

**AWARDS & HONOURS COMMITTEE**

Monday, September 28, 2015

Minutes of the AWARDS & HONOURS COMMITTEE, held in OL 340, Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops, B.C., commencing at 11:00.

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**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Marjorie Budnikas (Chair), Gordon Down, Tom Dickinson, Wayne Hendry, Jim Hu, Christopher Seguin,

**Regrets:** Michelle Davies, Roopam Plawn, Gordon Rudolph

**Guests:**

**CALL TO ORDER**      *The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:13.*

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**      *The agenda was adopted as distributed.*

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**      *The minutes of 14 MAY 2015 were adopted as distributed.*

- BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**
1. Tabled items
    - a. On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the following statement be added to the "Interpretations & Applications of ED 9-1":  
"Students with a transcript notation of 'NCG' in a competency-based course will not have the course included in the assessment period, including course density, as the transcript does not include the credits as attempted."
    - b. The committee agreed to schedule meetings annually in late September, February, and mid-May (per the medal adjudication timeline). The February meeting may be cancelled if sufficient business does not arise.
  2. Items the Awards Office was charged with exploring:
    - a. "Insufficient GPA" and "highest level of academic achievement" were both TABLED to the February meeting, pending further exploration.

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SUB-COMMITTEE  
REPORT

1. **Emeritus/Emerita Designation Committee**  
The committee received and reviewed the report of the sub-committee, which will be presented to Senate today.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Honorary Doctorate nominations list**  
**On motion duly made and adopted, it was RESOLVED that the six candidates presented by the Honorary Doctorate Sub-Committee be recommended to Senate for approval.**
2. **ED 9-0 Entrance Scholarships Interpretations**  
**On motion duly made and adopted, it was RESOLVED that the following statement be added to a new “Interpretations & Applications of ED 9-0” document:**  
“Regarding Regulation V. ACADEMIC STANDING: While recognizing that the summer semester is normally excluded as a funded period, the “period covered by the award” noted in V.b. is deemed to be September – August annually. Therefore, the measurement of the “academic standing requirement” will include all Fall, Winter, and Summer courses graded within the period, regardless of which periods are funded. Therefore, at the start of each September, continuing scholars must have maintained a 3.00 GPA and must have not failed any courses over the prior 12 months.

The committee discussed ED 9-0, Reg.II “...a program of at least 16 months duration” as it pertains to the **Engineering Transfer** program. The committee agreed that as Engineering Transfer now offers a 16-month program, the Engineering Transfer program would qualify for entrance scholarships effective Fall 2016.

3. **TRU Potential Entrance Awards DRAFT**  
The committee reviewed the draft award and made three recommendations to the Registrar:

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- That "first-time students" have the proviso of being allowed up to 12 TRU university credits on a part-time basis, so as not to exclude dual credit students and those OL students with prior split enrolments.</li><li>- That the Awards Office convene an adjudication committee spanning all faculties and schools.</li><li>- That Marketing &amp; Communications work with Advancement to seek funding to expand the award into a four year award.</li></ul>	
<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	TBD.	
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	The meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM.	