

TRU SENATE AWARDS & HONOURS COMMITTEE

Place: OM 1662

Date: Wednesday, November 7, 2012

MINUTES

Present: Marjorie Budnikas, Gordon Down, Stephen Eaglestone, Wayne Hendry (non-voting), Jack Miller, Jeromy Spence, Ginny Ratsoy, Martha White.

Absent: Christine Anderson, Chris Axworthy, Christopher Seguin (non-voting)

- 1) The meeting began at 9:08 AM. The agenda was adopted with the addition of 4.2 *Lieutenant Governor's Silver Medal* (JM/MW).
- 2) The minutes of September 27, 2012 were adopted as distributed (SE/MW).
- 3) Old Business
 - 1) The committee elected Marjorie Budnikas as Chair for a 2-year term ending September 2014. Gordon then turned the chair over to Marjorie for the duration of the meeting.
 - 2) The committee passed the attached five motions of interpretation on Policy ED 9-1. Gordon committed to posting them on the Awards website (in a yet to be created medals section).
- 4) New Business
 - 1) The committee welcomed Jeromy Spence as a new student rep (he is also the current TRUSU VP of Finance).
 - 2) Gordon advised that only two Lieutenant Governor's Silver Medal nominations had been received, one of which was for an ineligible program, and the other nominee had not responded to multiple requests for a response. There was therefore no name to present to the committee. The committee chose to re-open nominations until November 30th, and require subsequent nominee responses by December 31st. Gordon will contact the Chairs again, and follow-up with the nominator of the non-responsive graduate.
 - 3) **Motion:** That the proposed changes to *Policy ED 9-0 Entrance Scholarships* submitted by Financial Aid & Awards and Student Recruitment be accepted and recommended to Senate for approval. (JM/MW)

Gordon will forward the document to Maryann Bower, and Jack will make the motion in Senate.
 - 4) The committee discussed the scope of Awards & Honours, the terms of reference, and the voting/non-voting composition of the committee, and elected not to recommend any changes.

5) TABLED: Defining a degree for medal adjudication purposes.

5) The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 AM. (JM)

TRU Senate Awards & Honours Committee
Interpretations and applications of
Academic Achievement Awards (Policy ED 9-1)

1) The adjudication set:

MOTION: The graduates eligible for a medal are those who applied to graduate between April 1st of the preceding year and March 31st of the current year. (GD/JM)

As per ED 9-1, Reg.I.2., only graduates eligible to convocate at the June or prior October convocation are considered. Policy ED 17-0 dictates that students must apply to graduate/convocate by March 31 in order to be eligible for June's convocation. NOTE: When or whether a graduate chooses to convocate is irrelevant to medal consideration, but the deadline to apply for graduation/convocation does dictate the medal eligibility window. In some cases, graduates may have finished all of their degree requirements and wait (intentionally or not) a year or more before applying to graduate, and be considered for that year's medal.

2) Assessment Period - Credits:

MOTION: Students who are deemed to have met the residency requirement of their Division and degree will be considered to have an assessment period of sufficient credits. (SE/MW)

As per ED 9-1, Reg II.1.f., graduates must have at least 24 graded TRU instructed credits. If the graduate has fewer than 60 graded and non-graded TRU credits on their transcript, this will not in and of itself disqualify them from medal consideration.

3) Assessment Period - Configuration:

MOTION: The assessment period ("the most recent 60 credits") must contain at least 24 graded TRU instructed credits, or graduates are deemed ineligible for medal consideration. (JM/JS)

The residency requirement in ED 9-1, Reg II.1.f. ensures that every medal is based on at least 24 graded TRU credits. The clear inference and only way for this to occur is if the 24 credits are completed within the 60-credit assessment period.

4) Assessment Period - Course Density:

MOTION: Where the transcript does not allocate transfer credit to the actual semester(s) in which they were completed, they will be averaged over the period indicated by the accompanying transcript notation. (JM/SE)

Where, for example, 44 transfer credits are allocated to "2010 – 2012" on the transcript, they will be treated as 11 credits completed over each of the Fall and Winter semesters of 2010-11 and 2011-12.

MOTION: PLAR credits will counted in the semester they are assigned, to a maximum of 15 credits per semester. (JM/JS)

Where, for example, 35 PLAR credits are awarded in Fall 2011, for the purposes of measuring course density (60 credits completed within 8 semesters), 15 credits will be deemed to have been completed in Fall 2011. This balances the work completed for the PLAR portfolio, while maintaining the intent of the course density requirement and recognizing that 35 credits could not normally have been completed in a single term.

All Motions passed at the Senate Awards & Honours Committee meeting, November 7, 2012.