

THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY
SENATE AWARDS & HONOURS COMMITTEE

OM 4731

Thursday, 15 May 2014

9:00 AM – 9:45 AM

AGENDA

1. Preliminary Items
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Adoption of Agenda
 - c. Adoption of Minutes of 6 November 2013 and 6 December 2013

2. Old Business
 - a. Policy clarification motion for ED 9-1, carried forward from May 2013 minutes (see attached)

3. New Business
 - a. Adjudication of TRU 2014 baccalaureate medals.
 - b. Adjudication of 2014 Governor General Collegiate Bronze and Silver Medals.
 - c. Adjudication of TRU 2014 Lieutenant-Governor's Silver Medal.
 - d. Policy discussion: proposed amendments to Policy ED 9-1 (see attached).

4. Adjournment

Gordon Down

From: Gordon Down
Sent: May 9, 2014 12:07 PM
To: Marjorie Budnikas
Subject: policy clarification proposal for the Awards & Honours Cee meeting

Marjorie,

As discussed, I present the following for discussion next Thursday:

In the May 2013 minutes, I was directed to wordsmith the following policy clarification motion for ED 9-1 re medal adjudication:

MOTION: Courses which span two academic terms and are graded out in the second term will be considered split between the two terms for medal adjudication purposes, with half of the credits and the associated grade assigned to each term.

For example, a 6-credit course that spans September-April with a grade posted in April will be adjudicated as if it were one Fall 3-credit course and one Winter 3-credit course.

(This could impact the course density calculation. Where the Winter term was the earliest term being accessed to obtain 60 credits and the inclusion of that term exceeded 60 credits, this could impact medal GPA.)

Sincerely,

Gordon.

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From: Gordon Down
Sent: May 9, 2014 12:07 PM
To: Marjorie Budnikas
Subject: proposal to amend Policy ED 9-1 regarding the Lieutenant Governor's Medal
Attachments: Lieutenant Governor's Medal - Camosun College.pdf

Marjorie,

Anyone who have been previously involved with the adjudication of the Lieutenant Governor's Medal (recognizing a top TRU certificate graduate) knows the incredible difficulties the *Awards Office* and the *Awards & Honours Committee* have had in attracting nominations for the medal. Many variations and adjustments have been tried, with no substantive change in the number of nominations.

In reviewing the province looking for best practices, I believe we have found Camosun College's process the most exemplary and workable model. I have attached their information page for reference.

The notable policy difference is that a student may self-nominate or any faculty member or other staff member may nominate the student (I'm not sure why they don't appear to allow other students to nominate if someone can self-nominate).

I find this open model to be very in line with the various other TRU awards recognizing distinguished or exemplary contributions. The only stipulation of the Lieutenant Governor's office is that it is the institution will determine the winner (according to whatever internal process they create).

I therefore recommend the following ED 9-1 Regulation amendment:

CURRENT:

Policy ED 9-1, Regulation II, 4. Lieutenant Governor's Silver Medal

e. The Chair of each school or department will identify the top-ranking academic student in each eligible program and send the nomination to the Financial Aid & Awards Office.

REVISED:

Policy ED 9-1, Regulation II, 4. Lieutenant Governor's ~~Silver~~ Medal

e. The Student Awards & Financial Support Office will seek nominations from TRU students, faculty members, or staff .

I also recommend we ask Senate to permanently adopt the pilot change approved this academic year by the Chair of Senate on the timing of the medal:

REVISED:

Policy ED 9-1, Regulation I

4. Medals will be awarded at the June Convocation ~~except for the Lieutenant Governor's Silver Medal, which will be awarded at the Fall Awards Ceremony.~~

Sincerely,

Gordon.

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