BUSINESS - POLICY APPROVAL

3.1. [A15 Policy Briefing Note](#) / A15 Program Development Policy - [Track Changes](#) (L. Kemp)

- Cyclical review
- Please reference linked briefing note for summary of revisions

Motion AC051426.3 by L. Kemp to submit the Program Development Policy to the College Leadership Team for approval

CARRIED

3.2. [A16 Policy Briefing Note](#) / A16 Program Review Policy - [Track Changes](#) (L. Kemp)

- Cyclical review
- Please reference linked briefing note for summary of revisions

Motion AC051426.4 by L. Kemp to submit the Program Review Policy to the College Leadership Team for approval

CARRIED

3.3. [A19 Policy Briefing Note](#) / A19 Scholarly Activity Policy - [Track Changes](#) (L. Kemp)

- Cyclical review
- Please reference linked briefing note for summary of revisions
- Friendly amendment - ****added F02 Budget Owner Responsibility Policy**** to related section

Motion AC051426.5 by L. Kemp to submit the Scholarly Activity Policy as amended to the College Leadership Team for approval

CARRIED

3.4. [G08 Policy Briefing Note](#) / G08 Faculty Performance & Development Policy - [Track Changes](#)

(L. Kemp)

- Cyclical review
- Please reference linked briefing note for summary of revisions

Motion AC051426.6 by L. Kemp to submit the Faculty Performance & Development Policy to the College Leadership Team for approval

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 (J. Steeves)

4.1.1. [DGTLAGR - Bachelor of Digital Agriculture](#)

- The proposed changes provide a sustainable approach to operating the full 4-year BDA program through implementing shared courses in years 1 and 2 of the program of study. Primarily, this includes adding shared courses with the Precision Ag Techgromony, Environmental Science and Technology and BASc Agribusiness programs, while removing unique program courses. These shared courses will provide BDA graduates with similar, if not additional, competencies that meet the program learning outcomes and provide students with the depth and breadth of a four year degree. To accommodate the shared course optimization, some courses needed to be swapped between years.
- Off-cycle request to put in place Fall 2026.
- IMPACT NOTE: No current students will be impacted, meaning these changes will apply to the incoming Fall 2026 intake of students. These changes will enhance the student experience because it will allow them to take courses with students from other programs, and in the long term this will diversify and broaden their skills and mindsets.
- Thanks to different depts and faculty for their involvement in putting this proposal together.
- Will be communicated to incoming students.
- Changes are consistent with comments provided by current BDA students.

- *Skills and knowledge are not lost with the change of courses.*

Motion AC051426.7 by J. Steeves to approve the Program of Study revisions to DGTLAGR - Bachelor of Digital Agriculture as presented

CARRIED

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

5.1. School of Life Science & Business (T. McDonald)

- 5.1.1. [ANH 2030 - Anesthesia and Analgesia](#)
- 5.1.2. [ANH 2040 - Theoretical and Applied Dentistry](#)
- 5.1.3. [ANH 2050 - Hospital Procedures](#)
- 5.1.4. [ANH 2190 - Clinical Skills III](#)

6. NEW BUSINESS - Admin Process Update (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

- 6.1. For the June meeting, and going forward, rather than linking PDFs of proposals to the agenda, a link to the proposal in Quali will be provided. Any Academic Council members that do not currently have access to Quali will be given access to view the proposals.

7. [NEXT MEETING](#)

Date: June 11, 2026

Meeting time: 5:15 pm

Location: WATC 301/302

Deadline for agenda item submission: **May 28, 2026**

Links & Documents

[Academic Council Website](#)

ADJOURNMENT

D.Bullock adjourned the meeting at at 5:45pm