



## MEETING OF THE PLANNING COUNCIL FOR OPEN LEARNING

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

**MS Teams**

### MINUTES

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**Present:**

Gillian Balfour (Chair), Greg Anderson, Yasmin Dean, Katia Dilkina, Randall Kimmel, Titi Kunkel, Brian Lamb, Michelle Lamberson, Amy Tucker

**Regrets:**

Julie Longo, Maureen Wideman

**Absent:**

Md Navedul Islam, John Sparks

**Executive and Others Present:**

Paul Martin (Director, Curriculum Development and Delivery, Open Learning), Mark Wallin (Associate Dean, Curriculum Development, Faculty of Arts), Charlene Myers (Manager, University Governance), Lynda Worth (University Governance Coordinator)

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

G. Balfour, chair of the Planning Council for Open Learning, called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

a. Territorial Acknowledgment

G. Balfour delivered the territorial acknowledgment.

b. Introduction of new Planning Council members

G. Balfour welcomed three new Council members, Md Navedul Islam (elected Open Learning Student), Katia Dilkina, and Amy Tucker (elected Open Learning faculty members).

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## 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

G. Balfour noted that agenda item 5.a. would need to be dealt with prior to 2:30p.m. as M. Wallin, who was presenting information for that agenda item, needed to leave by that time. She also indicated that agenda item 4.a.i. (TRU Flexible Learning Spectrum: Evolving Opportunities) was simply for background information, as it had been presented at the previous meeting.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the agenda for the PCOL meeting of January 17, 2024 be adopted as amended.*

## 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Minutes of April 12, 2023

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the PCOL meeting of April 12, 2023 be approved as circulated.*

## 4. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

- a. Provost and Vice-President Academic

G. Balfour delivered her report, speaking about several matters, including an update on the TRU flexible learning spectrum in conjunction with P. Martin, Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR), the TRU credit bank, and Open Press. Discussion ensued.

- b. Open Learning Update

P. Martin provided an update from Open Learning, including student engagement initiatives and the course redevelopment initiative.

## 5. OPEN LEARNING PROGRAMS/COURSES

- a. Open Learning Report to PCOL

P. Martin delivered the Open Learning Report to PCOL, which contained three items for approval, namely changes to course prerequisites for 3 courses. A motion was moved and seconded with regard to the proposed revisions to CRIM 4991 and SOCI 4991.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the changes to the required prerequisites for CRIM 4991 (Directed Studies in Criminology) be approved as circulated.*

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the changes to the required prerequisites for SOCI 4991 (Directed Studies) be approved as circulated.*

A motion was moved and seconded with regard to the proposed change to the course prerequisites for PSYC 2111. Discussion ensued, including around whether to withdraw or postpone the motion in order to seek further information about the proposal.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the motion related to the proposed revisions to PSYC 2111 (Research Methods and Psychology) be postponed and that the Psychology Department be asked to provide a written report to PCOL containing the following information:*

- *the student profile for the course*
- *the reasons within open learning or online delivery of programs that this change is necessitated (other than campus alignment)*
- *the structure and design of the course in relation to statistics that may be standing in the way of student success and whether there are other ways of students achieving the net proposed prerequisite.*

## **6. NEXT MEETING DATE**

- a. The next PCOL meeting is scheduled to be held on April 24, 2024, by Teams.

## **7. TERMINATION OF MEETING**

As there were no further agenda items, the meeting terminated at 2:32 p.m.