

**STUDENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF SENATE**

December 17, 2014

Minutes of the STUDENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF SENATE held in the HoL 402, Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops, B.C., commencing at 9:00 am

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| **HEADING** | **ITEM / DISCUSSION** | **ACTION** |

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present**: Chris Adam, Michelle Harrison, Janice Yeung Tracy Penny Light, Sukh Matonovich, Gary Hunt, Angela Gilbert, Lindsay Harris, Paul Michel, Alex McLellan

**Regrets:** Angelique Saweczkco, Arlene Olynyk, Elizabeth Rennie, Tracy Christianson, Susan Purdy, Ira Maheshwari, Kenna Sim, Kasahra Atkins, Kristen Hamilton

**Recorder:** Michele Sinclair

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| **CALL TO ORDER** | ***The meeting being duly constituted for the conduct of business, the Chair called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.*** | C. Adam |

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| **INTRODUCTIONS** | * *Round table introductions*
* *New terms of reference have gone through Senate*
* *SEC is now properly constituted, and the steering committee of Senate will be sending a call for nominations for two faculty for two-year terms*
* *Ask faculty in your areas to consider nomination*
* *There is also room for a few more students*
* *All names will go through the Senate Steering committee, where the decision will be made on who is appointed based on creating balance, diversity, etc.*
 | C. Adam |

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| **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** | ***On motion duly made and adopted, it was RESOLVED to approve and add items to the agenda as distributed.*** | C. Adam |

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| **ADOPTION OF MINUTES** | ***On motion duly made and adopted, it was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2014 meeting as distributed*** | C. Adam |

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| **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES** | **Topic: Chair*** *The floor was opened for nominations for the position of Chair of the Strategic Engagement Committee of the Senate*
* *No nominations received from the floor*
* *Discussion: with time of year, a number of committee members were unable to attend meeting; it was suggested that this item be moved ahead until there can be greater membership representation*

**Topic: CUSC & NSSE Reports*** *Discussion about the outcomes of these reports and how, as a committee, items from these reports can be addressed or moved forward in a working plan*
* *Question regarding a coordinated effort with other Committees of the Senate reviewing results of reports?*
* *Clarification that this committee is responsible for “advising Faculties and Senate on opportunities to foster and enhance linkages between student support activities, academic programs and learning outcomes” (Terms of Reference)*
* *Suggested that committee review the reports again and pull from the reports items that could inform these areas and then break into sub-groups or work with existing sub groups to create a working plan to address key areas*

**Topic: Strategic Enrolment Management Task Force** * *Until a new hiring process is complete, the roles of the position of AVP Strategic Enrolment and University Registrar will be divided between Lindsay Harris, who will be the interim registrar as of January 1, and Dr. Kate Sutherland who will be Acting AVP, Strategic Enrolment*
* *The planning work of the Task Force will be on hold until the AVP position is permanently filled*
* *There are sub groups of the task force that do exist, and this may be a good time to engage with the sub groups to address key priorities as reported in the NSSE*
* *Discussion: that the sub groups formed to address Recruitment, Retention and Transition (Sukh Matonovich, Bert Annear, Christine Adam) attend future SEC meeting to connect work of sub group to NSSE report; some synergies may result in common goals, or combined efforts*
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| **NEW BUSINESS** | **Topic: Mature Students at TRU*** *Angela, a first year Bach Arts student, shares her experience as a mature student at TRU.*
* *Discussion: Aboriginal student experience also includes a growing number of mature students, single parent students; this is a rising population*
* *TRU began by addressing internationalization, intercultural or international versus domestic, etc.*
* *The goal now is to look at universal design of programs, to move away from add ons. To look at program design that includes as many experiences or perspectives as possible*
* *Validation of the importance of having the mature student perspective on the committee*
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| **NEXT MEETING** | The next meeting will be held on January 28, 2015 at 9:00 am. Room HoL 402 |  |

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| **ADJOURNMENT** | The meeting adjourned at 9:34 am. |  |

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*Signature of Chairperson, Chair Signature of Vice-Chairperson, Vice-Chair (if required)*