

Olds College Academic Council

MINUTES



Thursday, April 14, 2022

Meeting 6:15 pm

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Guest:			
Chair:	Peter Mal	Recorder:	Nicole Dussault/Bronwyn Petersen

CALL TO ORDER

P.Mal called the meeting to order at 6:16 pm

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion AC041422.1 by M. Fournier to approve the agenda as presented

CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF THE March 10, 2022 [MINUTES](#)

Motion AC041422.2 by D. Thompson to approve the March 10, 2022 minutes as presented

CARRIED

3. NEW BUSINESS - POLICY APPROVAL

3.1. [Academic Freedom Policy/Tracked Changes Version](#) (J. Benkie)

- Second review of this policy.
- Revisions included slight changes to the 5th and 9th bullet points to provide more clarity. These revisions were completed as a result of feedback from OCFA.

3.2. [Scholarly Activity Policy/Tracked Changes Version](#) (J. Benkie)

- Second review of this policy
- **CHANGE:** The wording in the Review Period from 'on the regular policy revision cycle' to 'every three years'

Motion AC041422.4 by J.Benkie to submit the Scholarly Activity Policy to the College Leadership Team for approval

CARRIED

4. NEW BUSINESS - CURRICULUM APPROVAL

4.1. School of Trades and Skills

4.1.1. [AC Proposal - AGTSSAPP Agriculture Sales and Customer Support](#) (D. Daley)

- The Agriculture Sales and Customer Support Certificate program prepares graduates for careers in agricultural sales with a focus on establishing a strong foundation in developing and managing client relationships, customer support, systems technology and problem solving. Further sector-specific specialization opportunities for students occur via work placements with industry partners.
- The ministry is encouraging post-secondary institutions to develop apprenticeable learning opportunities for students where a minimum of 51% of the learning occurs in the workplace. Olds College recently secured grant funding to support the development of this program. The reception from industry has been highly positive, with ten industry partners providing letters of support for the program, and committing to accept up to 45+ students on an annual basis.
- Upon completion of this work-integrated learning experience, students may have the opportunity to pursue the Certified Sales Associate designation with the Canadian Professional Sales Association. This program is comprised of 5 courses including a 6 month work placement where students will complete a minimum of 850 hrs of Work Integrated Learning.
- This program was developed by the Curriculum Development team (as defined in the Program Development Procedure)
- Numerous faculty members were consulted in the development of this program proposal. A separate Program Curriculum Committee (PCC) will be established for this program and will support the development of specific courses associated.
- In the 2023-24 Academic Year, this program will be offered in alignment with Continuing Education.
- It was noted that there was an assessment completed with regards to hours relating to credits.

Motion AC041422.5 by D.Daley to approve the new program of study AGTSSAPP Agriculture Sales and Customer Support

CARRIED

4.1.2. [AC Proposal - AGF 1330 Foundations of Agriculture and Agri-Food](#) (D. Daley)

- Foundations of Agriculture and AgriFood is being proposed as a foundational course in the Agriculture Sales and Customer Support certificate program to support learner understanding of the agriculture sector as they prepare for an industry internship in agricultural sales. This course is intended to provide learners with a broad overview of various sectors, perspectives and diverse production systems of Western Canada.

- This course may also be of interest for other program areas where students might benefit from additional or supplemental foundational knowledge in agriculture and agri-food.

Motion AC041422.6 by D.Daley to approve the new course AGF 1330 Foundations of Agriculture and Agri-Food

CARRIED

4.1.3. [AC Proposal - COM 1530 Skills for Effective Negotiation](#) (D. Daley)

- Skills for Effective Negotiation is proposed as a communication-focused course for the Agriculture Sales and Customer Support certificate program. This course introduces and develops skills and techniques of negotiation and managing client relationships in a sales environment.
- Through extensive industry engagement, professional selling and client communications and recommending solutions were highlighted as specific skills desired for entry into the workforce.

Motion AC041422.7 by D. Daley to approve the new course COM 1530 Skills for Effective Negotiation

CARRIED

4.1.4. [AC Proposal - WIL 2530 Industry Internship](#) (D. Daley)

- Industry Internship is being proposed as the significant portion of on the job learning for the Agriculture Sales and Customer Support certificate program. The GACs and competency statements are designed to meet this program, but also with the potential to meet the needs of other apprenticeable learning style programs in the future.
- The title "Industry Internship" reflects the criteria and definition of an Internship in the current Work Integrated Learning at Olds College document.
- For this course, students would participate in a 6 month work placement where they will complete a minimum of 850 hrs of Work Integrated Learning based on a personalized student learning plan.

Motion AC041422.8 by D. Daley to approve the new course WIL 2530 Industry Internship

CARRIED

5. NEW BUSINESS - DEAN APPROVAL (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

5.1. School of Life Science & Business

- 5.1.1. [FIO Proposal - AHT 1040 Animal Behaviour and Handling](#) (D. Bullock)
- 5.1.2. [FIO Proposal - AHT 1140 Veterinary Practice: The Team Connection](#) (D. Bullock)
- 5.1.3. [FIO Proposal - SPM 2020 Sport and Recreation Management](#) (D. Bullock)
- 5.1.4. [FIO Proposal - SPM 2220 Sports Events Management](#) (D. Bullock)

5.2. School of Trades & Skills

- 5.2.1. [FIO Proposal - HAT 1112 Culinary Theory and Production](#) (D.Daley)

No questions were forthcoming on these items

6. [NEXT MEETING](#)

**Date: May 12, 2022
Meeting 6:15 pm**

Deadline for agenda item submission: April 28, 2022

P.Mal adjourned the meeting at 7:41 pm.