

**ACADEMIC COUNCIL
MINUTES**
Friday, October 27, 2006, 2:00 p.m., room N-186

Present: T. Bell, S. Brunet, G. Bulgarea, S. Choksi, R. Hartling, R. Herrera,
S. Hervouet-Zeiber, J. Masterson, J. McMahon, O. Ravi, C. Rossignoli,
I. Stavrianos, N. Wargny

Regrets: D. Gallagher, P. McCoy, A. Mundiyamkal, G. Quinn, M.-H. Sabbagh,
J. Trudeau

Non-members: G. Archer, P. Bouwman, R. Braley, C. Hanrahan, D. Hetherington, P. Gagne,
A. Yamamoto

1. Approval of the Agenda

Approved by consensus with the following additions: 3. c) Update on Academic Council Standing Committees; 3. d) Update on FNEC Proposal; and 6. a) Faculty of Applied Technologies Program Revisions.

2. Approval of the Minutes of October 13, 2006

Tabled.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

a) Structure of Academic Council's Sub-committee on the Admissions Process

Discussion followed on the composition of the committee. I. Stavrianos reported that he had been informed that the professionals, support staff and students wished to have a representative of their constituency on the committee. Several members spoke in favour of a small working committee to report back to Academic Council. It was also noted that this committee was not a standing committee of Council but an ad hoc committee whose composition did not have to be the same as the one of standing committees. J. McMahon supported forming a small committee while stressing that no constituency should feel excluded from the consultation.

N. Wargny suggested a committee of six: 3 faculty members, 1 support staff representative, 1 professional and 1 student. I. Stavrianos reminded Council that at the last meeting it had been suggested that there be 4 faculty members on the committee with Science and General Studies both having a representative. It was noted that the FSGS representative would ensure that proper consultation be done. The need to have one faculty member with expertise in statistical analysis was also reiterated. The support staff or the professional representative

could be someone from the Registrar's Office to answer the suggestion made at the last meeting to have someone from that office sit on the committee.

N. Wargny then suggested that an administrator be added to the membership to chair the committee and made the following motion.

It was moved by N. Wargny and seconded by C. Rossignoli that Academic Council's Sub-committee on the Admissions Process be composed of three faculty members (one from each Faculty), one support staff, one professional, one student and one administrator.

R. Herrera strongly spoke for having the Academic Dean on the committee. J. McMahon reiterated that, in light of his other commitments, he would not be a member of the committee but, as for the Registrar and other people, would consider being invited to some of the meetings. He added that the administrator on the committee would also be able to provide the required input.

S. Choksi called the question.

In favour	- 12
Against	- 0
Abstentions	- 2

b) Structure of Academic Council's Sub-committee on E-learning

J. McMahon reported that, following D. Gallagher's suggestion at the last meeting to have someone from Continuing Education sit on the committee, W. Brown had volunteered to represent the department.

After discussion on the committee's membership, the following motion was put forward.

It was moved by S. Choksi and seconded by T. Bell that Academic Council's Sub-committee on E-learning be composed of one Cont. Ed. member, three faculty members (one from each Faculty), one of whom with expertise in e-learning, one administrator and one LITC member, and that regular consultation be conducted with the Academic Advisors.

The name of Marielle Beauchemin was put forward as a teacher with expertise in e-learning. The issue of conflict of interest was also raised regarding having a teacher teaching an e-learning course on the committee. It was suggested that these teachers be invited to some of the meetings rather than be part of the committee.

P. Bouwman reminded Council that, since this committee was an ad hoc committee, the members outside of Council needed to be elected by their constituency.

In favour	- 10
Against	- 0
Abstentions	- 2

c) Update on Academic Council's Standing Committees

J. McMahon announced that A. Mundiyamkal had been nominated as the second student representative on Academic Council. He added that this student was among the A06 Entrance Scholarships recipients honoured at a ceremony held last evening.

J. McMahon also reported that D. Gallagher was the Cont. Ed. representative on the Long Range Planning Committee and that J. Trudeau will replace her on the IT in Teaching and Learning Committee as the Academic Council representative.

d) Update on FNEC Proposal

J. McMahon reported that it had been officially announced yesterday that Cégep de l'Abitibi-Témiscamingue and Dawson College will be the partners of FNEC in their project to build a post-secondary institution for the First Nations. He thanked Council for their support and wished the FNEC success with their project.

4. Reports, Announcements and Correspondence

a) Joint Coordinators

There was no report as the October 25th meeting was cancelled.

b) Others

Nil.

5. Main Business

a) Music Standing and Advancement

N. Wargny first introduced R. Braley, Co-coordinator of Music who had been invited to the meeting to provide information on this item. She then explained that, following the new Standing and Advancement Policy, this policy for standing and advancement in the Music programs now required Council's approval. She also briefly went over the historical changes in Music, the revision from 45 hour courses to 15 hour courses and the break up in two streams in the Professional Music program.

R. Braley gave further information on the split in the Professional Music program and stressed the fact that the policy presented today had been in place and applied by the Music Department for many years. He and N. Wargny then answered some questions from the

members. Following C. Rossignoli's questioning of including a professional suitability criterion in the policy for the professional programs, they explained that this was relevant to the program where respect for authority and direction, presence at rehearsals and ability to get along with others were essential.

It was moved by S. Hervouet-Zeiber and seconded by S. Choksi that Academic Council approve the Music Standing and Advancement Policy dated October 17, 2006.

Approved unanimously.

The Chair thanked R. Braley for his presentation.

6. Varia

a) Faculty of Applied Technologies Program Revisions

G. Archer reported that four programs were being revised this year in the Faculty of Applied Technologies: Ecological Technology, Industrial Electronics and Document Design and Multimedia - the latter one being only a minor revision - for implementation in A07, and Computer and Digital Systems for implementation in A08. He further explained that if the College wants to offer the first three new programs as of next Fall, the Ministry has to receive by the end of December the basic structure of the revised programs, i.e. the new course grid, the ponderation and the new course numbers. The Faculty therefore intends to bring to Council at its December 1st meeting the basic structure of the new programs to be approved with the understanding that full reports would be presented next semester. G. Archer further explained that this preliminary approval did not preclude making changes after the approval. Following some questions from the members, G. Archer, seconded by R. Herrera as the Academic Council representative on these program revision committees, assured Council that the documents to be submitted, although part of an interim process, had been carefully prepared by the committees and will be responding exactly to the Ministry's requirements.

S. Brunet raised the concern of many students about the DDMT program where the program is still very much of an office systems technology program with only superficial multimedia. G. Archer concurred that a lot of feedback had been received from students on this issue and that the situation is being addressed in order to make it clear to the students that the program was not a multigraphics one but was intended to train them to function adequately in a modern office. R. Hartling suggested looking at changing the title of the program.

Since there were no major concerns raised by Council on the procedure presented by G. Archer, the basic structure of the new programs will be presented to Council at its next meeting. It was agreed that the documents will be sent to members well in advance to give them enough time to review them. On this point, G. Archer informed Council that all the

Ecotech documents were on First Class and that he would inform the members on how to access them.

A suggestion was made to start the next meeting earlier in light of the items to be on the agenda. An email to that effect will be sent if necessary.

6. Varia

Nil.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Kalina