

**Student Engagement Senate Sub-Committee**

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**Minutes**

**Wednesday, 26 January 2011**

**9:00 – 10:00**

**CN Boardroom – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor – Clock Tower**

**Attendance:**

Jen Bartella (Absent)  
Tracy Christianson (Regrets)  
Dorys Crespin-Mueller  
Kristen Hamilton (Regrets)  
Gerard Hayes  
Peter Hilton  
Gary Hunt  
Brian MacKay  
Sukh Matonovich  
Dennis Mayberry

Keith Meldrum  
Ken Olynyk (Regrets)  
Valerie Peachey (Regrets)  
Justin Powers  
Rebecca Purdy  
Susan Purdy  
Elizabeth Rennie  
Harold Richins  
Duane Seibel  
Annie Zhong  
Graeme Wallis (Regrets)

Chris Adam (Chair)  
Linda Butt (Recorder)

Introductions were made around the table.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Elizabeth Rennie to accept the Agenda, Seconded by Susan Purdy;  
Motion Carried

**2. Approval of November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Minutes**

Motion by Dorys Crespin Mueller to accept the Minutes of the November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meeting; Seconded by Sukh Matonovich; Motion Carried.

- 3. Update on Feedback Process Pilot** (Chris)  
Dorys provided an overview of the pilot project – Feedback Process. The process was developed based on feedback from previous year's NSSE and other survey results.

The three identified priorities are:

- 1) applied learning in and out of the classroom
- 2) campus social activities
- 3) community involvement

The pilot project commenced in December 2010 within the divisions of: Arts, Nursing, Science and Student Services.

At the conclusion of the pilot project, each unit on campus will be asked to provide initiatives currently in place or planned. This information will be compiled into an annual institutional report which will be forwarded to Senate.

- 4. Baseline Leadership/Mentor Training** (Sukh)

- Sukh sits on Leadership Committee and gave an overview of the Committee
- Currently, TRU does not have a strong leadership culture here on campus
- Sukh and her team are planning a one-day training / recruitment event (in March or April). Attendees would include Wellness leaders, Transitions Mentors, Aboriginal Mentors, Career Ambassadors and others involved in club or society leadership on campus.
- The goal to provide baseline training for all students involved in leadership/mentorship programs at TRU. Training will include topics such as resources and services on campus, leadership skills, and maintaining student confidentiality.
- Looking at a Saturday for the workshop, not too close to exam period

Side discussion on co-curricular transcript and global competence credential

- Co-curricular transcript (not an academic transcript) - Expression of Interest for purchase of software has gone out to software companies/ process underway with Purchasing Department
- Global Competency is a credential earned in tandem with a students' academic program. It is transcriptable.

- 5. Staff In-Service Update** (Peter)

Peter gave an update and circulated the draft agenda for the February 23<sup>rd</sup> Staff In-Service Day, which will have a focus on student engagement. Student Services and Human Resources have partnered to bring in George Kuh, NSSE founder, to be keynote speaker on Student Engagement at In-Service. Students from this Committee and are invited to submit their expression of interest to sit on the student panel during the keynote address.

Afternoon breakout sessions:

- (1) NSSE/TRU – Dorys Crespin-Mueller and George Kuh

(2) Aboriginal Student Engagement - Nathan Matthew

(3) International Student Engagement – Baihua Chadwick and Kyra Garson

- Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> In-Service event will be video streamed

**6. Discussing about Communicating for Engagement** (Chris)

- We need to better communicate about events and activities, e.g., movie nights
- Keith will send his ideas for engagement for open learning students to Committee Chair
- *The Omega* advertises campus events
- We could better advertise on the overhead video screens in Old Main.
- There is a need to improve the quality of displays on the video screens (i.e., the timing of the slide transitions)
- We could be using mobile TRU more effectively for promoting student engagement activities
- We could advertise events on Moodle and the front page of computer screens.
- TRU and TRUSU Facebook pages provide good information into a user's Newsfeed.
- TRU main web page is a useful way to promote events and we could better use the Web Calendar of activities with links to advertising page for the event.
- There was overall agreement that we would benefit from establishing a consistent location for all information related to student engagement so that students will know where to look.

Brian and Chris will discuss and report back to this Committee.

**7. New Members**

Motion by Duane Siebel to recommend new members to Senate for approval: Justin Powers, Senate Student representative, and Harold Richins, as Dean representative. Seconded by Dorys Crespín-Mueller. Motion Carried.

**8. Next Meeting**

As the next regularly scheduled meeting falls within Reading Break, the Chair will try finding an alternate date. Members will be advised via e-mail.