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ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
Friday, March 7, 2014, 1:00 p.m., room F-216
Special Meeting

Present: S. Bissonnette, R. Braley, K. Bushell, O. Côté, M. DeNora, D. Gallagher, L. Gauthier, M. Gribbon, P. Labrinos, E. Lamothe, E. Lamoureux, E. Lozowy, L. Millelire, D. Nyisztor, Z. Orszagh, J. Plante, P. Ross

Regrets: F. Boulmalf, N. Pham

Non-Members: N. W. Bernier, W. Kalina, M. Rafuse

Welcome and Introductions
Miles DeNora, Chairperson of Academic Council, welcomed members and non-members to the meeting. Miles welcomed Peter Ross as the new interim Academic Dean.

Before approving the agenda, Miles announced that another item, *2013-2014 Academic Calendar*, will be discussed prior the main item, *Search for New Academic Dean*.

1. Approval of the Agenda
The agenda was approved by consensus with the addition of *2.a) 2013-2014 Academic Calendar*, under Main Business.

2. Main Business

a) 2013-2014 Academic Calendar
Peter Ross, interim Academic Dean, announced the revised Academic Calendar of Winter 2014. The modification consisted of the Provincial Election that will be held on Monday, April 7, 2014. Therefore, there will be no classes on that day. In addition, the following recommendations were made:

i. On Tuesday, April 8, classes will follow a *Monday* schedule.

ii. The last day of classes will be moved to Thursday, May 15, and will follow a *Friday* schedule.

iii. Intersession courses will start on May 16 and end on June 3, instead of May 14 to June 2.

iv. Evaluation and examination period will be held from May 16 until May 26, instead of May 15 to May 26.

Julie Plante commented that there was no longer an extra day, which was originally on May 15, for students to study right before the evaluation and examination period starting on May 16. Diane Nyisztor mentioned that the change to replace April 8 to a Monday schedule will be problematic for students who will be on stages. Furthermore, Normand W. Bernier announced that there is a possibility of a student strike against the new Quebec History course, which could affect the Academic Calendar Winter 2014.

Council unanimously agreed to approve recommendations to be sent to the Board.

b) Search for New Academic Dean
Council reviewed several documents on the search for the new Academic Dean, with the feedback from the community. There were a lot of details that were reconsidered and reworded to accommodate what the

community had requested during the consultation phase. Miles DeNora will make the corrections to the documents.

3. Varia

Normand W. Bernier thanked members for attending the meeting.

4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janelle Villanueva