

**Royal Roads University
ACADEMIC COUNCIL
September 15, 1999**

MINUTES

PRESENT	COUNCIL MEMBERS Jim Bayer Cathy McKenzie Ken Crewe	EX OFFICIO MEMBERS Ramona Lumpkin, Chair David Krauel Ann Nightingale Bette Kosmolak, Recording
ABSENT	Doug Bright Nicole Grimm Steve Grundy Russ Hotsenpiller Stephen Long Jim McTaggart-Cowan Penny Mills Gerry Nixon Eric West	

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

An update on AUCC was added to the agenda under Business Arising from Previous Minutes.

Motion: It was moved by Jim Bayer, seconded by Ken Crewe

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. Approval of August 18, 1999 Minutes

Motion: It was moved by Jim Bayer, seconded by Ken Crewe

THAT THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 18, 1999, BE APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

a) Update on Council membership terms

With regards to the upcoming election for Academic Council, the Chair reported that the President suggested further discussion ought to ensue as to whether Academic Council uses the same or a different list of eligible voters from that used by the Board of Governors (BoG) to fill professors' seats. The BoG motion establishing the professors' voting list referred only to the professor seat on the BoG.

The Chair reported that she had discussed with the President the Academic Council's recommendation that he use one of his appointment options to appoint an associate faculty member to Academic Council. The President noted that his elective appointments to Council membership were to be used to accommodate people external to RRU.

Council agreed to continue discussing options for associate faculty representation on Academic Council.

c) Update on AUCC

The Chair reported that the President had contacted several members of the AUCC Board of Directors regarding RRU's membership application. RRU has been attempting to clarify issues regarding AUCC's process before the AUCC Board meets October 5th. It was noted that an AUCC Board decision would subsequently go before full AUCC membership but only after a three-month waiting period. It was suggested RRU's goal could be to encourage AUCC to change their membership rules to accommodate less traditional university structures and mandates. Due to the fact that students have difficulty getting credit for their RRU degrees in some institutions, it was suggested RRU could also lobby those institutions to discontinue using AUCC membership as a 'form of accreditation.'

5. New Business

a) Program Planning Update

The Chair alerted Council to the initiatives in program development for new degrees which would soon be coming to their attention for review. She reported that Letters of Intent had recently been submitted to DPRC for a Master of Arts in Learning Technologies and a Master of Science in Knowledge Management. She also listed other possible degree programs under consideration or development:

- new majors plus a possible Ph.D. program (MALT)
- Masters in First Nations Leadership and a Master of Science in Geomatics in conjunction with Simon Fraser University (Env. Science)
- Other degree possibilities included: MBA in Education Administration, MA or MSc in Land Development, MA in Labour Management and a B.Com. completion program with a local flight school.

The Chair also noted the possibility of more distance-based learning in undergraduate programs.

b) Research Ethics Policy

Two years ago, Academic Council passed an Ethics in Research Policy. Subsequently, it was discovered this policy was not stringent enough to satisfy Tri-Council or NSERC concerns, so a new policy was presented to Council for approval at this meeting.

There was consensus on amendments to the new policy as distributed.

MOTION: Moved by Cathy McKenzie, seconded by Jim Bayer

THAT THE NEW POLICY BE APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE, IT BE AMENDED TO REFLECT THE CHANGES AS DISCUSSED IN THE MEETING, AND THAT LUMPKIN AND BAYER COMPLETE THE POLICY ON BEHALF OF THE UNIVERSITY AND SUBMIT IT TO NSERC.

MOTION CARRIED.

6. Matters Arising

None

7. Adjournment

The Chair thanked Cathy McKenzie for her participation on Council. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

The next meeting of Academic Council will be October 6, 1999, in the Castle 3rd floor Boardroom.