



MEETING OF THE PLANNING COUNCIL FOR OPEN LEARNING

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

MS Teams

MINUTES

Present:

Gillian Balfour (Chair), Yasmin Dean, Randall Kimmel, Titi Kunkel, Brian Lamb, Michelle Lamberson, John Patterson, Don Poirier, Gordon Rudolph, Maureen Wideman

Regrets:

Greg Anderson, Julie Longo, John Sparks, Sumanth Yarlagadda

Executive and Others Present:

Charlene Myers (Manager, University Governance), Lynda Worth (University Governance Coordinator)

1. CALL TO ORDER — G. Balfour

The chair, Gillian Balfour, called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

a. Territorial Acknowledgment

G. Balfour delivered the territorial acknowledgment.

b. Introduction of new Planning Council members:

G. Balfour introduced two new Council members, Randall Kimmel (Faculty Senator) and Dr. Titilope (Titi) Kunkel, Coast Mountain College (Member of institutions under the College and Institute Act).

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

G. Balfour proposed swapping agenda items 4.b. (Report of the Provost and Vice-President Academic) and 4.a. (Report of the Associate Vice-President, Open Learning).

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the agenda for the PCOL meeting of April 12, 2022 be adopted as amended.*

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Minutes of November 9, 2022

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the PCOL meeting of November 9, 2022 be approved as circulated.*

4. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

- a. Associate Vice-President, Open Learning — Don Poirier

D. Poirier reported verbally on Open Learning-related matters, including the credit bank and Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR).

- b. Provost and Vice-President Academic and Research — Gillian Balfour

G. Balfour delivered an oral report, noting the presentation that was circulated via a link on the agenda, and expanding on matters D. Poirier had highlighted. She also spoke about the role of PCOL in relation to these matters.

- i. TRU Flexible Learning Spectrum: Evolving Opportunities

As part of her report, G. Balfour presented evolving opportunities in the TRU flexible learning spectrum.

Discussion ensued in relation to the Provost's report and presentation. The Provost asked that the minutes reflect that PCOL members have expressed a strong interest in PLAR and credit bank work in terms of making those matters as robust as possible. She added that a meeting may be called in the near future to expand on these issues.

5. OPEN LEARNING PROGRAMS/COURSES

- a. Report to PCOL from the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee — Gillian Balfour

G. Balfour, chair of the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee, presented the committee's report to PCOL.

- i. Bachelor of Nursing Category III proposal

G. Balfour shared Category III changes to the Bachelor of Nursing, for information, particularly so the Council is aware of external pressures coming to bear on TRU courses.

6. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next PCOL meeting is scheduled to be held on November 8, 2023, by MS Teams, but the Provost suggested it would likely be sooner than that.

7. TERMINATION OF MEETING

As there were no further agenda items, the chair adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.