

**Royal Roads University
ACADEMIC COUNCIL
October 19, 2005**

Minutes

PRESENT	COUNCIL MEMBERS Doug Seeley Jim Hutton Stephen Long	EX OFFICIO Ron Bordessa (Chair) Dana McFarland David Rees Eric West Jim Bayer Niraj Bhargava Stephen Long Steve Grundy
		Bette Kosmolak, Recording
REGRETS	Pam Crosby Vivien Corwin Vivienne Wilson	Ken Stratford Mary Bernard Rick Skinner
GUEST	Judy Carter	

1. **Call to Order** - The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm
2. **Approval of the Agenda**

Hearing no objections or additions, the agenda was taken as approved.

3. Minutes

Motion: It was moved by David Rees, seconded by Niraj Bhargava THAT THE MINUTES OF September 28, 2005 BE APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED.

CARRIED

4. **Business Arising** - none
5. **Announcements and Communications** - none
6. **Notices of Motion**

a) Master of Arts in Disaster and Emergency Management

Motion: It was moved by Jim Bayer, seconded by Steve Grundy

THAT ACADEMIC COUNCIL APPROVE THE NOTICE OF INTENT FOR THE MASTER OF ARTS IN DISASTER AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.

Discussion: Jim Bayer delineated the differences between the proposed degree -- designed to educate people to manage major catastrophes at a strategic level -- and most other emergency management courses, which are created to train first responders. The proposal program blends theory and practice by incorporating residencies, distance learning, and a research component.

He also noted that the proposal has already caught the interest of the International Red Cross.

In response to a question regarding the availability of faculty, Judy Carter noted that there were already a number of people with PhDs and many practitioners in this field in Canada who might be recruited.

CARRIED

7. New Business - none

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 16, 3 pm, HC 315