
Minutes of the Eighty-Third Council Meeting – 11-12 March 2021
Via videoconference

Council

Present: Dietmar Kennepohl (Co-Chair), Gayla Rogers (Co-Chair), Gurston Dacks, Jeff Goldberg, Paul Gooch, Annie Prud'homme-Généreux, Gord Nixon, John Stubbs, Lynn Taylor, Arlette Zinck

Secretariat Guy Germain (Director), Alex Makar (Research Officer)

Guests Kim Brockhoff (for agenda item 1 only – via videoconference)
Stanford Blade (for agenda item 1 only – via videoconference)
Stuart Cullum, Debbie Thompson, Peter Mal, James Benkie (for agenda item 1 only – via videoconference)
Paul Gaudette (entire meeting – via videoconference)

Members were welcomed to the eighty-third meeting of the Campus Alberta Quality Council.

1. Olds College Organizational Evaluation

Olds College is seeking approval to offer a 4-year Bachelor of Digital Agriculture program. According to Council's procedures, the proposal is subject to a full review (organizational and program evaluation), as this would be Olds' first non-applied degree program.

Dr. Stanford Blade, Chair of the organizational evaluation team, joined the meeting via videoconference to answer questions of clarification on the evaluation team report and the institution's response to it. At the end of the teleconference, Council's Co-Chair thanked Dr. Blade for the team's report.

Subsequently, Mr. Stuart Cullum (President), Dr. Debbie Thompson (Vice President Academic and Student Experience), Mr. Peter Mal (Associate Vice President Students and Registrar), and Mr. James Benkie (Dean, Werklund School of Agriculture Technology) joined the meeting via videoconference to discuss the institution's response to the report.

Following discussion of both the team's report and Olds College's response to it, it was MOVED and SECONDED that Olds College's 4-year Bachelor of Digital Agriculture program proposal be moved to the program evaluation stage.

CARRIED

Members AGREED to the issues to be addressed in the outcomes letter to the institution, including Council's expectations with respect to the information required from Olds before the program review phase can begin.

2. Review of work integrated learning components in approved degree programs

As it is anticipated that the Ministry's Investment Management Agreements will set targets related to increasing work integrated learning (WIL) across all programs at institutions, it is expected that institutions will be proposing changes to their existing programs that will come to the Ministry for review. Discussions ensued to ensure there is consensus on how the Ministry and Council will work together to review these changes. In discussion with Paul Gaudette, Director of Post-secondary Programs, it was agreed that the Ministry will refer to CAQC any WIL change it considers significant that it would like CAQC to review.

3. Approval of minutes – 10-11 December 2020 / 11 February 2021

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the 10-11 December 2020 minutes be adopted.

CARRIED

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the 11 February 2021 minutes be adopted.

CARRIED

4. CAQC Chair and Secretariat report

The Co-Chairs and Secretariat Director reviewed their report and responded to members' questions of clarification.

5. Committees

(a) Proposal Review Standing Committee

The Proposal Review Standing Committee reported it had taken the following actions on behalf of Council since the previous meeting agenda update:

- with respect to Red Deer College's proposal for a 4-year Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences, completed its review of the College's response to Council's preliminary outcomes letter in preparation for Council's meeting.
- after reviewing further information it had received from the institution, agreed to a request from the University of Calgary for a fully expedited review of its proposal for a Master of Precision Health program and, after conducting a desk review, agreed to recommend to the Minister that he approve the program. The program was subsequently approved.
- began consideration of a request from the University of Northern British Columbia for a fully expedited review of its proposal for a Master of Business Administration program.
- after reviewing proposed revisions to the degree approval process for non-resident institutions (s. 2.3 of the *Handbook*) to determine if Council can use these for an application from City University of Seattle, agreed that the draft edits should be reviewed by Council for possible adoption at the March meeting.

(b) Monitoring Standing Committee

The Monitoring Standing Committee reported it had taken the following actions on behalf of Council since the previous meeting agenda update:

- after concluding its consideration of the results of Grant MacEwan University's cyclical review of its 4-year Bachelor of Child and Youth Care program, conveyed its observations in a feedback letter.

- after concluding its consideration of the results of Grant MacEwan University's cyclical review of its 4-year Bachelor of Arts (eight majors) program, conveyed its observations in a feedback letter.
- after concluding its consideration of the results of Grant MacEwan University's cyclical review of its 4-year Bachelor of Communication Studies (Professional Communication, Journalism) program, conveyed its observations in a feedback letter.
- after reviewing draft guidelines for completing cyclical review self-studies and revised and approved cyclical review policy and procedures from Concordia University of Edmonton, conveyed its observations in a feedback letter.
- began its consideration of the results of The King's University's cyclical review of its 4-year Bachelor of Arts (Environmental Studies) and 4-year Bachelor of Science (Environmental Studies) programs.
- began its consideration of the results of The King's University's cyclical review of its 3-year Bachelor of Arts (Music), 4-year Bachelor of Arts (Music), and 4-year Bachelor of Music programs.
- began its review of the Alberta supplementary review report for Cape Breton University's Master of Business Administration in Community Economic Development program.

6. Follow-up

Members discussed follow-up information received from Ambrose University with respect to its Second Comprehensive Evaluation; follow-up information from SAIT with respect to monitoring and reporting; working with another jurisdiction on quality assurance; and Secretariat and Council governance, workload, and transition planning.

After reviewing revised wording regarding Council's expedited review criteria for NRIs, it was MOVED and SECONDED that changes to s. 2.3.1 and 2.3.2 of the *Handbook* be adopted.

CARRIED

The next meeting of Council is scheduled for 24 March 2021.