

Royal Roads University
ACADEMIC COUNCIL
November 3 , 1999

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

| PRESENT | COUNCIL MEMBERS | EX OFFICIO MEMBERS |
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| | Doug Bright Gerry Nixon Ken Crewe Steve Grundy Jim McTaggart-Cowan | Ramona Lumpkin, Chair Gerry Kelly David Krauel Ann Nightingale |
| | | Bette Kosmolak, Recording |
| ABSENT | Jim Bayer Eric West Stephen Long Dylan Perrault Sarah Kirby Barbara Carter Saila Hull | Tom Austin |

The meeting was called to discuss Academic Council membership. The impetus for the meeting was the impending election to replace several original members whose terms on Council were ending, coupled with the question as to whether the board of governors' "professor eligibility list" should be used for Council elections.

Some of the points raised included:

- including Associate Faculty in the designation of 'professor' for Council elections and membership
- reserving spots for Associate Faculty
- having two definitions of 'professor'
- defining the underlying principles of Academic Council
- developing a structure to incorporate diversity
- representing the growth in the number of programs and students
- defining 'outcomes' for Academic Council
- taking down the wall between academic and non-academic staff
- reflecting the relationship between: 1/3 core faculty and 2/3 associate faculty
- defining Academic Council's role: a) a decision-maker or b) a body that helps to avoid the 'hardening of the arteries'

It was decided to table the issues of membership until there could be a discussion of the role of Academic Council. Until then, the terms of existing members whose terms are scheduled to expire in January would be extended.

Action: Gerry Kelly to provide a written discussion piece regarding the role of the Academic Council.