

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Friday 14 January 2022; 1:00pm PST**  
**LOCATION: Microsoft Teams**

**Attending:**

Sheldon Levy (Chair)	Anne Janousek (Support Staff Representative)
Larry Earnhart (Graduate Chair)	Kristeen McLellan (UAP Chair)
Stephanie Chu (VP Academic)	Eli Sopow (Faculty)
Adrian Mitescu (Librarian)	Harpreet Ahluwalia (Guest)
Paul Fontaine (Faculty)	Cassie Savoie (Guest)
Penny Farley (Faculty)	Henrique Gea (Registrar)
Michele Vincenti (Graduate Chair)	Sitora Azimova (VP Admin)
Pegah Yaghmaie (Faculty)	Nam Le (Faculty)
Gelareh Farhadian (Graduate Chair)	Sumit Agarwal (Support Staff Representative)
Amy Hua (Academic Manager)	
George Drazenovic (Undergraduate Chair)	

**Regrets:**

Salvador Trevino (Faculty)  
Gabriel Anaya Issa (Student Representative)  
Aashna Arya (Student Representative)

**Notes:**

Taran Gill (Executive Assistant)

*Meeting called to order at 1:00pm.*

**1. Welcome****S. Levy**

Shelton welcomed attendees and thanked everyone for joining online.

**2. Approval of Agenda (doc. distributed)****S. Levy**

**Motion: To approve agenda as presented**

**Moved: M. Vincenti    Seconded: L. Earnhart**

**Agenda approved as distributed.**

**3. Approval of Minutes (doc. distributed)****S. Levy**

a) Minutes from Academic Council meeting on December 03, 2021

**Motion: To approve Minutes as presented**

**Moved: A. Mitescu    Seconded: A. Janousek**

**Minutes approved as presented.**

**4. President's Report****S. Levy**

Sheldon noted the following items in his report:

- Sheldon began by introducing Henrique Gea the new registrar to academic council, who went on to give a bit of background.
- Sheldon went on to report on the issue of online classes and the meeting of private institutions, which indicates other institutions are returning to on campus classes on 24<sup>th</sup> Jan and some the first week of February, as is UCW. He noted that all institutions including UCW are looking at whether its best to continue online or return to campus and there are many different things to take into account, with the most important being the health of the community – faculty, staff, and students. He finished off by advising UCW is doing its best in working through all this, and as it stands campus will be reopening on 7<sup>th</sup> February.
- Sheldon then went to comment on enrolments being very strong at just over 7300. He noted enrolments were very strong across all GUS entities in Canada, along with other private institutions, with very few exceptions. Its in part due to how the federal government has made international education so desirable for students in Canada.
- Sheldon noted that government of British Columbia is really pushing on 2 major things that will have an impact on all public and private institutions. One of them is the issue of international

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students – for which there a draft program on international. The bottom line for all institutions is they are very worried that international students aren't given the quality education, quality support that they should be getting for the money they're spending. They are also worried about agents misrepresenting the institution to students, and the cost of living/housing, and institutions not putting in the necessary non-academic supports such a mental health.

- The second is the government is very concerned about the progress that both public and private institutions will make on indigenous post secondary education, and what is being done for indigenous students that aligns with the commitment to truth and reconciliation. Sheldon went on to announce that he is working with Phil Fontaine – former grand chief and one of the most respected indigenous leaders in the country. He will be doing a special event in the coming months on issues of truth and reconciliation, the history of how this came about in Canada and the responsibilities. It will be an opportunity for students and faculty to hear from a great leader, but it also will be an opportunity to ask questions.

### 5. New Business (docs distributed)

#### a) Academic Council Retreat

S. Levy

Sheldon commented on some worries he has and why the academic retreat is necessary, with regard to policies and procedures of Academic council not being followed when it comes to student complaints. A variety of issues ranging from timelines not being followed, course descriptions not in on time etc. Sheldon noted we need to strengthen academic council both in understanding the policies but helping the Community understand they cannot do things independent on a policy nature and looking at the committee structure to make sure that we have it right.

#### b) Policies & Procedures Committee

A. Mitescu

Adrian began by noting the Policies and Procedures Committee is one of the Academic Council committees. According to the bylaws approved by Academic Council there needs to be 6 voting members with at least three of them needing to be present in order to meet quorum, which is a problem because we only have two voting members. Adrian went on to add that he was looking at expressions of interest in joining the Policies and Procedures Committee.

The committee meets once a week and issues covered include discussing all updates to the policies and procedures, ensuring all the questions have been asked and all the preparations have been done and all communication materials in place. The committee does have a vital role as Sheldon has mentioned, in making sure that our policies are up to date and well written as well.

#### c) Royal Metro College, Coquitlam - pathway into BCom

H. Ahluwalia

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Harpreet presented the above agreement, all details of which are laid out in the document distributed. The conditions laid out in each agreement facilitate the admission of qualified students from Royal Metro College to UCW.

There was discussion around how many students would- take advantage of this opportunity. Harpreet responded that Royal Metro College indicated they would send 20 students in the first year of the agreements, 40 in the next and so on.

There was also discussion on if we have analysis on the diversity that they can bring, and also on their performance with other institutions that they may have partnerships with.

Harpreet went through the process and advised that prospective partners fill out an application form with has all the details and is then forwarded to the RO.

### **d) Canadian College of Technology and Business - pathway into BCom & BABC** **H. Ahluwalia**

Harpreet presented the above agreement, all details of which are laid out in the document distributed. The conditions laid out in each agreement facilitate the admission of qualified students from Canadian College of Technology & Business to UCW.

There was discussion regarding the intention of this agreement, with George noting that their student profile is domestic students, and we want to find a pathway for those students (who are studying very technical information) to UCW to provide them with a broader based education to get their degree at UCW.

**Motion: To approve both agreements as presented above**

**Moved: S. Chu Seconded: M. Vincenti**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

### **e) List of Graduands**

**H. Gea**

Henrique presented 361 graduands consisting of 314 from the MBA, 46 from AA and 1 from BCom for approval.

**Motion: To approve the graduand as presented**

**Moved: G. Drazenovic Seconded: A. Janousek**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

## **7. Other Business**

No further business.

## **8. Adjournment**

**S. Levy**

**Motion: To adjourn meeting.**

**Moved: E. Sopow      Seconded: M. Vincenti**  
**Motion carried unanimously**

*Meeting Adjourned at 1:52 pm.*