

Olds College Academic Council

MINUTES



Thursday, April 8, 2021
Meeting 6:15 pm
Google Meets

	OCFA REPS	SAOC REPS	BOARD REPS
Members:	Ken Fry Bertrand Bickersteth Wendy Daley Mark Fournier Andrea Mix Bob Van Someren (ALT)	Andrew Taylor Wesley Wilks	Debbie Thompson Dalín Bullock Gordon Gilchrist James Benkie Peter Mal Christine Chalaturnyk (ALT) Jason Finnigan (ALT) Mary Medinsky (ALT)
Regrets:	Stuart Cullum Keith Friedlander (ALT) Sydney King Katherine Sopoty	Kurt Spady (ALT) Dan Daley Dustin Farr	Becky Hutchings David McKinnon Dave Moroz
Guest:			
Chair:	Peter Mal	Recorder:	Nicole Dussault

CALL TO ORDER

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

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion AC040821.1 by D. Thompson to approve the agenda as presented

CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 11TH, 2021 [MINUTES](#)

Motion AC040821.2 by M. Fournier to approve the March 11, 2021 minutes as presented

CARRIED

3. NEW BUSINESS - POLICY REVIEW

3.1. [Academic Freedom Policy](#) (J.Benkie)

- Olds College continues to seek the ability for our institution to provide baccalaureate degrees. Developing this policy is an important step in the process as defined by CAQC. A Research and Scholarly Activity Committee has been established to develop this policy, along with other key policies identified by CAQC.
- Consultation included a number of stakeholders, including OCFA, Deans/Associate Deans, HR and SAOC.
- This policy will be reviewed annually

- Discussion around the clear distinction between academic freedom and freedom of expression. Academic freedom arises out of the origins of freedom of expression. Academic freedom policy has a much finer, narrower scope. It is important to note that Academic freedom does not supersede the Charter of Rights and Freedoms with regards to freedom of expression and the laws that govern that freedom of expression.

Motion AC040821.3 by J. Benkie to submit the Academic Freedom Policy to the Policy and Procedure Review Committee for review and then to the College Leadership Team for approval **CARRIED**

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

4.1. School of Trades & Skills

4.1.1. [Revised Course Outline CCC 2420/3 - Knitwear for Performance Costumes](#) (D.Daley)

4.2. Life Science & Business

4.2.1. [Revised Course Outline AHT1040/3 - Animal Behaviour and Handling](#) (D.Bullock)

4.2.2. [Revised Course Outline AHT 1080/3 - Animal Nutrition and Terminology](#) (D.Bullock)

No questions were forthcoming on these items

5. [NEXT MEETING](#)

Date: May 13, 2021

Meeting 6:15 pm

Venue: Google Meets

Deadline for agenda item submission: **April 29, 2021**

Meeting was adjourned by P. Mal at 6:32 pm