

THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY

Student Engagement Senate Sub-Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, 26 September 2012

9:00 – 10:00

HoL 402

Attendance:

Chris Adam (regrets)	Jon Shephard
Arlene Olynyk	Val Peachey (regrets)
Dorys Crespin-Mueller	Elizabeth Rennie
Tracey Christianson	Harold Richins
Gary Hunt	Greg Link
Sukh Matonovich (Acting Chair)	Sandy Devick (Recorder)
Marlies McArthur	Sandra Vermuelen
Keith Meldrum (tel) (regrets)	Craig Engelson

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Tracey Christianson to accept the agenda

Seconded by Dorys Crespin-Mueller

Motion Carried

- Remove item 4.iv as Chris is not in attendance and is unable to speak to this item

2. Approval of April 25, 2012 Minutes

Motion by Tracey Christianson to accept the minutes of the April 25, 2012 meeting.

Seconded by Jon Shephard

Motion Carried

3. Business Arising

i. Status of Revised Terms of Reference and Membership – Chris Adam

- Chris has to meet with the Steering Committee of Senate to explain the rationale for the changes. So for now the Terms of Reference and Membership remain as they were previously.

4. New Business

i. CLASSE - Dorys Crespin-Mueller and Gary Hunt

- The CLASSE compares educational practices that faculty deem important to the frequency in which students feel that they are engaging in those practices.
- CLASSE is a classroom-level adaptation of NSSE.
- 49 questions in the instrument that can be customized
- IPA will probably administer the survey
- It will be done towards the end of the semester
- The big difference in the way it is administered is that the delivery is managed in-house, with local controls, versus NSSE that sends out the survey to students

ACTION: Dorys to send a sample of CLASSE

- The objective is to get students' response to their classroom experiences
- This is a great vehicle to help faculty increase student engagement in classroom settings

ACTION Provide an update of the results at the January meeting

ii. NSSE –Dorys Crespin-Mueller

- There is a new survey instrument for 2013
- TRU will participate on 2014 (3-year cycle with 40 other Canadian institutions)
- Fall of 2013 TRU will provide data to NSSE
- One change is that modules have been added on topics such as Academic Advising, Civic Engagement, transfer of skills, experience with writing, etc.
- IPA will study the analysis and see what TRU wants to learn from this

iii. Timing for next Retention Report at TRU - Dorys Crespin-Mueller

- Retention reports will be ready the 1st week of November (fall to fall retention) and it will be by program

iv. Feedback report - new process –Chris Adam

Removed from the agenda

v. Co-Curricular Update- Sukh Heer Matonovich

- This is recognition for non-credit student activities with defined learning outcomes
- It is run out of the Student Engagement office and works with Orbis Communications software
- There are three pilot studies – TRUSU Student Caucus, TRUSU student clubs and Supplemental Learning mentors. These have established programs and dedicated staff
- The goal was to start in September but the program needs more tweaking to be more user-friendly for TRU
- Sukh Matonovich and Nathan Lane will continue to work on refining this and developing a process that will make it easier to select activities and for the validator to approve.
- Implementation is planned for winter 2013
- There will be a channel on myTRU that connects to the student's co-curricular record

5. Meeting adjourned

Motion to Adjourn by Dorys Crespín-Mueller

Seconded by Arlene Olynyk

Carried

6. Next Meeting:

Wednesday, October 31, 2012, 9:00-10:00, HoL 402