

Olds College Academic Council

AGENDA



THURSDAY, March 14, 2024

Meeting 5:15 pm

Location: ELC 954/955

	OCFA REPS	SAOC REPS	BOARD REP
Members:	Gord Ahner Dustin Farr Keith Friedlander Dan Karran Andrea Mix Robert Spencer Bob Van Someren	Ryoichi Kato Jillian McCambly Mackenzie Rendall	Dillon Andrus-Dobbs Dennis Beaudoin Dalín Bullock Peter Mal Jay Steeves Debbie Thompson Paul Blankestijn - voting for B.Cecil Megan Ducharme (ALT) Lisa King (ALT)
Guests:	Barb Mulholland, Ashmeet Khambha, Berton Sullivan		
Regrets:	Jason Finnigan (ALT), Ken Fry (ALT), Nicole Zukiwsky (ALT), Amanda Hopper, Angela Deng, Courtney Skjerdal, Ben Cecil		
Chair:	Peter Mal	Recorder:	Bronwyn Petersen

CALL TO ORDER

P.Mal called the meeting to order at 5:15pm

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion AC14032024.1 by D.Bullock to approve the agenda as presented

CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF THE [JANUARY 11, 2024](#) MINUTES

Motion AC14032024.2 by D.Farr to approve the January 11th minutes as presented

CARRIED

3. NEW BUSINESS - POLICY APPROVAL

3.1. [D21 Course Development, Review and Revision Briefing Note](#) / [Policy](#) / [Track Changes](#) (B.Mulholland)

- This policy was due for regular cyclical revisions.
- The revisions included language and definition clarification, as well as aligning with the new D42: Continuing Education Programming Policy.

Motion AC14032024.3 by D.Andrus-Dobbs to submit the D21 Course Development, Review and Revision Policy to the College Leadership Team for approval **CARRIED**

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1. Third and final reading of the revised [Academic Council Constitution and By-Laws](#) (A.Mix)

- **Friendly amendments:**
 - Article 5.1, section D: change the word “elected” to “appointed” to make it consistent with the SAOC process.
 - Italicize the *Post Secondary Learning Act* throughout the document.
 - Article 3.1, the *Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Education Act* is the new name of the Act.

Motion AC14032024.4 by A.Mix to approve the Academic Council Constitution and By-laws third and final reading as amended **CARRIED**

5. NEW BUSINESS - CURRICULUM APPROVAL

Please note - In the proposals attached:

- The items that require Academic Council approval are highlighted in yellow.
- The items that are for FIO only are highlighted in green.
 - You are welcome to reach out to the individual dean if you have any questions
 - These items are not included in the Academic Council discussion

5.1. School of Life Science & Business

5.1.1. [EQNCRMG - Equine Care and Management](#) (D.Bullock)

- In response to the New Program Formative Review, this proposal is requesting that these changes be made effective July 2024 for the Fall 2024 intake, we feel these changes are in the best interest of students and reflect what is currently being taught.
- We recognize that these revisions are coming forward later than they normally would, as they are past the November dates stated within the D24: Academic Scheduling policy.
- In response to student and instructor feedback received during the New Program Formative Review, the PCC has made changes to the program sequence and content, the changes are outlined below.
 - **EQN 2015 (Equine Husbandry and Facility Design)** has been removed and should be made inactive in Quali. The competencies within the course EQN 2015 (Equine Husbandry and Facility Design) have been redistributed into EQN 1015 (Equine Behaviour and Handling) and EQN 1105 (Life Stages of the Horse), it was identified that there was significant overlap in content within these courses. This resulted in a program sequence change from four mandatory courses in Term 1 to three mandatory courses in Term 1, resulting in better balance for student workloads in Term 1 and Term 2 and also providing students the opportunity to select two elective courses each term that better reflect their individual interest and employment goals.

- **EQN 1150 (Maximizing Equine Performance)** was moved from an elective course to a required course in Term 2 and WIL 1600 was moved from a required course to an elective course. This was based on the significant number of students electing to take EQN 1150 this winter and the feedback that many students were struggling to find placements for WIL 1600. The program instructors will actively encourage all students to take WIL 1600 especially if they have little to no experience in the equine industry. As an elective, though, those students with more experience in the industry now have flexibility to expand their learning into other areas with the choices of electives.
- **EQN 1017 (English Riding I)** course competencies were amalgamated into EQN 1016 (Western Riding I) which is to be renamed EQN 1016 (Horsemanship Under Saddle I).
- **EQN 2017 (English Riding II)** course competencies were amalgamated into EQN 2016 (Western Riding II) which is to be renamed EQN 2016 (Horsemanship Under Saddle II). It was felt that the growth based competencies were similar in both courses and allowed for students from any background/discipline to ride and develop their individual horsemanship, differentiating English vs Western was unnecessary.
- The following changes to the elective courses have been made:
 - **ACT 1000 (Recordkeeping)** is replaced with FIN 2050 (Financial Literacy for Non-Financial Managers) in Winter to allow for more practical learning around running a business.
 - **EQN 2414 (Maximizing Fertility in the Mare and Stallion)** was removed due to prerequisite requirements.
 - **EQN 2401 (Breeding Management)** was removed from electives due to prerequisite requirements.
 - **EQN 2402 (Foaling and Foal Management)** was moved from fall to winter due to prerequisite requirements.
 - **COM 1150 (Social Media Management and Marketing)** was added to program electives upon student feedback received asking for more small business related electives for students interested in starting their own business.
- **Friendly amendments:**
 - Suspend the EQN 1016 and EQN 2016 courses.
 - Remove the industry field placement from the graduation requirement.
 - Under International Applications, the last sentence states "require a coop permit". This will only apply if students take the WIL 1600 elective.

Motion AC14032024.9 by D.Bullock to approve the changes to the program of study to EQNCRMG - Equine Care and Management as amended **CARRIED**

5.1.2. [EQN 1015 - Equine Husbandry, Behaviour and Handling](#) (D.Bullock)

- Based on the formative program review and feedback from faculty and students, the decision was made to remove EQN 2015 - Equine Husbandry and Facility Design. The content of this course has not been removed, but instead redistributed to other courses, such as this one. To

reflect this change, this course name was changed to include the content related to equine husbandry reflected in the addition of GAC D from EQN 2015.

Motion AC14032024.5 by D.Bullock to approve the course modifications to EQN 1015 - Equine Husbandry, Behaviour and Handling as presented **CARRIED**

5.1.3. [EQN 1016 - Horsemanship Under Saddle I](#) (D.Bullock)

- The name has been changed to better align with student needs and what we are teaching. The aim of this course is to have students improve their horsemanship skills, not improve within the specific discipline of riding. This name reflects that.
- **Friendly amendment:** The course number will be changed along with the name change.

Motion AC14032024.6 by D.Bullock to approve the course modifications to EQN 1016 - Horsemanship Under Saddle I as amended **CARRIED**

5.1.4. [EQN 1105 - Life Stages of the Horse](#) (D.Bullock)

- To better represent the various management principles associated with caring for horses at unique stages, we have added in faculty design concepts. This will better provide students with the big picture of managing horses in just one course, thus preventing overlap and maintaining continuity.

Motion AC14032024.7 by D.Bullock to approve the course modifications to EQN 1105 - Life Stages of the Horse as presented **CARRIED**

5.1.5. [EQN 2016 - Horsemanship Under Saddle II](#) (D.Bullock)

- The name has been changed to better align with student needs and what we are teaching. The aim of this course is to have students improve their horsemanship skills, not improve within the specific discipline of riding. This name reflects that.
- **Friendly amendment:** The course number will be changed along with the name change.

Motion AC14032024.8 by D.Bullock to approve the course modifications to EQN 2016 - Horsemanship Under Saddle II as amended **CARRIED**

5.1.6. [BUSIDIP - Business Management - General Management Major](#) (D.Bullock)

- The Business Diploma General Management Major is currently offered at the college in the format where a student must first apply to and complete the Business Management Certificate prior to enrolling in the diploma. This proposal inserts the current Business Management Certificate courses into year one of the diploma and moves term one and two of the current diploma courses into term 3 and 4. Thus creating an opportunity for students to choose to enroll directly into the diploma program or the certificate.

Motion AC14032024.10 by D.Bullock to recommend the program load changes to BUSIDIP - Business Management - General Management Major move forward to the Board of Governors for approval as presented **CARRIED**

5.1.7. [PDC BUPM - Post-Diploma Certificate - Business - Project Management](#) (D.Bullock)

- Olds College has an existing Advanced Education approved program titled "Post Diploma" with 4 majors: Agricultural Business, Agriculture, Horticulture and Environment.

- The Werklund School of Agriculture Technology and the School of Life Science and Business are collaboratively proposing a name change to the existing "Agricultural Business" major to "Business". Under this renamed major, the schools will offer programming with three concentrations: 1) Agricultural Business, 2) Project Management, and 3) Supply Chain Management.
- The intent is to have this concentration effective July 1, 2025 recognizing that content will be developed in the meantime.
- This concentration is trying to bring more focus on Business and also offer more options for students.

Motion AC14032024.11 by D.Bullock to recommend the new concentration within the post diploma certificate PDC BUPM - Post-Diploma Certificate - Business - Project Management to move forward to the Board of Governors for approval as presented **LOST**

- Faculty and student members are requesting more information and more time to review said information.
- There is a recommendation from the floor to pull the remainder of the post diploma certificate items from the agenda.
- B.Sullivan will put together an information package for the new post diploma certificates/concentrations, which will include the background research. This information package will be shared with Academic Council members.
- These post diploma certificate agenda items will come back to the April Academic Council Agenda

Motion AC14032024.12 by A.Mix that a package of information on the post diploma certificates be shared with the Academic Council members to help all make an educated vote on the post diploma certificates. **CARRIED**

5.1.8. [PDC PUSM - Post-Diploma Certificate - Business - Supply Chain Management](#) (D. Bullock)

5.2. Werklund School of Agriculture Technology

5.2.1. [PDCITCC - Post-Diploma Certificate - Information Technology - Cloud Computing](#) (J.Steeves)

5.2.2. [PDCITCY - Post-Diploma Certificate - Information Technology - Cybersecurity](#) (J.Steeves)

5.2.3. [PDCBUAB - Post-Diploma Certificate - Business - Agricultural Business](#) (J.Steeves)

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

6.1. School of Life Science & Business

6.1.1. [FIO - EON 1025 - Introduction to Careers in the Equine Industry](#) (D.Bullock)

6.1.2. [FIO - EON 1035 - Fundamentals of Equine Health](#) (D.Bullock)

6.2. Werklund School of Agriculture Technology

6.2.1. [FIO - ATG 1002 - Soil Health in Agricultural Ecosystems](#) (J.Steeves)

6.2.2. [FIO - ATG 2008 - Soil Variability and Fertility Management](#) (J.Steeves)

7. STATUS UPDATE (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

7.1. D27 Granting of Credit Policy - approved and posted to the website

8. [NEXT MEETING](#)

Date: April 11, 2024

Meeting time: 5:15 pm

Location: TBD

Deadline for agenda item submission is **March 28**; the Kuali workflow must be completed by that date.

P.Mal adjourned at 7:05pm.

Links & Documents

[Academic Council Website](#)