

**Student Engagement Senate Sub-Committee  
Minutes of Meeting**

**Tuesday, 29 June 2010**

**10:00 – 12:00**

**TRUSU Boardroom, Indy Centre, CAC**

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**Attendance:**

Tracy Christianson	Brian Mackay (Regrets))	Elizabeth Rennie
Dorys Crespin Mueller	Sukh Matonovich	Iris Rich-Mcquay (Absent)
Kristen Hamilton (Regrets)	Dennis Mayberry (Absent)	Kristine Smalcel Pederson (Regrets)
Gerard Hayes (Regrets)	Ken Olynyk (Regrets)	Nancy Twynam (Regrets)
Peter Hilton	Valerie Peachey (Regrets)	

Susan Purdy (Chair)  
Linda Butt (Recorder)

**Guests:**

Stephanie Gale  
Kimberly Eichhorn  
Ginny Ratsoy  
Robin Nichol  
Heidi Verwey  
Gary Hunt

Introductions were made around the table.

**1. Meeting /Open House**

The format of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for faculty and staff to share their initiatives/activities relating to student engagement. Additionally, the Student Feedback Response Process document will be presented.

Susan Purdy, Chair, gave an overview of the Committee's mandate, which includes the following:

- Members have an opportunity to share ideas regarding student engagement; and discuss common goals

- To fulfill one of the requirements of the Strategic Plan, this Committee will request reports on student engagement activities from Faculty Councils and prepare a consolidated report for submission to Senate.
- The School of Nursing has already presented a report to Senate. It is suggested that reports from other Faculties be prepared using the format of the Nursing Report, as this document reported on the goals as listed in the Strategic Plan
- Request from Senate “Analyse the NSSE Results for TRU and recommend short-term and long-term measures that can improve student engagement taking into account all available student surveys and data”.
- As a result of the request from Senate, a working committee of this Committee has developed a “Student Feedback Response Process” on student engagement which will be presented to Senate for approval before rolling out the process as a pilot project.
- Target areas for the pilot project will include: applied learning, in and out of the classroom; community involvement; and campus social activities
- Suggested pilot areas: School of Nursing, Arts, and Student Services

## **2. Roundtable – Information Sharing and Discussion**

- we recognize value from NSSE data
- mandate of Centre for Teaching and Learning is to work with faculty to improve student engagement
- Friday lunch sessions beginning Fall 2010 , to discuss topics re teaching and learning issues
- TRU February 2011 In-service will showcase a Colloquium on Student Engagement
- George Kuh will be the keynote speaker at In-service
- Want to frame day to be all inclusive of student engagement (faculty, staff, and others)
- Will market the Colloquium in conjunction with the Teaching and Learning Colloquium
- Suggested that we target faculty and students as afternoon sessions
- TRU currently has active and collaborative learning, including but not limited to:
  - Tourism students project cleaning Guerin Park
  - Culinary Arts students preparing a sustainable seafood lunch
  - 6<sup>th</sup> annual TRU Teaching Practices Colloquium
  - Orientation
  - International student athletics
  - Development of ‘Service Learning’ courses and activities
  - Volunteer events and activities
  - Focus groups providing students with ways to connect classroom learning to the community

### **3. Other**

#### **Annual Undergraduate Conference**

- an opportunity for fourth year students to showcase their work and present research projects and posters
- next conference will be April 1, 2, 2011 and will include:
- Theatre students will do a production directed by students
- visual arts
- Nursing students' projects
- Science posters of research projects
- students do service learning as conference helpers/organizers

#### **Published Works of Students**

- looking for a voice to Senate
- AVP Research provides financial support to the conference
- want to make this conference a part of campus culture
- suggestion to provide information about the conference to students at Orientation
- need to encourage students to use the MyTru portal as a communications tool

#### **Events**

- Orientation is not only a September event but is ongoing
- Get in the Game: a partnership with Athletics with featured games in October/November and January/February

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 – CN Boardroom – Clock Tower**