

**Royal Roads University
ACADEMIC COUNCIL
February 18, 2009, 3 pm, HC315**

**Minutes
(As Revised)**

PRESENT	ELECTED MEMBERS Darryl Karleen Erich Schellhammer Gerry Nixon Janna Jorgensen Katie Klassen Marilyn Taylor Michael Young Niels Agger-Gupta Steven Glover	EX OFFICIO MEMBERS <i>Voting:</i> Mary Bernard (Acting Chair) David Rees Jim Bayer Brian White (Acting Dean) Pedro Márquez Recording: Bette Kosmolak
REGRETS	Connie Carter Ingrid Kajzer-Mitchell	<i>Voting:</i> Allan Cahoon J. Peter Meekison Steve Grundy <i>Non-voting:</i> Doug Hamilton
GUESTS:	Gwen Campden, Rick Kool	

- 1. Call to Order** – The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm.
- 2. Approval of the Agenda** – The agenda was adopted on a motion by Pedro Márquez, seconded by Gerry Nixon
- 3. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion: It was moved by Gerry Nixon, seconded by David Rees
THAT THE MINUTES OF January 21, 2009 BE ADOPTED AS DISTRIBUTED.
CARRIED**

- 4. Announcements and Communications**
 - The Chair acknowledged the contributions of the seven Council members whose terms expired in December 2008 and thanked them for their service to the Royal Roads' community: : Tony Boydell, Chris Duff, Charles Krusekopf, Will Lowe, Jonathan Moran, Wendy Rowe, and

Marilyn Taylor.

- The Registrar noted his office had been organizing elections for vacant Council seats. Marilyn Taylor had recently been elected by acclamation to a 3-year term and four candidates currently were vying for 3 one-year terms. All seats should be filled by the March meeting.

5. Business Arising

a) Awards Committee

- i) Update on foundation awards – deferred
- ii) Awards Policy

Motion: It was moved by Mary Bernard, seconded by Pedro Màrquez THAT THE AWARDS POLICY BE APPROVED.

Discussion: Gwen Campden, Chair of the Awards Committee, noted that this was the university's first awards policy under Academic Council. She also clarified that all student awards funded by RRU and RRU Foundation would be presented to the Awards Committee for approval, and that research awards were approved by a process within the Office of Research. As well, she confirmed that all the creation of all awards were developed in a collaboration between the Awards Committee and the RRU Foundation.

CARRIED

b) Admissions Committee - no report

c) Curriculum Committee

- i) Master of Arts in Tourism Management

Motion: It was moved by Brian White, seconded by Pedro Màrquez THAT THE REVISED LEARNING OUTCOMES IN THE MASTER OF ARTS IN TOURISM MANAGEMENT BE APPROVED. THESE LEARNING OUTCOMES IMPACT THE APPLIED RESEARCH MODULE, AND THE GRADUATE CERTIFICATES IN TOURISM LEADERSHIP, DESTINATION DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABLE TOURISM.

Discussion: Brian White noted that the revisions grew out of a realignment of the MA in International Hotel Management, and further advance the networking model initiated in this degree.

CARRIED

Motion: It was moved by Brian White, seconded by Pedro Màrquez THAT THE CURRICULUM PLAN FOR THE NEW GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN INTERNATIONAL HOTEL AND RESORT MANAGEMENT BE APPROVED.

Discussion: Darryl Karleen noted that there are still issues falling out of this model, such that, for example, that registration must still be done by hand rather than electronically in such cases.

CARRIED

ii) Revised MBA

Motion: It was moved by Pedro Màrquez, seconded by Jim Bayer THAT THE ACADEMIC PLAN FOR THE PROGRAM REVISION OF THE MBA IN EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT BE APPROVED.

Discussion: Pedro Màrquez and Amy Zidulka presented the highlights and guiding principles for the revised MBA, noting that the most important features of the current MBA were kept, such as: an outcomes-based blended model that included specialty streams ending with a capstone project that addresses real world problems. The revised program will also be targeted to working professionals.

A 2006 external review of the current program suggested some changes which are being incorporated in the revised program, such as:

- Following an integrative philosophy
- Using leadership, sustainability and responsibility as themes throughout the whole of the program
- Incorporation problem-based and experiential learning
- Being more alert to the market response

External and internal factors also drove the revision process. As other institutions followed our lead, RRU lost its competitive edge. Business education innovations were also taking place, creating new trends for integrating content, and accommodating a changing business environment. Internally, it was felt that a return to 'walking the talk' with regard to teaching to outcomes was in order.

CARRIED

iii) EECO 690 Thesis

Motion: It was moved by Jim Bayer, seconded by Janna Jorgensen THAT THE CREDIT CHANGE FROM 10 TO 14 CREDITS FOR EECO 690 THESIS WITHIN THE MASTER OF ARTS IN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION BE APPROVED STARTING WITH THE 2009/10 INTAKE.

Discussion: The credit change reflects a correction based on an initial underestimation of how much work was involved in this thesis course. The program now has 42 credits.

CARRIED

Action: Five learners registered in this program need to be notified of the above, and the Registrar agreed to ensuring this would be done.

6. New Business

a) MA in Conflict Analysis and Management (Thai- Canada)

Dean Bayer stated that the recent troubles in Thailand made recruitment impossible and that the travel alert from Canadians from the foreign affairs office also made travel for Canadian students doubtful. Hopefully the program will be taken up again when the situation becomes more stable..

b) Program Status Change Form

The Registrar informed members of a new form which will be used to track changes to the status of programs. This form not only provides a checked list to see that appropriate departments have been notified upon a change in the status of a program, but it also provides a final record for Council and the Office of the Registrar of such changes.

Katie Klassen and Janna Jorgensen notified Council that they were working on creating information web pages for students who wish to know more about Council. They received full support from Council to continue and David Rees agreed to vet these pages on behalf of Academic Council.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm.

Next Meeting
Wednesday, March 18, 3 pm, HC 315