

Olds College Academic Council

AGENDA



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026

Meeting 5:15 pm

Location: WATC 301/302

	OCFA REPS	SAOC REPS	BOARD REPS
Members:	Andrea Mix Robert Spencer Dan Karran Laura Mills Mark Fournier Keith Friedlander Dan Reaman	Sukhpreet Singh Jatinder Attwal Rachel Chater Brooklyn Niznik Daniel Schafer	Dillon Andrus-Dobbs Dennis Beaudoin Dalin Bullock Lori Kemp Tanya McDonald Jay Steeves Nicole Zukiwsky - voting on behalf of D.Thompson
Chair:	Dillon Andrus-Dobbs	Recorder:	Bronwyn Petersen
Guests:	Banks Odole, Brendan Richardson, Berton Sullivan		
Regrets:	David Prins (alt), David Johnson (alt), Kyle Puchala (alt), Whitney Moore (alt), Debbie Thompson, Sukhwinder Singh, Simranpreet Kaur, Paul Blankestijn (alt)		

CALL TO ORDER

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

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Dennis Beaudoin added an FIO item: [New Program - AIT Steam Fitter / Pipe Fitter Apprenticeship](#)

Motion AC021226.1 by D.Beaudoin to approve the agenda as amended

CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF THE [JANUARY 8, 2026](#) MINUTES

Motion AC021226.2 by N.Zukiswsky to approve the January 8th 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)

Motion AC021226.3 by A.Mix to move forward to the second reading of the revisions to the Academic Council Constitution and By-laws.

CARRIED

- **Friendly amendment:** to match the language in section 8.d and 9.3.

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 (T.McDonald)

4.1.1. [New Program: TANLYST - Information Technology Analyst](#)

- The proposed Information Technology Analyst Diploma prepares students for entry-level IT roles across sectors by focusing on systems and hardware fundamentals, including networking, database environments, and cloud computing.
- The program strengthens Olds College's presence in the technology sector. As technology continues to advance, the demand for IT professionals who can support these systems across sectors, including agriculture, will continue to grow.
- The proposed diploma aims to establish a foundational program in this agricultural support space, addressing industry and student needs within an area of strong domestic enrolment potential.
- The College anticipates that the IT Analyst Diploma program will attract new student populations beyond traditional agricultural students, including those interested in technology careers in agricultural and rural contexts.
- Student, faculty, and subject matter experts have been engaged in this development process.

Motion AC021226.5 by T.McDonald to approve the New Program: TANLYST - Information Technology Analyst as presented recommended and to move to the Board of Governors for approval as presented

Defeated

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

4.2.1. [AGCOMMS - Agriculture Communications](#)

- The Agriculture Communications program is proposing a load change, program sequencing modification and program content change for a successful relaunch in the 2027-2028 Academic Year.
- The Load Change is proposed in response to student feedback on the program delivery: A reduced course load each term will allow students to focus on and complete courses at a reasonable pace considering the nature of the course content and asynchronous delivery.
- Two new courses will be added to the program of study. These new courses will be adapted from existing courses with the intent of merging competency profiles to maintain foundational knowledge appropriate for this program., credential and graduate skillset. The course codes and titles shown in this proposal are placeholders to show the intent of these courses within

the program, and will be fully designed and presented to Academic Council by or before November 2026.

- The WIL courses are being removed from the program of study directly, however, there will be WIL components integrated into courses assessments and content to meet WIL requirements.
- Impact Note: The Effective Date of Summer 2026 was selected to allow sufficient time for marketing and recruitment for the program while allowing the PCC to make optimal changes if needed prior to Fall 2027 launch.

Motion AC021226.6 by J.Steeves to approve the Program of Study and load changes to AGCOMMS - Agriculture Communications and to move to the Board of Governors for approval as presented **Carried**

5. STATUS UPDATE (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

- 5.1. [New Program - AIT Steam Fitter / Pipe Fitter Apprenticeship](#) (D.Beaudoin)
- 5.2. New Program - AIT Electrician Apprenticeship - approved by BoG, pending AIT approval

6. [NEXT MEETING](#)

Date: March 12, 2026

Meeting time: 5:15 pm

Location: TBD

Deadline for agenda item submission is **February 26; the Quali workflow must be completed by that date.**

D.Andrus-Dobbs adjourned at 6:36pm.

Links & Documents

[Academic Council Website](#)

[Curriculum Change Process and Approvals](#)