

Olds College Academic Council

AGENDA



THURSDAY, June 11, 2026

Meeting 5:15 pm

Location: WATC 304/305

	OCFA REPS	SAOC REPS	BOARD REPS
Members:	Andrea Mix Robert Spencer Laura Mills Mark Fournier Keith Friedlander Dan Reaman	Leila (Reid) Vachon	Dennis Beaudoin Dalín Bullock Lori Kemp Jody Kennedy Tanya McDonald Paul Blankestijn (alt) Voting on behalf of D. Thompson Nicole Zukiwsky (alt) Voting on behalf of J. Steeves
Chair:	Dalín Bullock	Recorder:	Joey Shields

Regrets: Debbie Thompson, Jay Steeves, Jatinder Attwal, Daniel Schafer, Bronwyn Petersen, Dan Karran, David Prins, Kyle Puchala, Whitney Moore, Rachel Chater, Simranpreet Kaur, Sukhwinder Singh, Brooklyn Niznik, David Johnson

CALL TO ORDER

D.Bullock called the meeting to order at 5:17 pm

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion AC061126.1 by D. Beaudoin to approve the agenda as presented

CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF THE [MAY 14, 2026](#) MINUTES

Motion AC061126.2 by L. Kemp to approve the May 14th meeting minutes as presented

CARRIED

3. NEW BUSINESS - CURRICULUM APPROVAL

Please note - In the proposals linked:

- The items that require Academic Council approval are noted under Modification Types as AC
- For Modification Types listed as FIO:
 - 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 (*N.Zukiwsky on behalf of J.Steeves*)

3.1.1. [AGT 4080 - Applied Data Science for Agri-Food Systems](#)

- **Title (AC) off-cycle:** The proposed title, **Applied Data Science for Agri-Food Systems**, reflects the advanced technical and strategic scope of the course compared to the original "**Application of Data Management and Analytics**." While the previous title was designed primarily for standalone BDA students, the introduction of the PAT 2+2 pathway and other diploma programs requires a name that clearly signals the transition from

foundational data organization to the complete data science lifecycle. This new title includes the integration of programming automation, spatial analytics, and professional Data Management Plans while successfully distinguishing the curriculum from AGT 1080. By moving away from theoretical game theory toward applied industry deliverables and ethical stewardship, the course provides a professional identity that is easily understood by students from all entry pathways and aligns with the senior-level competencies expected in the field. This title change aligns with the proposed course description and competency changes, therefore the request is to put the title change through as an off-cycle proposal at the same time.

- **Course Description (AC):** The revised description replaces general concepts with specific technical skills to better serve a diversifying student body. While the original text was designed for standalone BDA students, the addition of the PAT 2+2 pathway and other diploma programs, where students enter with different foundational backgrounds rather than AGT 1080 (BDA specific course), makes this update necessary. By highlighting programming automation, spatial integration, and the development of Data Management Plans, the new description ensures that students from all pathways have a clear understanding of the applied tasks and professional deliverables expected in the course.

Motion AC061126.3 by N.Zukiwsky to approve the revisions to AGT 4080 - Applied Data Science for Agri-Food Systems as presented **CARRIED**

3.1.2. [ATG 2004 - Principles of Business and Entrepreneurship](#)

- The **course description (AC)** has been updated to create stronger alignment between the course description and the competency statements.

Motion AC061126.4 by N.Zukiwsky to approve the revisions to ATG 2004 - Principles of Business and Entrepreneurship as presented **CARRIED**

3.1.3. [LUP 2610 - Environmental Land Use Planning and Management](#)

- **Removal of the LUP1620 pre-requisite (AC):** though the learning is scaffolded, students are not required to pass LUP 1620 to be successful in LUP2610.
- Because of the program restructure work done last year, some courses were cut from the program. There were 2 Land Use Planning courses for ESRP majors only. Now those majors are removed and the program has a more environmental sustainability focus to provide relevance for all students in the program.

Motion AC061126.5 by N.Zukiwsky to approve the revisions to LUP 2610 - Environmental Land Use Planning and Management as presented **CARRIED**

3.1.4. [BAS 3999 - Introduction to Self-directed Learning](#)

- BAS 3999 has not been updated in over five years. These changes reflect how the course is now taught, where students are entering a much more competitive job market. The **course** competencies and **description (AC)** have been updated so that other BASc majors can potentially use this course in the future.

3.1.5. [BAS 4999 - Directed Field Study](#)

- BAS 4999 has not been updated in over five years. These changes better reflect student requirements and the program expectations of them during their DFS. The **course** competencies and **description (AC)** have been updated so that other BASc majors can potentially use this course in the future.

Motion AC061126.6 by N.Zukiwsky to approve the revisions to BAS 3999 and BAS 4999 - Directed Field Study as presented **CARRIED**

3.1.6. [MGT 3600 - Agricultural Economics and Commodity Management](#)

- **Calendar Description and Title Change (AC):** The calendar description and title of the course are changed to accurately and appropriately reflect the competency profile changes as a result of the course review process. Recognizing the title change is an off cycle request, it would align appropriately with the other changes being proposed.

Motion AC061126.7 by N.Zukiwsky to approve the revisions to MGT 3600 - Agricultural Economics and Commodity Management as presented **CARRIED**

3.1.7. [AMT 1040 - Survey of Agribusiness](#)

- **Course Description (AC):** The vision is that students in this course would design and facilitate tours on campus to align with OC direction of developing strong relationships with community and establishes students as ambassadors of the program in their first term.

Motion AC061126.8 by N.Zukiwsky to approve the revisions to AMT 1040 - Survey of Agribusiness as presented

CARRIED

3.1.8. [AMT 2120 - Business Development for Agricultural Professionals](#)

- The proposed changes are sequential and appropriately reflect the previous competency profile changes implemented in Fall 2025.
- Since the **proposed title (AC)** will accurately reflect the competencies and course content, this change will provide students with an accurate understanding of the course and reinforce course content.
- The off cycle request will impact second year Ag Management students for the Fall 2026 term.
- Consultation occurred with ITCE as they use this course as well.

Motion AC061126.9 by N.Zukiwsky to approve the revisions to AMT 2120 - Business Development for Agricultural Professionals as presented

CARRIED

3.2. **School of Life Science & Business (T. McDonald)**

3.2.1. [WIL 1590 - Industry Field Placement](#)

- **Course Description (AC):** The addition of these statements will ensure students are fully aware of all course obligations. The animal care rotations are essential to the program, and students need to be aware of these, as they will take place outside of school hours as homework.
- These changes are to ensure the best student understanding and experience. These expectations and information pieces are designed to ensure students have the most information possible and allow instructional staff to have a common language and knowledge when assisting students.

Motion AC061126.10 by T.McDonald to approve the revisions to WIL 1590 - Industry Field Placement as presented

CARRIED

3.3. **School of Trades & Skills (D.Beaudoin)**

3.3.1. [AGHEQUC - Agricultural and Heavy Equipment](#)

- With the new AIT curriculum starting in Fall 2027, students in the Agricultural and Heavy Equipment certificate will complete major specific courses in Term 2.
- Currently this certificate has **one** major titled: Agricultural and Heavy Equipment.
 - The PCC has voted to create **two separate majors (AC)** in the Certificate program to better represent the unique knowledge and skills students will gain in their second term:
 - **Agricultural Equipment**
 - **Heavy Equipment**
- The new AIT Ag & Hvy Apprenticeship programming starts in Fall 2027. Students starting Year 1 of this new program of study will also start in Fall 2027, so these admission requirements would be in place for applications opening in Fall 2026.
- Students beginning the Agricultural and Heavy Certificate program in 2027 will select a major, which will be stated parchment.
- Any students graduating before July 1, 2027 will receive the current program name and major on their parchment.

Motion AC061126.11 by D.Beaudoin to approve the Program of Study revisions to AGHEQUC - Agricultural and Heavy Equipment as presented

CARRIED

3.3.2. [PREEMPHEP - Pre-Employment Agricultural and Heavy Equipment](#)

- The new AIT curriculum will be effective Fall 2027. To align with the revised curriculum, the Ag and Heavy programming at Olds College is updating program and major naming conventions and curriculum. Curriculum changes will come forward Fall 2026 for approvals.
- This proposal shows naming changes in program **title** and program **description (AC)**.

Motion AC061126.12 by D.Beaudoin to approve the Program of Study revisions to PREEMPHEP - Pre-Employment Agricultural and Heavy Equipment as presented

CARRIED

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

- 4.1. **Werklund School of Agriculture Technology (J. Steeves)**
 - 4.1.1. [AGT 4200 - Response to Future and Emerging Technologies](#)
 - 4.1.2. [AMT 1335 - Agribusiness Accounting](#)
 - 4.1.3. [ATG 1004 - Water in Agricultural Ecosystems](#)
 - 4.1.4. [ATG 1007 - Electronics and Control Systems](#)
 - 4.1.5. [ATG 2003 - Zone Management in Digital Farming Systems II](#)
 - 4.1.6. [ATG 2006 - Applied Data and Technology in Digital Farming Systems](#)
 - 4.1.7. [COM 1520 - Public Relations, Issues Management, and Crisis Communications](#)
 - 4.1.8. [COM 4000 - Negotiation and Dispute Resolution](#)
 - 4.1.9. [LNWEVST - Environmental Science and Technology](#)
 - 4.1.10. [WTR 2630 - Watershed Management](#)
- 4.2. **School of Life Science & Business (T. McDonald)**
 - 4.2.1. [ACT 1011 - Accounting Principles I](#)
 - 4.2.2. [ACT 1012 - Accounting Principles II](#)
 - 4.2.3. [ANH 1010 - Small Animal Behaviour and Handling](#)
 - 4.2.4. [ANH 1040 - Essential Client Communication and Animal Care](#)
 - 4.2.5. [ANH 1540 - Large Animal and Exotic Clinical Foundations](#)
 - 4.2.6. [BHO 3800 - Leadership in Horticulture](#)
 - 4.2.7. [BUSIDIP - Business Management - General Management Major](#)
 - 4.2.8. [CMP 1100 - Computer Applications I](#)
 - 4.2.9. [EQNMSTP - Equine Massage Therapy](#)
 - 4.2.10. [EQN 1005 - Equine Terminology](#)
 - 4.2.11. [EQN 1035 - Fundamentals of Equine Health](#)
 - 4.2.12. [EQN 1150 - Maximizing Equine Performance](#)
 - 4.2.13. [EQN 1310 - Equine Anatomy and Physiology](#)
 - 4.2.14. [EQN 1330 - Equine Biomechanics](#)
 - 4.2.15. [EQN 1340 - Functional Anatomy and Biomechanics](#)
 - 4.2.16. [EQN 1350 - Investigating the Equine Nervous System](#)
 - 4.2.17. [EQN 1360 - Rehabilitation and Massage Care for Injury](#)
 - 4.2.18. [EQN 1370 - Advanced Massage Therapy Techniques and Routines](#)
 - 4.2.19. [HRM 1010 - Human Resources Management](#)
 - 4.2.20. [HRT 2200 - Emerging Trends & Innovations in Horticulture](#)
 - 4.2.21. [HRT 2850 - Designing Landscapes](#)
 - 4.2.22. [MGT 2210 - Entrepreneurship](#)
- 4.3. **School of Trades & Skills (D. Beaudoin)**
 - 4.3.1. [AGHEQUDI - Agricultural and Heavy Equipment](#)

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

- 5.1. Starting June 2026, rather than linking PDFs of proposals to the agenda, a link to the proposal in Kuali will be provided. Academic Council members that do not currently have access to Kuali will be given access to view the proposals
 - 5.1.1. Seeking feedback on this process update (access through Kuali vs linked PDFs) (L. Kemp)
 - 5.1.1.1. *Suggestion to include AC or FIO in the proposal rationales as well (add this to PCC Community of Practice, and ART agendas)*

6. STATUS UPDATE (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

- 6.1. New Program - Information Technology Analyst - approved by BoG, pending PAPRS approval
- 6.2. New Program - AIT Electrician Apprenticeship - approved by BoG, pending AIT approval
 - 6.2.1. Decision expected early Fall 2026

7. [NEXT MEETING](#)

Date: TBD Sep/Oct 2026

Meeting time: 5:44 pm

Location: WATC 301/302

Deadline for agenda item submission: TBD

Links & Documents

[Academic Council Website](#)