Olds College Academic Council

Minutes

THURSDAY, OCT 8, 2026
Meeting 5:15 pm
Location: WATC 301/302

	OCFA REPS	SAOC REPS	BOARD REPS
Members:	Bertrand Bickersteth Mark Fournier Keith Friedlander Dan Karran Laura Mills Dan Reaman Robert Spencer Felippe Karp (alt)	Graham Begg Rachel Chater Emily Duncan Nathan Hicks Brooklyn Niznik Leila Vachon	Dennis Beaudoin Dalin Bullock Lori Kemp Jennifer Fleckenstein Tanya McDonald Jay Steeves Paul Blankestijn (alt) Bronwyn Petersen (alt)-*voting on behalf of D. Thompson* Nicole Zukiwsky (alt)
Chair:	Dalin Bullock		
Recorder:	Joey Shields		
Guest:	Desmond Bouteiller		

Regrets: Debbie Thompson, Bruce Brittain (alt), David Prins (alt), Itunu Lawal

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CALL TO ORDER at 5:15 pm

1. WELCOME TO 2026-2027 ACADEMIC COUNCIL *(D.Bullock)*

1.1. *Member Introductions*

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion AC100826.1 by D. Beaudoin to approve the agenda as presented ***CARRIED***

3. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 11, 2026 MINUTES

Motion AC100826.2 by T. McDonald to approve the June 11, 2026 minutes as presented ***CARRIED***

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1. Elections

4.1.1. **Election of Academic Council Chairperson (Article 9.4)** *(D.Bullock)*

- K. Friedlander was nominated by D. Beaudoin for the role of Chairperson for the 2026-27 Academic Council term. K. Friedlander allowed the nomination to stand.
- D. Karran nominated L. Kemp for the role of Chairperson for the 2026-27 Academic Council term. L. Kemp declined the nomination.
- No other nominations were received and accepted.

By acclamation K. Friedlander was voted in as the Chairperson of Academic Council for the 2026-2027 term.

4.1.2. **Appointment of Committee Members (Article 13)** *(Chair, K. Friedlander)*

Constitution Review Committee (Article 13.3)

- The Constitutional Review Committee shall be appointed by the Council and shall consist of three persons, one representative from each of faculty, students and Board; and shall be responsible for a yearly constitutional review as per Article 12.5
- J. Fleckenstein nominated L. Kemp (Board Representative); D. Beaudoin nominated M. Fournier (Faculty Representative); L. Vachon nominated B. Niznik (Student Representative); B. Niznik nominated E. Duncan (Student Representative)
- There was a secret ballot vote to select the Student Representative. Based on a majority vote, E. Duncan is the Student Representative.
- The following representatives have agreed to sit on this committee and review the constitution as per Article 13.3

  Board Representative - Lori Kemp

  Student Representative - Emily Duncan

  Faculty Representative - Mark Fournier

Motion AC100826.3 by B. Niznik to appoint the above-mentioned representatives to the Constitution Review Committee for the 2026-27 term. ***CARRIED***

Student Appeal Committee Chairperson and Alternate (Article 13.4)

- J. Steeves was nominated by J. Fleckenstein for the role of Chairperson. By acclamation, J.Steeves was voted in as the Chairperson to the Appeal Committee for the 2026-27 Academic Council Term.
- T. McDonald was nominated by D. Beaudoin for the role of Alternate Chairperson. By acclamation, T. McDonald was voted in as the Alternate Chairperson to the Appeal Committee for the 2026-27 Academic Council Term.

  Chairperson - Jay Steeves

  Alternate Chairperson - Tanya McDonald

Motion AC100826.4 by L. Mills to elect the Chairperson and Alternate Chairperson to the Appeal Committee for the 2026-27 term. ***CARRIED***

4.2. November Academic Council Meeting Date *(K. Friedlander)*

4.2.1. Confirm quorum for November 12, 2026

4.2.2. By-laws state that to move an Academic Council meeting, you must bring the item to the table for review and approval

4.2.3. Alternate date would need to be November 16 or 17th to get items on Board of Governors agenda (BoG meeting date Nov. 26th)

- Quorum has been confirmed, so the November 12, 2026 meeting date will not change

5. NEW BUSINESS - CURRICULUM APPROVAL

Please note - for the proposals attached:

- The items that require Academic Council approval are noted under Modification Types as **AC**
- For Modification Types noted 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

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

5.1.1. FIN 2050 - Financial Literacy for Self-Employment and Small Business

- The revisions to this course name and description are a response from students to have a more direct application of certain business skills.

Motion AC100826.5 by D.Beaudoin to approve the name change and description revision to FIN 2050 as presented

CARRIED

5.1.2. PREWLDO - Pre-Employment Welder

5.1.3. PEW 1010 - Foundational Skills, Safety and Procedures

5.1.4. PEW 1020 - Drafting, Drawings and Specifications

5.1.5. PEW 1030 - Welding Processes Theory

5.1.6. PEW 1040 - Applied Welding Processes

- Removal of existing courses and replacing with newly organized PEW courses that represent new and reorganized curriculum from AIT in June 2026. This program change does not require a PAPRS proposal to be submitted to Advanced Education. The new curriculum is being delivered to the Welder Apprenticeship students starting August 2026. Therefore, the new program sequencing and course outline curricula is also being delivered to the Pre-Employment students starting Fall 2026.

Motion AC100826.6 by D.Beaudoin to approve the Program of Study content change to PREWELDO, including new courses: PEW 1010, PEW 1020, PEW 1030 and PEW 1040 (5.1.2 - 5.1.6) as presented ***CARRIED***

5.1.7. PREEMPELE - Pre-Employment Electrician

5.1.8. ELE 1000 - Electrical Safety and Drawings

5.1.9. ELE 1010 - Electrical Codes and Standards

5.1.10. ELE 1020 - Electrical Theory

5.1.11. ELE 1030 - Electrical Systems and Practical Applications

- This is a new program that will be offered starting Fall 2027. The course content in the program aligns with Period 1 AIT Electrician curriculum.
- Will be submitted to AIT as this is a new program.

Motion AC100826.7 by D.Beaudoin to approve the new Program, PREEMPELE and new courses: ELE 1000, ELE 1010, ELE 1020, AND ELE 1030 (5.1.7 - 5.1.11) as presented ***CARRIED***

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

5.2.1. BUSIDIPSPM - Business Management - Sport Management Major

5.2.2. SPM 1010 - Sport Participation and Physical Literacy

5.2.3. SPM 1060 - Safe Sport, Ethics and Governance

5.2.4. SPM 2210 - Sport Gaming, Data and Analytics

- The proposed changes modernize the Sport Management major and better align it with current sport industry practices. The revisions maintain the program's business foundation while making its sport-specific curriculum more relevant and focused.

- Courses more closely aligned with kinesiology and physical training are being replaced or revised to emphasize contemporary areas of sport management, including Safe Sport and governance, sport analytics and betting, sport media and content creation, physical literacy, and participant-centred sport delivery.
- These changes create a more cohesive and applied curriculum that better prepares students for roles within sport organizations while providing a stronger foundation for future program development.
- The program title edit aligns with standard terminology used in industry and related programs at other post-secondary institutions.
- The new description will align with the upcoming program changes so students have a clear and robust understanding of the program.

Motion AC100826.8 by J.Steeves to approve the name change to BUSIDIPSPM and new courses: SPM 1010, SPM 1060 and SPM 2210 (5.2.1 - 5.2.4) as presented ***CARRIED***

5.2.5. AGMGCOM - Agricultural Management - AgriCommerce Major

5.2.6. FIN 2135 - Lending to Agricultural Enterprises

5.2.7. FIN 2140 - Wealth Management for Canadian Agriculture Producers

- The intent of this program of study change is to add a new course (FIN 2140) to replace FIN 2135 Lending to Agricultural Enterprises (which will be removed from the Agricultural Management - AgriCommerce Major program of study and retired).
- The new course, FIN 2140, is structured to lead into the Financial Planner Canada Core Curriculum leading into either the CFP or QAFP designations with a focus on the unique wealth management landscape of the Canadian agricultural produce.

Motion AC100826.9 by J.Steeves to approve the Program of Study change to AGMGCOM and the replacement of FIN 2135 with the new course FIN 2140 (5.2.5 - 5.2.7) as presented ***CARRIED***

5.2.8. ATG 1007 - Electronics and Precision Agriculture Control Systems

- Added clarity to the course title to communicate that this course is specific to precision agriculture.

Motion AC100826.10 by J.Steeves to approve the title change to ATG 1007 as presented ***CARRIED***

5.2.9. MTH 1150 - Math for Computing

5.2.10. ITN 1000 - Introduction to IT Systems

5.2.11. ITN 1010 - Networking Fundamentals I (CCNA Part 1)

5.2.12. ITN 1020 - Programming I - Python Fundamentals

5.2.13. ITN 1030 - Networking Fundamentals II (CCNA Part 2)

5.2.14. ITN 1040 - Operating Systems I - Windows Environment

5.2.15. ITN 1050 - Introduction to Cloud Computing (Azure)

5.2.16. ITN 1060 - Cybersecurity Essentials

5.2.17. ITN 1070 - Digital Literacy & AI Awareness

5.2.18. ITN 2000 - Networking Fundamentals III (CCNA Part 3)

5.2.19. ITN 2010 - Operating Systems II - Linux Administration

5.2.20. ITN 2020 - Windows Server Administration

5.2.21. ITN 2030 - Azure Administration and Deployment

5.2.22. ITN 2050 - Network Monitoring & Automation

5.2.23. ITN 2060 - ITIL & Service Management Basics

5.2.24. ITN 2070 - Infrastructure Security & Compliance

5.2.25. ITN 2080 - AI in Practice: Tools & Automation

- Two courses, ITN 1070 and ITN 2080, will be offered to Dual Credit students Winter 2027.
- The program will be offered Fall 2027 at the Concordia University Campus Edmonton (CUE) only.
- A discussion was held regarding concerns with the program's course composition and market position.

Motion AC100826.11 by J.Steeves to approve the new courses for the Information Technology Program, 5.2.9 - 5.2.25, as presented ***CARRIED***

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

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

6.1.1. COM 4000 - Negotiation and Dispute Resolution

7. STATUS UPDATE (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

7.1. New Program - Information Technology Diploma in Systems & Infrastructure - approved by BoG, received Ministry Approval on August 28, 2026 for implementation on July 1, 2027

7.2. New Program - AIT Electrician Apprenticeship - approved by BoG, pending AIT approval

8. NEXT MEETING

Date: November 12, 2026
Meeting time: 5:15 pm
Location: WATC 301/302
Deadline for agenda item submission: October 29, 2026

Links & Documents
Academic Council Website

K. Friedlander adjourned the meeting at 7:07 pm