

Academic Council Meeting MINUTES

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

CELT 5-204A Innovation Studio



| Time | Agenda Item | Action | Owner |
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| A. Welcome and Treaty Acknowledgment | | | |
| 5:10 | Esha Kaur Sanger, Cindy Boucher, Angel Eustaquio, Ama Dogbefou, Aditya Singh, Heather Kitteringham, Jadine Sherman, Aneesh Bhatia, Bev Suntjens, Paula Valente, Jannette LaBrie, Martha Urquhart, Debbie Little, Sithara Fernando, Sheena Sereda, Greg Eklics, Mayme Wong, Melanie Mattila Scribe: Nikita Kataria Meeting started at 5:00 p.m. | | |
| AGENDA ITEMS | | | |
| 5:12 | 1. Approval of the Agenda The motion to approve the agenda for this meeting has been postponed to the April meeting. | Decision | Bev Suntjens, Chair |
| 5:14 | 2. Approval of the Minutes The motion to approve the February 12, 2024, minutes has been postponed to the April meeting. | Decision | Bev Suntjens, Chair |
| B. Information Items | | | |

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| | <p>3. Academic Council: Terms of Reference Workshop</p> <p>Bev Suntjens gave an overview of the Academic Council meeting and notified attendees that there were no scheduled presentations for today. Bev provided a land acknowledgment. Additionally, she emphasized our collective responsibility towards the Academic Council and encouraged members to contribute to its objectives, whether through teaching in classrooms or working in offices. Bev also expressed her gratitude to Paula and Nikita for organizing the meeting and giving them the opportunity to collaborate.</p> <p>Students were divided into various groups and asked to introduce themselves and discuss what they have in common at their respective tables. A time limit was set for this task, and each table was provided with sticky notes to record their findings. The objective was to identify the number of shared attributes among the members of each table.</p> <p>5:16 Bev Suntjens gave an overview of the next task to the teams which had different sets of policies to review based on the Terms of Reference mandates. She encouraged everyone to move around the stations, engage in discussions, and initiate conversations. The primary goal is to gather ideas on what should be the scope of policies review for students and faculties included in the Academic Council Terms of Reference.</p> <p>Bev Suntjens facilitated the initiation of discussions by distributing the policies. Participants briefly examined the policies, identifying strengths, what needs to be changed, and suggestions for improvement. Additionally, the teams were also asked to record their thoughts on chart papers. Teams were then rotated to different tables to analyze a separate set of policies.</p> <p>Bev Suntjens debriefed the discussions noted on the chart papers by the teams. A summarized document with the information gathered will be provided to Academic Council members at the April meeting.</p> | Decision | Bev Suntjens, Chair |
| 6:24 | Meeting Adjournment: Meeting ended at 6:24pm. | | |