College Council
Minutes of Meeting

Date: February 21, 2023
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Location: Zoom


Guest: Danielle Yaffe, Robert Mizzi, Cassandra Davidson, Dallas Hull
Recorder: Don Rodil

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Netha called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Land Acknowledgement

Netha reiterated the importance of land acknowledgment. The university is located on the original lands of Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota, and Dene peoples, and on the homeland of the Metis Nation. We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Moved by L. Scruby and seconded by S. McClement to approve agenda. Carried.
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The Council majority approved the Agenda.

2. Conflict of Interest Declaration None

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Moved by S. McClement and seconded by L. Davis to approve the minutes. Carried.

The Council majority approved the Minutes of the College Council held on January 24, 2023, including its amendment.

4. Dean’s Report

Netha provided the monthly Dean’s Report to discuss the achievements/activities in each strategic priority. The full report is attached in the minutes.

5. Executive Council Minutes

The minutes of the Executive Council held on December 8, 2022 was shared.

6. Business Arising

6.1. Revisions to Supplemental Regulations Admission Criteria, PhD in Nursing

Motion: Moved by D. Martin and seconded by S. McClement to approve the revisions. Carried.

Donna proposed revising the Supplemental Regulations Admissions Criteria to provide suitable candidates an opportunity to acquire pre-requisite courses with a letter of recommendation. This will ensure facilitation of equity, diversity, and inclusion of suitable PhD candidates.

The Council approved the revisions to supplemental regulations 7.1, 7.2, and 7.4.
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7. Business Arising

7.1. Proposed Revisions to the College of Nursing Student Appeals Committee Terms of Reference and the Academic Appeals within the Bachelor of Nursing Program Policy

Motion: Moved by D. Yaffe and seconded by J. Dunsford to approve the revisions. Carried.

Danielle Yaffe proposed revising the TOR of the CON Appeals Committee to allow the use of panels created from the members of the committee. Creating a smaller panel, while ensuring appropriate representation, facilitates conduct of meetings in a timely fashion, increase chances of meeting the quorum, and decreases the number of panel members the students will present their case to.

In addition, revision is also proposed to CON’s BN Program Policy to include Bachelor of Midwifery Program.

The Council approved the proposed revisions to the CON Academic Appeals Terms of Reference and the BN Program Policy.

7.2. Proposed Revisions to the College of Nursing Student Appeals Committee Terms of Reference and the Academic Appeals within the Bachelor of Nursing Program Policy

Robert Mizzi, Associate Professor, at Educational Interventions for Organizational Diversity, facilitated the consultation session of the College of Nursing to obtain inputs for the Strategic Plan development of the University of Manitoba. The session was held from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Netha thanked Robert, Cassandra, and Dallas for ensuring that CON’s voice is heard during the consultation session.

8. Reports

8.1. Associate Dean, Research – S. McClement

Susan’s report was incorporated in the Council’s Package. The Council is encouraged to review the document. For any question, they are free to contact Susan.
8.2. Senate Report, February 1, 2023 – L. Balneaves

The Senate Report of the Senate Meeting held on February 1, 2023 was incorporated in the Council’s package.

9. Undergraduate Student Report N/A

10. Graduate Student Report N/A

11. Matters Forwarded for Information N/A

12. Announcement None

13. Question Period

Plan to go to Bannatyne Campus

The relocation of the College of Nursing continues to be part of the long term plan for the expansion of Bannatyne Campus.

Classroom Design

The AV was recently upgraded in our classrooms but the furnishings were not. The suggestion to renovate the classrooms for flexible learning with movable tables and chairs and hybrid delivery is supported.

Financial Support for Students

A proposal was submitted to government to cover tuition and fees, along with a $2,500 stipend for students engaged in the summer term. This proposal is designed to incentivize existing students to engage in the summer term. We’re awaiting a response to the proposal.

It was noted that we should anticipate the risk of mental stress for not having the summer break, in addition to financial stress associated with not being able to work during the summer.
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The plan to offer a summer term for existing students will result in students being able to enter the workforce earlier. There is a mid-term break during the summer term and there is a 2-3 week break in-between breaks.

14. Adjournment

The College Council adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, March 21, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.