

Minutes

Present:

Kathleen Bigsby
Dana Cserepes
Bob Davis
Wade Deisman (Chair)
Harj Dhaliwal
Aysha Haq
John McKendry
Paul Tyndall
Robert Wood

Regrets:

David Atkinson
Arvinder Bubber
Robin Russell

Guests

Josephine Chan
Sabena Jellali
Sandi Klassen
Reese Motzek
Anna Ranara
Kulbir Randhara

Recorder: Elizabeth Merritt, University Secretariat

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:13 am. The Chair welcomed 4 students attending the meeting as part of their ANTH 3501 course assignment – Sabena Jellali, Reese Motzek, Anna Ranara and Kulbir Randhara. Also introduced were John McKendry, VP Academic pro-tem and Hans van der Slagt, Kwantlen's policy consultant.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

The agenda was confirmed by consensus subject to the following additions:

Other business,
7b. Visiting Professors

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of June 25, 2010 were approved by consensus subject to an amendment in paragraph 4.a removing the reference to the polytechnic mandate in the first sentence.

4. Policy Development Process

Hans van der Slagt provided an overview of the policy revision process that he has been undertaking over the last year and a half. The majority of the work should be completed by the end of October 2010. Each policy is sent to the university community for comment over a 4 week period. Any feedback received is forwarded to the appropriate sponsor for consideration.

Action:

Hans will provide Wade and the committee with a list of the 14 policies that still need to be approved by Senate.

Discussion followed regarding the policy about the establishment, amalgamation or dissolution of a faculty. SSCAPP members expressed concern that the committee has had no opportunity to consider the policy in any detail. The policy will be reviewed at the Senate Standing Committee on Policy Articulation on September 20. If approved, it would go to Senate on September 27. The APP committee will still have an opportunity to provide feedback during the 4 week posting period.

Moved by Robert Wood; seconded by Paul Tyndall:

THAT if Senate approves the Policy on Establishment, Amalgamation and Discontinuance of Faculties, the Senate Standing Committee on Academic Planning & Priorities will provide input concerning the policy during the 4 week public posting period.

MOTION CARRIED

5. Remarks from John McKendry

John McKendry noted that he has met with Wade Deisman and David Davidson about the policy and the potential of the Faculty of Science and Horticulture being separated into two faculties. The President has hired Patrick Brown (former provost of the University of Saskatchewan) as an overseer to work with the faculty about the potential development/expansion of science programs.

John also spoke to the recent degree development process and the degree moratorium imposed by the Ministry of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development. Kwantlen will need to prioritize the launch and funding of new degrees for 2011. He provided background on a number of new programs and matters that are under development or consideration.

Other issues raised:

- Kwantlen branding issue
- Deans' Council restructuring
- Board/Senate governance
- IT strategies
- International education
- First Nations' policy

6. Report from Chair

a. President's Task Force on Vision

The chair briefed the committee on the activities of the Task Force on Visioning. The committee will provide comments to the Task Force and discuss the issue further at the October 22 meeting. The Dean of Humanities has been asked by Senate to draft a commitment regarding the Liberal Arts.

b. Degree Development & Program Prioritization

The committee discussed criteria for program prioritization within the institution including the fit with Kwantlen's polytechnic mandate and the finances available to launch new degrees.

c. Education Technology Committee

The formation of an Education Technology Committee will be discussed at Senate on September 27. Discussion was deferred to the next meeting.

7. Old Business

a. Virtual Space

IET has created an Academic Planning & Priorities site using SharePoint. Each faculty and senate committee will have its own websites. IET will show the committee how to use the site.

b. Polytechnic Visioning Retreat

The Chair distributed partial results from the Visioning retreat held in July. The final results will be available at the October meeting.

c. Polytechnic Subcommittees

The chair updated the committee on the APP subcommittees. Reports from chairs will be included in the October meeting.

d. Fall Academic Planning Workshops

The workshops will be deferred to January 2011.

e. Committee Mandate & Membership

Deferred to October meeting.

8. New Business

a. Kwantlen's National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) Data

Kathleen Bigsby provided the background to the NSSE Survey and Kwantlen's participation in the survey for the first time since becoming a university. Information on the survey is available through Institutional Analysis and Planning.

b. Visiting Professors

The Chair raised the question of how Kwantlen can accommodate visiting professors. John McKendry will speak with Bob Davis and bring this back to the committee

9. Announcements

- The Kwantlen Faculty Association is hosting a forum on academic rank and advancement on September 30
- There is a conference in Baltimore October 18-19 on Prioritizing Academic and Administrative Programs
- The Kwantlen Faculty Association has a complaint before the Labour Relations Board. One of the issues stems from the Academic & Planning Priorities created by the SSCAPP. Another issue concerns the creation of a more open search process.

10. The meeting adjourned at 12:05pm