



Academic Council Meeting

Thursday, December 1, 2022; 3:00 pm PDT
Via Microsoft Teams

Minutes

Attendees:

Maureen Mancuso (Vice-President Academic)

Stephanie Chu (Executive Dean)

Henrique Gea (Registrar)

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

Nam Le, Salvador Trevino, Mehdi Akhgari, Penny Farley, Alexander Sakharov, Jason Walker, Paul Fontaine, Noosha Mehdian, Rushdi Alsaleh, Hamed Taherdoost, Manbo He (Faculty Representatives)

Anne Janousek, Anna Lee Boulton (Staff Representatives)

Manik Gupta, Shweta Shaw, Udayveer Singh (Student Representative)

Catherine Vertesi (UCW Board of Governors Representative)

Regrets:

Sheldon Levy (UCW President and AC Chair)

Guests:

Harpreet Ahluwalia (Director, Curriculum and Quality Assurance)

Christine Chan (Director of Student Affairs & Services)

Amy Hua (Director, Planning & Budgeting)

Cassie Savoie (Director, Academic Operations & Support Services)

Aakanksha Mehta (Interim Academic Council Coordinator)

Heidi Rolfe (Compliance Officer)

Bradley Fehr (Senior Communications Manager)

Jessica Kerr (Public Relations Manager)



1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgment

M. Mancuso

We acknowledge that the territories on which UCW and its campuses are situated are the traditional, ancestral and unceded territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and Selilwítlh (Tseil-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 3:02 pm PST.

2. Approval of the Agenda

M. Mancuso

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented
Moved: G. Farhadian **Seconded:** A. Sakharov
Motion carried unanimously

3. Approval of Minutes

M. Mancuso

a) Minutes from the Academic Council meeting on November 3, 2022

Motion: To approve Minutes from the Academic Council meeting on November 3, 2022
Moved: G. Farhadian **Seconded:** R. Alsaleh
Motion carried unanimously

4. Business arising from the minutes

[none]

5. President's report

S. Levy

S. Levy sent his regrets as he was away due to a personal reason.

6. Vice President Academic's report

M. Mancuso

M. Mancuso shared that the University completed the annual DQAB Performance Review. She thanked all faculty and staff members for their participation in the assessment. She expects to receive a report with suggestions, best practices, and commentary by early 2023. UCW is going to adopt Brightspace as the Learning Management System as it has student-oriented benefits embedded in the system. D2L's (Brightspace's parent company) business practices are informed by Canadian data privacy regulations. They continue to invest in research and development and include inputs from faculty in their R&D efforts. She thanked S. Chu for leading this project and shared that there will be multiple opportunities for faculty to provide their input in the LMS implementation that Stephanie will lead. The University continues to hire full time faculty with support from the Faculty Hiring Team and the Chairs. The Committee established to create the criterion for promotion and granting of continuing appointment held its first meeting on 28th November. Rose Guerin has been appointed as the first indigenous elder in

residence to establish and indigenous advisory council. This council will be available to work with faculty and departments to incorporate indigenous topics and knowledge in all our programs curricula.

7. Registrar’s report

H. Gea/Anna Lee Boulton

H. Gea gave an update the expected intake in Winter Term 2023 and shared that the numbers are in line with our expectation. He raised that the Latin American market seems to be going down for the next term and that he has raised that with the recruitment team to maintain our diversity numbers. M. Vincenti asked a question about how many students are joining us in the Winter Term. A. Mitescu shared that the Academic Council will be called the Senate starting February 1st 2023.

8. Question period

[None received]

9. Correspondence and receipt of petitions

[None received]

10. Committee Reports

- a) Academic Planning and Priorities

M. Mancuso

The Committee did not meet, so there was no report.

- b) Governance and Policies Committee

M. He

M. He shared that the committee has elected him as the Chair and N. Lee as the Vice Chair.

- c) Quality Assurance

S. Chu

The Committee did not meet, so there was no report.

- d) University Curriculum Committee

S. Sakharov

A. Sakharov shared that the committee elected him as the Chair and M. Akhgari as the Vice Chair. He shared an update on the different presentations that the committee discussed.

Course Update

RSCH 600- Graduate Research Methods

L. Earnhart

Motion: To approve the courses as presented

Moved: *H. Taherdoost* **Seconded:** *S. Chu*

Motion carried unanimously

Larry shared the updates made to the course learning outcomes, textbooks, and assessments.

New Program Proposals

Master of Marketing

G. Farhadian

Motion: To approve the Master of Marketing course as presented

Moved: *R. Alsaleh* **Seconded:** *M. Akhgari*

Motion carried unanimously

G. Farhadian presented the Master of Marketing proposal and answered all questions.

Master of Entrepreneurship

G. Farhadian

Motion: To approve the Master of Marketing courses as presented

Moved: *R. Alsaleh* **Seconded:** *S. Chu*

Motion carried unanimously

G. Farhadian presented the Master of Entrepreneurship proposal and answered all questions.

e) Research and Scholarly Activities

H. Teherdoost

H. Taherdoost shared that he was elected as the Chair and R. Alsaleh was elected as the Vice Chair of the Committee. M. Mancuso thanked the previous committee for all their efforts and participation.

f) Honorary Degrees and Awards Committee

M. Mancuso

The Committee did not meet, so there was no report.

11. Other Business

Motion: To approve the partnerships agreements as a package

Moved: *M. He* **Seconded:** *A. Sakharov*

Motion carried unanimously

New Partnership Agreements

a) University of Petroleum and Energy Studies

H. Ahluwalia

H. Ahluwalia shared details of the agreement and answered questions from the Committee members. A note will be added to the agreement indicating that students accepted through this agreement can still be required to complete the MBA Foundation program.

b) EF International Language Campuses

H. Ahluwalia

H. Ahluwalia shared details of the agreement and answered questions from the Committee members.

Motion: To approve the partnerships agreements as a package

Moved: *M. He* **Seconded:** *A. Sakharov*

Motion carried unanimously

c) Election of Vice Chair

A. Mitescu



M. Mancuso thanked the faculty members who expressed their interest in participating in the Election. A. Mitescu shared the responsibility of the Vice Chair. The results of the vote are outlined below:

- Dr. J. Walker – 11 votes (elected as AC Vice Chair)
- Alexander Sakharov – 6 votes
- Dr. Rushdi Alsaleh – 4 votes
- Udayveer Singh Kanda - 2 votes

12. Adjournment

M. Mancuso

Motion: To adjourn the meeting

Moved: *M. Mancuso* **Seconded:** *A. Mitescu*

Meeting adjourned at 4:04 pm.

