

Minutes of Vice President's Academic Council
Academic Planning Retreat
Friday, April 25, 2008, 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Hart House, Burnaby

Present: Jan Lindsay (Chair), Laureen Dailey (Recorder), Robert Buller, Jan Carrie, Rosilyn Coulson, Julie Crothers, Kathy Denton, David Duke, Joy Holmwood, Ted James, Mike Tarko, Gary Tennant, Sandy Vanderburgh, Silvia Wilson.

1.0 BUSINESS UPDATES

1.1 Approval of April 4/08 Minutes

Item 5.4 (ETTL Report) was reworded as follows: R. Coulson reported that there has been much discussion of issues surrounding on-line and blended instructional delivery. Committee members expressed frustration with a few colleagues being slow to adopt technology. The committee is perplexed on how to move forward without a direction from VPAC on the primary objective of on-line learning. The issue of standards for on-line delivery was also discussed. J. Lindsay asked that ETTL make recommendations to VPAC.

The minutes of April 4, 2008 were approved as amended.

1.2 Updates from Special Projects Officer

- i) Draft framework for collaborations with UCFV – final draft has been sent to UCFV to go through their approval process and waiting to hear back from them.
- ii) NSERC policies – policies on Academic Integrity and Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans are on their way. The Scholarly Activity policy is not broad enough so have started to draft a new one for the Deans' review. Next on the list is a policy on Intellectual Property.
- iii) Discussion Paper on Research & Scholarly Activity – little feedback has been received; Deans were encouraged to generate discussion at FEC's and to provide feedback to J. Holmwood by mid-June. It was suggested that the paper also be sent by email to Chairs/Coordinators and EDCO for discussion.

1.3 Academic Planning

The remainder of the meeting was dedicated to discussions around academic planning items, specifically a short- and long-term academic vision for the college, identification of key planning themes in order to achieve the college's defined academic vision, and identification of cross-college goals. Four key planning themes emerged: Student Engagement; Faculty as Leaders; Renewal and Opportunities; and International Opportunities. The next step is for Deans to meet with their faculty and staff to discuss the themes and to develop their individual Faculty vision and strategic directions for the next three years. This information is to be provided to the VP Education by the end of June for inclusion in the new Academic Plan.

1.4 Future VPAC Meetings

The May 2nd meeting was cancelled, and the May 16th and May 30th meetings confirmed. The consensus was to also hold the June 13th VPAC retreat in the Lakeside Cottage at the Hart House Restaurant if available.