

# THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY

## Minutes

Wednesday, 31 October 2012, 9:00 – 10:00, HoL 402  
STUDENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF SENATE

### Attendance:

Chris Adam	Jon Shephard (regrets)
Arlene Olynyk (regrets)	Elizabeth Rennie
Dorys Crespin-Mueller	Harold Richins
Tracey Christianson	Greg Link
Gary Hunt (regrets)	Craig Engelson (regrets)
Sukh Matonovich	Susan Purdy
Marlies McArthur	
	Stephanie Westendorp (guest)
Janice Yeung (student)	Kristen Hamilton (guest)
Marylyn Simpson (absent)	Alex McLellan (TRUSU)
Sabina Donnelly (student)	
Sandy Devick (Recorder)	

### Introduction of students

Janice Yeung  
Sabina Donnelly

#### 1. Study Abroad ambassadors

Karie Russell, Liam Roerslev, Shannon Rex

- Presentation by students on the new program (documents attached)

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Dorys Crespin-Mueller to accept the agenda

Seconded by Tracey Christianson

Motion Carried

#### 3. Approval of September 26, 2012 Minutes

Motion by Sukh Heer Matonovich to accept the minutes of the September 26, 2012 meeting.

Seconded by Dorys Crespin-Mueller

Motion Carried

#### 4. Business Arising

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

- Revisions of membership and Terms of Reference were passed by the SESS committee and Chris will present these changes at the Steering Committee meeting on November 14, 2012

##### ii. Feedback report - new process –Chris Adam

- The current form for faculty councils to report on student engagement activities for the year is not easy to fill out.
- A new process is required
- An open house hosted by the Centre for Student Engagement will be held to share best practices across divisions

#### 5. New Business

##### i. Canadian University Survey Consortium results (attached)

- This is TRU's first year participating in this survey and there was a good response, but lower than the national average
- Highlights - 93 % of students said TRU met or exceeded their expectations and would recommend TRU to their friends. The primary reason given was faculty.
- Student's responded that practicum, internships and student-faculty interactions contributed most to the students' development.
- Student's responded that areas for improvement were student life on campus and teaching assistants.
- Student's responded that TRU is contributing least to skills in math, second language, spirituality, entrepreneurship.

##### ii. Canadian University Report results (attached)

- Survey is conducted every spring and the results are published in Globe & Mail.
- 95% of respondents would recommend TRU to others
- TRU's grade for commitment to environmental sustainability has increased from a D to a B since 2006
- Students report that the best things about TRU include student interaction with faculty, small class sizes, small campus, safe campus
- TRU's grades have decreased for library hours, availability of journals and articles in the libraries

**ACTION:** Reconstitute the sub committees on communication and feedback processes. Groups will meet before the next meeting on November 28 to report.

- a) **Communication Subcommittee** - Members- Sukh Heer Matonovich, Harold Richins, Stephanie Westendorp, Matt Tarzwell, Sabina Donnelly
  - i. Recommend how to convey the survey results internally and TRU's response to what students have said
  - ii. Where to focus for the year
  - iii. Create a schedule to send out the reports
  
- b) **Feedback Subcommittee** – Members - Chris Adam, Tracey Christianson, Kristen Hamilton, Elizabeth Rennie, Janice Yeung
  - i. Recommend how to report engagement successes to Senate.

**5. Meeting adjourned**

Motion to Adjourn by Sukh Heer Matonovich

Seconded by Dorys Crespin Mueller

Carried

**6. Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, November 28, 2012, 9:00-10:00, HoL 402