

**Minutes of the Sixty-second Council Meeting – 19 April 2017**  
**Commerce Place, Edmonton**

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**Council**

Present: Peter Mahaffy (Co-Chair), Art Quinney (Co-Chair), Gurston Dacks, Judy Eifert, Paul Gooch (for agenda items 1, 2, 3, and 4 only), Gord Nixon, Janet Paterson-Weir, Robert Woodrow

**Secretariat** Marilyn Patton (Director), Guy Germain (Manager), Alex Makar (Research Officer)

**Guests** David Williams, Lisa Fox, Sean Kochan (for agenda item 6 only – in person)

Members were welcomed to the sixty-second meeting of the Campus Alberta Quality Council.

**1. Approval of minutes – 10 February 2017**

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the 10 February 2017 minutes be adopted.

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**2. CAQC Chair and Secretariat report**

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

**3. Discussion of academic freedom**

Continuing a discussion begun at the December 2016 meeting, members discussed the issue of academic freedom, specifically what the Handbook has to say about the topic.

Members agreed to proposed changes to s. 3.7– Academic Freedom and Scholarship Policy, and further agreed to solicit feedback from post-secondary institutions before formally adopting the changes.

**4. Follow-up**

Members discussed a progress report from MacEwan University on its first comprehensive evaluation and determined Council's next steps. In addition, members discussed implementation reporting relating to the University of Portland's Doctor of Education, changes to the Bachelor of Arts program at the University of Alberta, and changes to Council's definitions relating to learning outcomes.

Members also agreed to its September 2017 meeting date (8-9 September).

## 5. Committees and task forces

### (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:

- after reviewing further information it received from the institution, agreed to a request from the University of Alberta for a fully expedited review of its proposal for a Doctor of Philosophy (Indigenous Studies) and, after conducting a desk review, agreed to recommend to the Minister that he approve the program. The program was subsequently approved.
- denied a request from Concordia University of Edmonton for a fully expedited review of its proposal for a Master of Education in School Leadership, thus initiating a partially expedited review of the proposal using Council appointed external reviewers.
- after reviewing information from NAIT with respect to notification of changes to its Bachelor of Technology programs, conveyed its observations in a feedback letter.

### (b) *Monitoring Standing Committee*

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

- after concluding its consideration of the results of SAIT's cyclical review of its 4-year Bachelor of Business Administration (Accounting) program, conveyed its observations in a feedback letter.
- after concluding its consideration of the results of The King's University's cyclical review of its 3-year and 4-year Bachelor of Arts (English) programs, conveyed its observations in a feedback letter.
- began considering the results of The King's University's cyclical review of its 3-year Bachelor of Arts (Social Science Group) program.
- began considering a progress report from MacEwan University on its first comprehensive evaluation.

### (c) *Audit Criteria Committee*

The Co-chairs provided a verbal report on the work of this committee, and members reviewed a draft criteria document, which was to be discussed at the second meeting of the committee to be held on the following day.

Council accepted the reports from its subcommittees.

## 6. Discussion with the Ministry re: roles and mandates

David Williams, Executive Director of the Campus Alberta Sector of the Ministry's Advanced Learning and Community Partnerships Division, accompanied by Lisa Fox, Director of Policy Development and Legislation, and Sean Kochan, Senior Policy Advisor of Policy Development and Legislation, met with members to discuss the Ministry's planned review of post-secondary institution roles and mandates.

The next meeting of Council is scheduled for 13-14 June 2017.