



MEETING OF THE PLANNING COUNCIL FOR OPEN LEARNING

Monday, June 29, 2020

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Virtual meeting in Microsoft Teams

MINUTES

Present:

Christine Bovis-Crossen (Chair), Lyn Baldwin, Brian Chappell, Michelle Lamberson, Marie Low, John Patterson, Don Poirier, Maureen Wideman

Regrets:

Airini, Sheila Blackstock, Richard McCutcheon

Absent:

Ryan Carlsen, Brian Lamb, Tannis Morgan

Executive and Others Present:

John Sparks, Charlene Myers (Manager, University Governance), Lisa Grant (University Governance Assistant)

Guest:

Mark Wallin (Chair, Policy Subcommittee of the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, C. Bovis-Crossen, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. She acknowledged being on the traditional lands of the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc within Secwépemc'ulucw, the traditional territory of the Secwépemc people.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

*On Motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the agenda be adopted as circulated.*

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Minutes of March 17, 2020

*On Motion duly made and adopted, PCOL **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of March 17, 2020 as circulated.*

4. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

a. Provost and Vice-President, Academic

The Provost thanked Open Learning Faculty and students for weathering the constant changes and adapting to the changing circumstances relating to COVID-19.

b. Associate Vice-President, Open Learning

i. Open Learning Update

D. Poirier presented an update on the status of the strategic planning process underway in Open Learning. He highlighted some key matters, such as: i) the signing of an articulation agreement with Otago Polytechnic (New Zealand) under the auspices of OERu; ii) a 16% increase in enrolment since the beginning of the pandemic, and; iii) that Open Learning contributed 390 Open Learning graduates to the Virtual Convocation Ceremony that took place on June 22. A copy of the update was circulated with the agenda package.

2. BUSINESS

a. Admissions-related policies

C. Bovis-Crossen spoke about the Admissions-related policies and commented that M. Wallin was on the line to answer any questions. She invited him to comment further on the policies, a red-lined copy of the proposed revisions to which were circulated with the agenda package.. He added that the policies were coming forward to bring them into compliance. Comments and questions ensued, including council members bringing attention to a typographical error in policy 1-0 as well as suggesting the word “foreign student” be corrected to “international student” in policy 12-0. C. Bovis-Crossen noted that the Secretariat would correct the typographical error and nomenclature.

*On motion duly made and adopted, the Planning Council for Open Learning **RESOLVED** to approve the proposed changes to admissions-related policies (1-0, 1-2, 1-4, 12-0), as circulated, subject to corrections to a typographical error and Nomenclatures (replacing all instances of the word “foreign” with “international”),*

as discussed.

3. NEXT MEETING DATE

The Chair indicated that the date for the next meeting is August 19, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

4. TERMINATION OF MEETING

There being no further agenda items, the Chair terminated the meeting at 10:31 a.m.