

**ROYAL ROADS UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL
MINUTES
MAY 1, 1997**

Present:	COUNCIL MEMBERS	EX OFFICIO MEMBERS
	Jim Bayer	John Walsh, Interim Chair
	Anton Boegman	Gerry Kelly
	Chris Boissevain	Barry Jensen
	Tony Boydell	David Krauel
	Doug Bright	Don MacMillan
	Jennifer Buchner	
	Robert Gale	
	Laura Grieg	
	Steve Grundy	
	Gerry Nixon	
	Jim McTaggart-Cowan	Rhonda Pettyjohn, Recording
Absent:	Betsy Symons	Peter Turner

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by John Walsh at 5:00

2. Approval of Agenda

Item 4 of the Agenda included a presentation by Sherman Waddell entitled "From Teaching to Learning" based on an article by Robert Barr.

Motion: It was moved by Jim Bayer and seconded by Barry Jensen.

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED WITH THE ADDITION OF A PRESENTATION ENTITLED "FROM TEACHING TO LEARNING".

MOTION CARRIED

3. Approval of February 26, 1997 Minutes

Motion: It was moved by Jim Bayer and seconded by Robert Gale

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 26, 1997 MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL BE APPROVED.

MOTION CARRIED

4. Royal Roads University Education Plan

Sherman Waddell gave a short presentation “From Teaching to Learning” based on an article by: Robert Barr of Palomar College.

Considerable discussion followed the presentation on the transition from a Teaching Paradigm to a Learning Paradigm and the experiences and views of Royal Roads’ Faculty, Staff and Students in making this shift. Some of the points made were:

- We must be careful we don’t go to the extreme of the Learning Paradigm where the student is teaching themselves but without knowing what it is they should be learning.
- Learners coming to Royal Roads must be fully informed and cognizant of what they are entering into at RRU and what our programs will demand of them.
- Outcomes assessment will continue to be a challenge for us as long as employers and other institutions value only a grade system.

The Education Plan is a living document and ongoing discussion is necessary to keep it relevant. Similar discussions and presentations will be made a regular feature of future Academic Council meetings.

5. Other Business

The on site visit of the Academic External Reviewers, Charles Pascal, Executive Director, Atkinson Charitable Foundation, Henry Regier, Professor Emeritus, University of Toronto, and Andrew Thomson, Professor of Management, Open University, UK, is complete. The interim report is highly favourable for the MA/MSc program in Environment and Management. Their report will be submitted at the next DPRC meeting in June.

The next Academic Council meeting will be on May 21 at 5:00 where the Council will discuss and assess the Academic External Reviewer’s report.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.