

TRU SENATE AWARDS & HONOURS COMMITTEE

Place: OM 1612

Date: Thursday, May 10, 2012

MINUTES

Present: Christine Anderson, Marjorie Budnikas, Gordon Down, Stephen Eaglestone, Wayne Hendry (non-voting), Tim Norman, Christopher Seguin (non-voting).

Absent: Chris Axworthy, Ginny Ratsoy,

- 1) The meeting began at 9:10 AM. The agenda was adopted as printed (JM/SE). Gordon welcomed Christine Anderson as a newly appointed Alumni representative. Gordon noted that the Vice-Provost position was vacant (for quorum purposes). Note: this was also Marjorie's first meeting of the regular committee as the OL representative.
- 2) The minutes of November 9, 2011 were adopted as printed (SE/JM).
- 3) Old Business (none)
- 4) New Business
 - 1) Gordon noted that this was the first year using the re-written medal portion of Policy ED 9-1, and only half of the year fell under the application of the new Convocation policy. Due to resulting complications, the Awards Office elected to bring the medalists to the committee for policy clarification prior to seeking the Deans' approval. It was agreed to convene a Fall A&HC meeting to seek clarity and agreement on a number of policy application questions.

The committee reviewed and approved fifteen 2012 TRU Degree Medalists as per the attached list.

Notes:

Health Sciences Medal – the committee debated whether to count PLAR credit as part of course density (8 term rule), as the time frame in which the PLAR learning took place cannot be established, and PLAR can be applied for and credit granted at any point in a student's credential. The committee voted 5 For, 1 Against to count the PLAR credits in the course density calculation for the medalist in question.

Nursing Medal – the committee discussed whether to award two medals since the two students were tied to four places past the decimal point (4.1925). The vote was 5 For, 1 Against.

- Technology Medal* – FA&A and the committee was unable to determine if there was a qualifying or suitable graduate due to the impact of transfer credit in the course density calculation - Marjorie said she would seek clarification from the original transcripts.
- 2) The committee reviewed and approved the selection of the 2012 *Governor General's Silver Medalist*. *Collegiate Bronze Medal* – the Awards Office will confirm with an OL Advisor via Marjorie that the GPA presented for the medalist is indeed his program GPA before considering the approval final and will return to the committee for clarification if necessary.
 - 3) The committee review and approved the proposed amendment to Policy ED 9-0:
Motion: To recommend to Senate that the cities of Armstrong, Enderby, & Sicamous be added to the Board of Governors' Regional Entrance Scholarship list in the fourth heading of Policy ED 9-0. (JM/CA).
- 5) The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 AM. (MB)