

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF SENATE

October 23, 2013

Minutes of the STUDENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF SENATE held in the HoL 402, Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops, B.C., commencing at 9:00 am

HEADING	ITEM / DISCUSSION	ACTION
ATTENDANCE		
Present: Chris Adam, Tracy Christianson, Gary Hunt, Greg Link, Sukh Heer Matonovich, Marlies McArthur, Glenn Read, Elizabeth Rennie, Harold Richins, Greg Link, Craig Engleson		
Students: Abhishek Betai, Chirag Sehgal, Janice Yeung		
Regrets: Val Peachy, Stephanie Klassen, Dorys Crespin Meuller, Susan Purdy		
Recorder: Sandy Devick		
Guests: Alex McLellan		
CALL TO ORDER	<i>The meeting being duly constituted for the conduct of business, the Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.</i>	
Introduction of the new student members.		
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	<i>On motion duly made and adopted, it was RESOLVED to approve the agenda as distributed.</i>	
ADOPTION OF MINUTES	<i>On motion duly made and adopted, it was RESOLVED to approve the minutes from the meeting of September 25, 2013 as distributed.</i>	S. Devick
BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES	<p><u>Topic</u></p> <p>a) Annual report to Senate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris presented a written report and asked that the committee endorse it. <p><i>On motion duly made and adopted, it was RESOLVED to submit the report as is. (attached as appendix)</i></p>	C. Adam
	<p><u>Topic</u></p> <p>b) Communications Re: NSSE</p> <p>Involvement of Student Ambassadors promoting and explaining the NSSE survey to students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ambassadors will work strategically to help promote awareness and participation of the NSSE survey. The NSSE survey is more time consuming than the short surveys the ambassador's currently conduct. Students will be able to use the computers at Student's Corner. 	S. Matonovich

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Student Engagement unit has done research about the life cycle of the student starting in September to April. It will weave the NSSE survey into this cycle. • There will be weekly activities at Student’s Corner relative to where students are in the life cycle. • Student Engagement Ambassadors will promote the survey to students who come to the centre. 	
<p>REPORT OF COMMITTEES</p>	<p><u>Name of Committee</u></p> <p>a) Feedback reporting - template and timeline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A template is being designed incorporating the 3 areas of the Student Engagement feedback process inventory - applied learning in and out of the classroom, community involvement, campus social activities • The goal will be to capture “new things” that have increased student engagement in and out of the classroom • The Library and Nursing departments will create a 2-3 minute video consisting of still shot photos or video of students speaking or faculty speaking about activities with a running type of text describing the activity • By November 11, Tracy and Elizabeth will have the information for Leon to put the video together • By December 11, Leon will have a draft and will present it at the December 18 meeting • Before photos or videos can be used the students must give their consent and this is a bit of a challenge for faculty to obtain. • Sukh will get some advice on how consent forms apply to how the photos are used 	<p>S. Matonovich</p>
<p>NEW BUSINESS</p>	<p><u>Topic</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the definition of Student Engagement at the next meeting, <p><u>Topic</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was discussion around the Globe and Mail University report and concerns of inaccurate reporting. • ACTION: Chris will talk to Lucille about being more proactive in advance of these reports coming out by publishing positive results about TRU. 	<p>S. Matonovich</p> <p>C. Adam</p>

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NEXT MEETING	The next meeting will be held on November 27, 2013 at 9:00 am.	
ADJOURNMENT	The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.	

Signature of Chairperson, Chair

Signature of Vice-Chairperson, Vice-Chair (if required)

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Appendix

Student Engagement Committee of Senate
Report to Senate 2012-2013

Since the last report of the Student Engagement Committee (SEC) on October 22, 2012, the committee met on these dates:

- October 31, 2012
- November 28, 2012
- December 12, 2012
- January 23, 2013
- February 27, 2013
- April 24, 2013
- August 28, 2013
- September 25, 2013
- October 22, 2013

The following is a summary of the business of the SEC:

- Discussion of Canadian University Report (CUR) and Canadian University Survey Consortium (CUSC) results;
- Discussion of appropriate means to communicate survey results to internal and external audiences;
- Review of terms of reference and membership of committee (submitted to Steering Committee and currently under consideration);
- Development of an engaging way to fulfill Senate's request that it report annually on faculty-based student engagement activities. The committee has worked with the Centre for Student Engagement and Learning Innovation to provide support for a new video/photo submission practice; and
- Discussion with AVP Gnanasihmany regarding promotion of student engagement opportunities on campus as well as participation in the 2014 National Survey on Student Engagement.

The committee heard presentations from the following units on campus involved in high-impact practices (HIPs):

- Study Abroad Ambassadors
- Cooperative Education and Career Mentoring Programs
- Centre for Student Engagement and Learning Innovation
 - Definitions of “engagement,” “co-curricular,” “extra-curricular”
 - Co-curricular record implementation plan
 - Student Engagement Week
 - Engagement Ambassadors Program

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Adam, Chair, Student Engagement Subcommittee of Senate