

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

MINUTES

Friday, October 29, 2010, 1:00 p.m., room A-301

Present: M. Abiri, M. Besner, M. DeNora, I. Der Aprahamian, A. Goldberg, C. Hall, R. Herrera, D. Hetherington, S. Kraham, P. Labrinos, E. Lamoureux, S. Lord, M. Lynch, M.-F. Nolasco, S. Pettifer, P. Ross, N. Wargny

Regrets: V. Broege, M. Passucci

Non-members: G. Dracopoulos, C. Hanrahan, M. Prentice, M. Sendbuehler

The Vice-chair welcomed Samar Kraham, the new student representative on Academic Council.

1. Approval of Agenda

The following additions were made to the agenda:

3. e) Update on Final Exams in the Palestre
4. c) Under *Others*: Report from ITTL Committee
5. e) Withdrawal from IB Program
6. a) Explorations and Course Change Requests
 - b) Question from the students

It was moved by E. Lamoureux and seconded by M. DeNora that Academic Council approve the agenda as amended.

Approved unanimously.

2. Approval of Minutes of October 1, 2010

It was suggested to clarify, on p. 3, last paragraph, the meaning of "at a senior level" to indicate that a Faculty Dean's level or above is expected.

It was moved by E. Lamoureux and seconded by I. Der Aprahamian that Academic Council approve the minutes of October 1, 2010 as amended.

Approved unanimously with three abstentions.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

a) Business Administration Program Evaluation

Academic Council discussed the document prepared by C. Hanrahan suggesting the College bodies responsible for approving each of the Business Administration Program Evaluation recommendations, and the recommendation to strike a sub-committee of Council to review the document and come back with recommendations to Council. The discussion centered particularly on the mandate and role of Academic Council as defined in By-law No. 3. The By-law is on the College website, and it was agreed to distribute a paper copy to all members for discussion at a future meeting. Another topic suggested for a future meeting was the Academic Council page on the website.

The following motion was then passed unanimously with one abstention.

It was moved by P. Ross and seconded by S. Lord that Academic Council create an ad hoc sub-committee of Council – composed of the FCTP Dean (M. Sendbuehler), 2 faculty members (the AC representative on the program evaluation committee, M. Besner and E. Lamoureux), one student (M.-F. Nolasco) – to review the recommendations and their categorization, and come back to Academic Council with recommendations.

b) Academic Dean Search Process

S. Pettifer gave a brief update on the status of the process, noting in particular that the selection criteria as recommended by Academic Council had been approved by the Search Committee.

c) 2010-2011 Academic Council Standing Committees

P. Ross reported that the LRPC had met. After reviewing the current standing committees, the committee recommends to suspend the sub-committee on formative assessment as it has not been operational for a few years. The committee is also looking at the possibility of establishing new committees, a recommendation will be brought to Council in the near future.

It was moved by P. Ross and seconded by N. Wargny that Academic Council's Sub-committee on Formative Assessment be suspended.

Approved unanimously.

d) Gaspé Project

Mark Prentice made a presentation on the Gaspé project. This project is part of the J@nus project which started two years ago thanks to funding from *Entente Canada Québec*. The project is twofold: it is part of the Anglo DGs and ADs' commitment to provide support to the Anglophone regional colleges; and to give our students the opportunity of spending a semester at Gaspé. There are \$10,000 available as part of the funding for the project to send students to Gaspé for the Winter 2011 semester. For now, the project is designed for second or fourth semester Social Science students in good standing but could possibly be expanded to science and the technologies. M. Prentice stressed the benefits of this experience for Vanier students: the exposure to a different cultural environment, the possibility of taking courses in French and participating in the many social activities offered at that Cegep, etc. The grid will be built on a case to case basis and the courses taken will be considered as commandites.

M. Prentice then answered a few questions. The project was given full support by the Academic Council which commended the initiative.

The Vice-chair thanked M. Prentice for his presentation.

e) Update on Final Exams in the Palestre

M. Besner gave a brief update on the issue of final exams in the Palestre. It was suggested that he follows up on the issue with A. Yamamoto, Manager, Facilities.

4. Reports, Announcements and Correspondence

a) Board of Directors

P. Ross reported that the following items were on the agenda of October 12th Board of Directors' meeting: Business Administration Program Evaluation (to be back at the following meeting); Director General's and Academic Dean's reports; Academic Council report; Approval of 2010-2011 Capital Budget; Approval of Long-Term Borrowing; Approval of the Membership of the Academic Dean Search Committee, the timetable and the hiring of a consulting firm; Report on Fall 2010 Enrollment; Approval of Damage Insurance AEC Program Revision; Ratification of E. Jackman's (student) nomination on Academic Council; Approval of renaming gallery B-305 to *Galerie Henry Lehman Gallery* for a period of 5 years; Approval of list of graduates to receive their DEC; and Approval of an agreement re *Reproduction d'oeuvres littéraires*.

b) Forces Avenir Program

C. Clough, from The Learning Centre, gave a brief presentation and answered questions on a bursary program from the MELS, the *Forces Avenir* Program, which already exists in high schools and universities, and is now being made available to Cegep students. More information will be available in November.

c) Others

Report from the Information Technology in Teaching and Learning Committee

On behalf of V. Broege who had sent her regrets, S. Pettifer presented the report from the committee prepared by M. Greaney, Chair of the committee.

2010 CAPLA Award

Following an announcement from S. Lord, the following motion was passed unanimously:

It was moved by N. Wargny and seconded by C. Hall that Academic Council congratulates D. Gallagher on receiving the 2010 Canadian Recognition of Prior Learning Award (CAPLA) in the category of persons.

There was a round of applause for D. Gallagher.

Ped Day

P. Ross invited everyone to attend the A'10 Pedagogical Day on November 2, 2010.

Social Science Festival

P. Ross reported on the success of the Social Science Festival. The following motion was passed unanimously:

It was moved by P. Ross and seconded by M. Abiri that Academic Council thanks N. Carlino, all the teachers involved in the organization and N. Wargny for the very successful Social Science Festival.

N. Wargny thanked P. Ross for his support and for sending a letter of thanks to the organizers.

5. Main Business

a) Timeline for Program Evaluations

Council discussed the Program Evaluations & Revisions document as presented by C. Hanrahan and made a few suggestions, particularly on the evaluation of the Double DECs, General Studies and the Cont. Ed. AECs.

b) Partnership Agreement with IUT of Vannes

G. Dracopoulos gave a brief update on the already existing similar partnership agreements with France. The partnership agreement presented at this point is to allow the College to explore possibilities with the IUT of Vannes.

It was moved by P. Ross and seconded by C. Hall that Academic Council recommends that the Board of Directors approves the Partnership Agreement with the IUT of Vannes as submitted.

Approved unanimously with one abstention.

G. Dracopoulos briefly informed Council that a project with Belgium was being looked into. The Vice-chair thanked G. Dracopoulos for his presentation.

c) New Commerce Course: *Sales: Thinking Like the Customer*

N. Wargny briefly presented this new Commerce course, stressing how well it focused on the students who work in sales and are looking to work in sales in the future. There were two comments made which will be checked on.

It was moved by N. Wargny and seconded by P. Ross that Academic Council approve the new Commerce course, *Sales: Thinking Like the Customer* as discussed.

Approved unanimously.

d) New History Course: *Human versus Nature: The Environmental Timeline*

M. DeNora explained that this course was currently offered in the History of Civilization category; the course framework has now been revised to be offered as a stand alone course, separate from the History of Civilization category.

It was moved by M. DeNora and seconded by N. Wargny that Academic Council approves the new History course, *Human versus Nature: The Environmental Timeline*.

Approved unanimously.

e) Withdrawal from IB Affiliation

D. Hetherington reported that, although the College had agreed to suspend the IB program last year, there is a \$10,000 fee per year to maintain the affiliation with the IB organization. After consultation with the Coordinator of the Program, B. Aboud, the recommendation is that the College officially withdraws from the program. There is no impact on the students who are currently completing the program or on the alumni of the program.

It was moved by D. Hetherington and seconded by M. DeNora that Academic Council recommends that the Board of Directors approves the College's withdrawal from the IB affiliation.

Approved unanimously.

6. Varia

a) Explorations and Course Change Requests

M. Besner reported the concern of some Explorations students re program transfer requests. P. Ross will follow up on this issue with the Registrar.

b) Questions from Students

In answer to a question from M.-F. Nolasco on behalf of the VCSA about Academic Council's perception and expectations of the students, several members of the committee stressed the importance of having representation of students' interests and concerns at Academic Council and its sub-committees and their input on the issues discussed. The VCSA's role in contributing to co-curricular activities such as the clubs was also mentioned. M.-F. Nolasco stressed the need for communications and invited the members to contact the association if there were any questions or concerns.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Kalina