

Academic Council Meeting

Friday, September 2nd, 2022; 1:00 pm PDT
Via Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

Sheldon Levy (UCW President and AC Chair)

Gelareh Farhadian, Michele Vincenti, George Drazenovic, Larry Earnhart (Chairs)

Nam Le, Salvador Trevino, Eli Sopow, Paul Fontaine (Faculty Representatives)

Anne Janousek (Staff Representative)

Adrian Mitescu (University Librarian and Interim Secretary)

Henrique Gea (Registrar)

Catherine Vertesi (UCW Board of Governors Representative)

Regrets:

Maureen Mancuso (Vice-President Academic)

Stephanie Chu (Executive Dean)

Cassie Savoie (Director, Academic Operations & Support Services)

Penny Farley (Faculty Representative)

Guests:

Harpreet Ahluwalia (Project Manager, Transfer & Institutional Partnerships)

Christine Chan (Director of Student Affairs & Services)

Amy Hua (Director, Scheduling & Curriculum)

Heidi Rolfe (Compliance Officer)

Alexander Sakharov (Faculty Representative)

Mehdi Akhgari (Chair of the Scholarly Activity Committee)

Jason Walker (Chair of the Research Ethics Board)

Polina Skiba (Academic Council Coordinator)

Acknowledgment

We acknowledge that the territories on which UCW and its campuses are situated are the traditional, ancestral and unceded territories of the xʷməθkʷəṅəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and Selilwítlh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations. We thank them for having cared for this land since time immemorial, honour their graciousness to the students who seek knowledge here, and iterate our dedication to valuing the ongoing contributions of Indigenous peoples and communities.

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 pm PDT.

1. Welcome

S. Levy

S. Levy welcomed attendees and thanked everyone for joining the Academic Council meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda (document distributed)

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented

Moved: A. Janousek **Seconded:** M. Vincenty

Motion carried unanimously

3. Approval of Minutes

S. Levy

- a) Minutes from the Academic Council meeting on July 8th, 2022
- b) Minutes from the Extraordinary Academic Council meeting on August 5th, 2022

Motion: To move the Minutes from the Academic Council meeting on July 8th, 2022

Moved: A. Mitescu **Seconded:** L. Earnhart

Motion carried unanimously

Motion: To move the Minutes from the Extraordinary Academic Council meeting on August 5th, 2022

Moved: E. Sopot **Seconded:** G. Drazenovic

Motion carried unanimously

4. President's Report

S. Levy

S. Levy presented the issue which was originally mentioned at the August meeting. S. Levy stated that there is an issue that all universities are facing - "numbers"/behavior change and UCW is no different. The Federal Government is changing its behavior only weeks before school is set to start. UCW is dealing with the Federal government behavior change regarding visa applications for international students. Therefore, visa delays leave international students in limbo for the fall semester.

H. Gea agreed with S. Levy and mentioned that due to UCW having 4 intakes per year which adds to the complexity of the situation. UCW is adjusting to the new rules, policies, and regulations to assist international students.

5. Committee Reports

- a) Policies Committee *(no reports were provided)*
b) University Curriculum Committee **A. Hua**
 i. MBAR 661 - Academic Research Project

S. Trevino mentioned several points regarding the MBAR 661 course and proposed implementing either the academic research project or entrepreneurship for the third (3rd) or fourth (4th) year students only.

The academic research paper can be pursued in two (2) different ways:

- Students are sending a research proposal (the author's rights belong to the student)
- Faculty's initiative (faculty is a co-author)

Note: A. Mitescu send a request for a syllabus approval for policy 6007 Library Retention of Student Work Policy

Motion: To approve the proposed syllabus, with provisions for implementation of intellectual property protection and maintaining all students' work and publications in the Library.

Moved: S. Trevino **Seconded:** L. Earnhart

Motion carried unanimously

- c) Honorary Degrees and Awards Committee **C. Chan**

C. Chan announced that the Committee considered 1 application for Honorary Degrees – according to policy 2500 – Honorary Degrees and Awards. This will be considered at the in-camera session in Section eight (8)

6. Old Business

S. Levy/A. Mitescu

- a) Academic Council Evolution

S. Levy provided an update on the discussions at the UCW Board of Governors regarding proposed changes to Academic Council Bylaws and the next steps.

A. Mitescu provided an update on the Academic Council Evolution:

- New Bylaws (approved at the August Extraordinary meeting) are now in effect
- Updated Bylaws version will be circulated to all the staff and members accordingly and published on the website
- The Registrar is coordinating the work and preparations for the elections
- The Terms of Reference (for new and existing standing Committees) are finalized and will be presented at the October meeting.

7. New Business

New Partnership Agreements:

Motion: To approve all partnership agreements as a package.

Moved: *S. Trevino* **Seconded:** *A. Janousek*

- a) Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, Canada H. Ahluwalia
Motion: To approve this partnership with Northern Alberta Institute of Technology as presented.
Motion carried unanimously
- b) International Board of Teaching Standards, Canada H. Ahluwalia
Motion: To approve this partnership with International Board of Teaching Standards as presented.
Motion carried unanimously
- c) Canadian College of English Language, Canada H. Ahluwalia
Motion: To approve this partnership with Canadian College of English Language as presented.
Motion carried unanimously
- d) Trebas Institute, Canada H. Ahluwalia
Motion: To approve this partnership with Trebas Institute as presented.
Motion carried unanimously

8. In-Camera Session

Motion: To move the proceedings of the meeting in camera

Moved: *S. Trevino* **Seconded:** *L. Earnhart*

Motion carried unanimously

Motion: to move the proceedings of the meeting out of camera

Moved: *H. Gea* **Seconded:** *A. Janousek*

Motion carried unanimously

9. Adjournment

S. Levy

Motion to adjournment

Moved: *M. Vincenti* **Seconded:** *E. Sopow*

Motion carried unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 1:11 pm