FACULTY OF EDUCATION COUNCIL MEETING
Friday, 24 March 2017
1:30 p.m.
ED 114 – Ground Floor, Education Building

MINUTES OF MEETING


Regrets:  L. Carlson Berg, K. Fletcher, K. Handerek, C. Kuster Orban, C. Magnon, H. Phipps, V. Triggs, A. Weenie

Recorder:  K. Lee

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Opening Remarks from the Dean:
The Dean called for a minute of silence to acknowledge the passing of Amanda Livingstone, an Education student whom some faculty have taught. Amanda passed away unexpectedly in her sleep in early March. The faculty has sent condolences to Amanda’s family, who have asked that donations be sent to Camp fyrefly where Amanda fulfilled her community service for ECS 200.

The Dean made an addition to the agenda, item 4.3 which called for a discussion about the U.S. Travel Band. The Dean thanked faculty and representatives for their patience in attending Faculty Council in ED 114, as support staff occupy the Teaching Preparation Centre while renovations are underway to create the Integrated Student Services Centre.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
   Lewis/Massing  CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING of 19 January 2017
   (Circulated with Agenda)
   Massing/Lewis  CARRIED
3. BUSINESS ARISING - None

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 Congress 2018 – Call for Proposals (André Magnan)

(Community Connections – Appendix IA (English) and Appendix IB (French) attached)

André is the academic convenor for Congress 2018 and is working with Patty Niebergall in the President’s Office to organize this event for next year. Congress 2018 will take place between May 26 and June 1, 2018. It is a great honour for the University of Regina to host this event as it is Canada’s largest annual academic conference of the Social Sciences and Humanities. André is responsible for Host Programming which is the opportunity to showcase the University of Regina, our city and Saskatchewan. The University has developed a series of events – Community Connections which will engage researchers, students, and the public on issues of local, regional and global significance. Faculty were asked to consider submitting proposals for Congress 2018 and to consult the website that has been set up for it. Simple outlines of a proposal are initially required by early April. André asked faculty members who are connected to their associations to help spread the word and establish connections and encourage people to come to Congress at the University of Regina.

4.2 Update from the Education Students Society (Jennifer Brouwers)

The ESS president is presently in the midst of her pre-internship block. No updates from the ESS.

4.3 Travel Ban in the US

The travel ban issued by executive order of President Trump has created serious challenges for thousands of people entering the United States. Faculty were wondering if the University of Regina has an official stand on the issue. President Timmons said there is no official university stand on travel to the US. Travel will be left to the discretion of individuals who should consider travel in a thoughtful and safe way. Faculty inquired if legal representation was available if they were detained in the US. The Dean confirmed that insurance coverage for faculty was only in the event of accidents and death.

5. REPORTS FROM OTHER FACULTY REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE TO THE FACULTY OF EDUCATION

Faculty of Arts (Tobias Sperlich)

The Faculty of Arts has extended an offer to Dr. Alison Stevenson for the Canada Research Chair position. Alison will start in January 2018.

Faculty of Business Administration (Nourhene Ben Youssef)

Administration students have been participating in 5 Days of Homelessness to raise awareness about homeless people. Initially, students were hoping to raise $3,700 but have already exceeded that amount. Faculty are asked to help support these students by making monetary donations.
No report from the Faculties of Engineering, Kinesiology, MAP, Science, Social Work, Campion, CCE and FNUniv.

6. ASSOCIATE DEANS’ REPORTS

6.1 Human Resources and Faculty Development (Paul Clarke)

Sessional postings will be up on May 1 for winter 2018. Paul will be in touch with various program chairs and subject area chairs throughout the month, and hiring decisions will be made in June.

a) HOPE Search – The HOPE Committee completed their work in January. Paul reiterated his thanks to the search committee for their help. Alexandra Stoddart will join the Faculty of Education on January 1, 2018.

b) Bac Search – The Bac Search Committee will be meeting in April and will bring a recommendation to the Dean at that time.

c) On April 3, our colleague Sara Schroeter will be defending her dissertation. Paul wanted to send our well wishes and good thoughts to her.

6.2 Research and Graduate Programs (Ken Montgomery)

The Dean welcomed Ken back after his paternal leave. Both the Dean and Ken conveyed special thanks to Andrea Sterzuk for her service as Acting Associate Dean in the Research and Graduate Studies Office.

Ken reported there were 3 defences since the beginning of January and another 3 will take place before the end of the semester.

Successful Defenses:
At the Masters level, Cori Saas defended on January 30 under the supervision of Dr. Ken Montgomery and Raymond Owusu defended on March 13 under the supervision of Dr. Andrea Sterzuk.

At the Ph.D. level, Catherine Hart defended on February 14 under the supervision of Dr. Warren Wessel and Dr. Ken Montgomery.

Applications:
168 graduate studies applications were received by the deadline of Feb. 15, 2017. This number includes 40 applications in total for the Community-Based Masters programs tentatively slated to begin in partnership with Gabriel Dumont institute in Prince Albert and in partnership with Cumberland College in Tisdale.

6.2.1 Report from Research & Graduate Program Development Group to Faculty of Education Council
(Appendix II and III attached)

Motion #1 (Sterzuk/Lewis)
To modify the Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction degree program, effective 201720.
Rationale:
The changes to the Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction are required to reflect a change to our subject codes: The subject code “ED” was previously assigned to both Educational Research Methods courses and “Foundations” courses, which caused confusion among students, faculty, and staff. We recommended clearly identifying the Foundation courses as separate from the Education Research Methods courses by changing the subject code for the Foundations courses to “EFDN”. These program changes include that change in subject code.

Moved that Motion #1 of Research & Graduate Programs be approved.  CARRIED

Motion #2 (Sterzuk/Clarke)
To modify the Master of Indigenous Education degree program, effective 201720.

Rationale:
The changes to the Master of Indigenous Education are required to reflect a change to our subject codes: The subject code “ED” was previously assigned to both Educational Research Methods courses and “Foundations” courses, which caused confusion among students, faculty, and staff. We recommended clearly identifying the Foundation courses as separate from the Education Research Methods courses by changing the subject code for the Foundations courses to “EFDN”. These program changes include that change in subject code.

Moved that Motion #2 of Research & Graduate Programs be approved.  CARRIED

6.3 Student Services and Undergraduate Programs (Val Mulholland)

6.3.1 Report of the Associate Dean (SSUP) from the Undergraduate Program Development Committee to Faculty of Education Council
(Appendix IV attached)

Val expressed appreciation to Rochelle Fenwick, Faculty Administrator, for her efforts in arranging and coordinating the move of the SPC and staff to the TPC. Val also thanked faculty for their cooperation and help in reviewing all the new admissions. Letters of offer have been sent to new students.

Motion #1 (Mulholland/Brown)
That the following changes to the B.Ed and BEAD Social Studies Education Major be approved, effective 201730.

Val explained that this motion would expand the choices for students in their Social Studies Degree.

Moved that Motion #1 of the Undergraduate Program Development Committee be approved.  CARRIED
7. OTHER REPORTS

7.1 Bac & Maîtrise Program (Laurie Carlson Berg – No Report)

The Dean reported that the Faculty has received continued support from La Cité in delivering the Maîtrise Program and we are very appreciative of the partnership.

7.2 Centre for International Education & Training (Doug Brown)
(CIET - Principles, Beliefs and Understandings – Appendix V attached)

The CIET Board drafted the document for the purpose of providing a working resource for CIET. The document was drafted with Faculty in mind, taking into consideration a number of things; the Mission Statement, the Strategic Plan of the Faculty and University, Sustainable Inclusive Mobility Experiences, Research Partnerships, and Internationalization of the Curriculum. Faculty are encouraged to provide feedback and comments to Doug Brown.

International Study Tour in Mexico - the course is completely full and there is a waitlist. Half the students registered are Education students, and the other half are students from outside the Faculty.

The Dean thanked Doug and members of the CIET Board for creating the document which is important to our international work.

7.3 Professional Development and Field Experiences Office (Jerry Orban and Xia Ji)

Jerry Orban on behalf of Xia Ji reported that he is working on placing 257 interns. Jerry thanked Rochelle for her help in making the move out of the P.D. Office so smooth. Jerry and Louise are now located in ED 253 during the renovations. Xia Ji has relocated to ED 397.

Thanks to all faculty who were involved with pre-intern supervision in the three week block from March 20 to April 7, 2017. Faculty Advisors are expected to have contacted the pre-interns assigned to them and to have visited them and their cooperating teachers by now. Faculty Advisors are reminded that the roles and responsibilities of pre-interns, cooperating teachers and Faculty Advisors are well explained in the respective Pre-Internship Manual.

Jerry also thanked faculty who went out to do supervision during internship. The P.D. Office is currently in need of and looking for cooperating teachers.

The PD Committee has worked on two major documents – one is the guidelines for inviting cooperating teachers; the other is ‘Essential Competencies for Teacher Candidates. After the documents have gone through the various committees, they will be brought to Faculty Council for discussion and approval.

7.4 SIDRU (Alec Couros)

Alec reported that he has been working with an Ad Hoc Committee to visualize the future of SIDRU. The next steps involve developing a vision document. This may include a new name, new guidelines, new goals, what our expertise is collectively, the administration of the unit, staff membership, what type of contracts will we take on in the community, and all the things
that you would find in a new application for a Tier II research unit. The Ad Hoc Committee hopes to have a draft ready by May to put forward for the next academic year.

The Dean thanked Alec and the Ad Hoc committee for their work and will look forward to hearing from them in May at the next Faculty Council.

7.5 SUNTEP (Janice Thompson)

SUNTEP students have been engaged in several cultural experiences this semester; the Métis and First Nations Teaching and Curriculum Perspectives, Traditional Métis Practices with Métis Cultural Knowledge Keeper, Information Technology Services, the Red Cross Respect Ed, the Globe Theatre production of Salt Baby, Daniela Zalcman Residential School Exhibits, Education Career Fair, Aboriginal Storytelling Event, Regina Teacher’s Convention Day, Riel Walking Tour, Traditional Métis Food Preparation, Archer Library – Learning APA and the Student Success Recognition Event.

Cory Teeter, a Faculty member of SUNTEP in Prince Albert passed away and his loss has been felt by colleagues in PA. SUNTEP also hosted a Success Event celebrating the Michif language. Thanks go to Russell Fayant for his contributions and presentation at the Canada 150 Years Lecture Series. The staff and faculty of SUNTEP extend their hearty congratulations and best wishes to Dr. Jennifer Tupper on her recent appointment at the University of Alberta.

7.6 Professor Emeritus Status for Dr. James McNinch (Abu Bockarie)  
(Appendix VI attached)

Motion #1 (Bockarie/Miller)  
That our former colleague, Dr. James McNinch be nominated for the honour and title of Professor Emeritus of the University of Regina.

Rationale:  
For the years of service, contributions and dedication to the Faculty of Education and the University of Regina.

Moved that Motion #1 of the Adult Education and Human Resource Development subject area be approved.

CARRIED

8. DEAN’S REPORT (Jennifer Tupper)

The Faculty recently hosted its annual Student Success event. To commemorate the 34th anniversary of the Arts Education Program, and the renewed program, the Faculty invited proposals for a work of art. Many excellent proposals were received, including from professional artists, and the selection committee decided to award the commission to Molly Johnson, a second year Arts Education student. She was mentored by graduate student Jennifer Keturakis from MAP. Molly will prepare an artist’s statement for her artwork which will be displayed in the Faculty of Education at a later date.

Well wishes to Sara Schroeter who will be defending her thesis on April 3, 2017. We will celebrate Sara’s post defense.
Congratulations to Christine Massing who is the recipient of the Phi Delta Kappa, University of Alberta Chapter, Doctoral Dissertation Award for 2016. Her dissertation, *An ethnographic study of immigrant and refugee women’s knowledge construction in an early childhood teacher education program*, was selected for its scholarly excellence and direct relevance to Canadian educational policy and practice. This is a great honour and the Faculty is very proud of Christine.

Unit Review Site Visit - The itinerary for the external site visit has been sent out, and everything is in place for the review. The unit review has been uploaded to the U of R website and is publicly accessible. The Dean encouraged faculty to attend the respective sessions that have been planned with the external reviewers, as it is critical that we are all engaged in the process. The Dean also reminded faculty there will be a Meet and Greet Social at the University Club and to take the opportunity to meet the external reviewers; Dr. Blye Frank from the University of British Columbia, Dr. Cecilia Reynolds from Memorial University, and Dr. Troni Grande, Head of the English Department from the University of Regina.

CRC Search – Four candidates were shortlisted; Drs., Emily Root, Margaret Kress, Brooke Madden and Michelle Coupal. A conditional offer has been made to Michelle Coupal, for 1 July 2018.

Renovations – The staff of the SPC have relocated to the Teaching Preparation Centre. The actual work of the renovations will start in early April. Renovations to the counselling space have come to a halt as the contractor, Gabriel Construction has filed for bankruptcy. FM is working with lawyers to find a solution and is still confident that the space will be ready by fall. The Dean thanked Rochelle Fenwick for all her work in liaising with FM to move things along with all the renovations in the Faculty.

Provincial Budget – Release of the provincial budget on Wednesday, 22 March 2017. The university was prepared for bad news but did not anticipate a 5% cut. The university leadership team will be discussing this issue in the next five weeks and communicating anticipated budget cuts to specific units and faculties by May 9th.

9. **SPECIAL REPORT (Provost and Vice-President (Academic), Thomas Chase)**

**ACTING DEAN OF THE FACULTY**

The Provost announced that the news of Jennifer’s appointment to the University of Alberta has been bitter sweet for all of us, it will be painful to lose a great leader and colleague but we are proud and happy for her. The Provost extended his congratulations to Jennifer Tupper on behalf of the university executive team and said she will be greatly missed. On this note, the Provost explained that the Search Advisory Committee met with the Provost to discuss the plan for the search of a new Dean for a five year term, and the necessity for an Interim Dean for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018. In view of the short time frame, the Provost proposed that with Faculty approval, the SAC be used as the consulting body to provide recommendations to the Provost on a candidate for Interim Dean. The intended plan would be to send out a call for nominations and expressions of interests by the end of March, close input the middle of April and to announce the Interim Dean by the end of April.

Faculty asked if the Acting Dean would be disqualified from application for the permanent role of the Dean. The Provost affirmed that the acting appointment would not invalidate the individual or disqualify the person from the larger competition. The Provost reminded faculty that no one should be nominated without the individual’s consent. The Provost will provide a summary of the proposed plan and circulate it to Faculty by the end of March.
The Provost reported that a full budget forum will be held in the Language Institute to provide overall information about the university budget in light of the provincial cut to the operating grant.

Congress 2018 – The Dean has created an Ad Hoc Congress 2018 Planning Committee. Two staff members; Keith Adolph and Wanneta Martin will attend Congress 2017 at Ryerson to observe and shadow operations in preparation for Congress in Regina next year. Keith will be the Faculty’s volunteer point person while Wanneta will be responsible for event coordination. The Dean called upon Faculty to volunteer as CSSE Champions. If anyone is interested please let Jennifer know and she will explain what the role entails. One of the new ideas that emerged is a call for a new logo for CSSE. CSSE has invited submissions from Regina students between the ages of 12 and 18 years of age. The Dean asked Faculty to help promote Congress 2018 to faculty connections at other universities, there is Congress promotional material that faculty can take with them to conferences.

Kinesiology and Health Studies students will be hosting an Alumni Dinner on Friday, April 7 to fundraise for Hope’s Home, which is an important childcare centre that provides services for children with complex childcare needs, and any kind of contribution will be of immense help.

New appointment at the University of Alberta – The appointment at the University of Alberta was not one the Dean had sought out but represents a significant professional opportunity. Regardless of whether she was going to leave or not, Jennifer explained that she would have had to apply for the position of Dean of the U of R Faculty of Education at the end of her term next year, which was something the Faculty had asked for, despite her appointment to the three year term. She will help with the transition process in any way and will be available to speak with any faculty who are interested in taking on the role of Acting Dean. To be able to work and serve the Faculty of Education has been an incredibly rewarding role and Jennifer encouraged faculty to step in and provide important leadership that is necessary to the continuity of the Faculty. Jennifer said her tenure here at the University has been an amazing journey, it has been a privilege and honour to grow up in this university environment and work with so many special people that have touched her life. She will always be grateful for the rich experience she has had. It has made her mindful that we can never predict where we are going to land, and what opportunities will come our way. She is confident that the Faculty will continue to do well.

10. REPORTS FROM EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER FACULTIES

11. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m. 

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