

Olds College Academic Council

MINUTES



THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2026

Meeting 5:15 pm

Location: [Virtual](#)

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion AC010826.1 by D.Beaudoin to approve the agenda as presented

CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF THE [DECEMBER 11, 2025](#) MINUTES

Motion AC010826.2 by D.Karran to approve the December 11, 2025 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. School of Life Science & Business (*B.Mulholland*)

3.1.1. [VETMEDR, VETMEDO - Veterinary Medical Receptionist](#)

- The PCC is proposing the removal of the ANH 1590 Applied Industry Skills from the program of study and replacing it with the VMR 2950 Industry Field Placement. ANH 1590 was a new course proposed last year with the intention of providing students with a WIL experience on campus within the AHEC hospital, which was to include student-run storefront, animal care responsibilities, and observation of clinical procedures.
- During the course design process this Fall, we encountered operational/resource barriers that inhibited the original vision for the storefront elements of the course, an essential component for providing students the client-facing elements of the industry experience. As such, bringing back VMR 2950, the industry practicum course used in the previous program of study is essential to providing students with the best learning opportunities and WIL experience to be successful after graduation.
- This proposed program sequencing places VMR 2950 starting during Term 2 to provide students with support from faculty to prepare for their industry field placement and find suitable placement that will bolster their learning and future career goals. The industry placement portion of this course will occur in Term 3, which allows for a two week break between terms for students to make arrangements for moving off campus before beginning their industry field experience.
- This is an off-cycle proposal with an effective date of spring 2026, so that it will not impact students who are beginning their program this January. If approved, this proposal will impact students starting the program in May 2026. Students who started the program in fall 2025 or winter 2026 will follow the existing program of study and take ANH 1590 Applied Industry Skills.

Motion AC010826.3 by B.Mulholland to approve the Program of Study VETMEDR, VETMEDO - Veterinary Medical Receptionist as presented

CARRIED

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

- This proposal goes along with the VMR program of study proposal to bring back VMR 2950 Industry Practicum. The PCC would like to change the course name from “Industry Practicum” to “Industry Field Placement” to better align with the new WIL policy/procedure guidelines. For consistency, the course code is being changed from VMR to WIL and the course number from 2950 to 1590, which aligns with the course code/numbering used in the new Vet Health Programs.
- This is an off-cycle proposal with an effective date of spring 2026, so that it will not impact students who are beginning their program this January. If approved, this proposal will impact students starting the program in May 2026. Students who started the program in fall 2025 or

winter 2026 will follow the existing program of study and take ANH 1590 Applied Industry Skills.

- Prerequisites have been adjusted to include all Term 1 courses to ensure no student enters the industry placement without essential foundational skills and knowledge. A statement was added to the Calendar Description to ensure students understand the course delivery and expectations for entering their field placement. Students must be successful in their Term 2 courses in order to start their field placement.
- The Reg Office assured the team they can make the scheduling work. It will be a challenge but the PCC has thought the process through and this is the best opportunity for the students to be successful.

Motion AC010826.4 by B.Mulholland to approve the course changes to WIL 1590 - Industry Field Placement as presented

CARRIED

4. STATUS UPDATE (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

- 4.1. New Program - MEATMGT - Meat Processing Management - **PAPRS Approved**
- 4.2. New Program - AIT Electrician Apprenticeship - approved by BoG, pending AIT approval

5. [NEXT MEETING](#)

Date: February 12, 2026

Meeting time: 5:15 pm

Location: TBD

Deadline for agenda item submission is [January 29](#); the Kuali workflow must be completed by that date.

D.Andrus-Dobbs adjourned the meeting at 5:27pm.

Links & Documents

[Academic Council Website](#)

[Curriculum Change Process and Approvals](#)