Department Council Minutes
April 12, 2019
10:00-12:00 pm, 7-152 Education North

Present:  J. Sousa (Acting Chair), I. Martyniak (Assistant Chair),
A. Alshammiry, J. Anuik, J. da Costa, C. Gareau-Brennan, D. Hunter, K. Ingraham,
G. Johnson, H. Kanuka, L. Shultz, B. Stelmach, R. Wimmer

Regrets: A. Da Costa, S. Estrada, L. Prochner, E. Steinhauer, N. Steinhauer, J. Sinclair

Minutes G. Johnson
Recorder:

1. Meeting Called to Order (1008)
J. Sousa read the Acknowledgement Traditional Territory. Council was informed that there is no
Graduate Report and motions are included under New Business. J. Sousa would not be moving the
motions as consulted with GFC Secretary. He asked if anyone was concerned about the role of the
Acting Chair speaking to the motion and if so, they were to call a point of order and explain their
concern and then a volunteer would be called to chair the meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda dated April 12, 2019 (1010)
Motion: It was moved by J. Anuik, seconded by J. da Costa that the agenda be approved.

EPSGSA asked to include an announcement in the agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes dated March 15, 2019 (1011)
Motion: It was moved by D. Hunter, seconded by H. Kanuka that the minutes be approved.

4. Council was asked if there was any Business Arising and there was none.

REPORTS AND MINUTES

5. Library Report, C. Gareau-Brennan (1012)
C. Gareau-Brennan presented the report (included in the agenda package) and added:
- An account is required to access Learning Network section of the standard New York Times
- Four Seasons of Reconciliation Viewing Sessions on April 29, May 6 and May 13 (watch for
  upcoming email). This is a multi-media teaching unit that promotes a renewed relationship
  between Indigenous Peoples and Canadians.
- How to Avoid Predatory Publishers Session on May 6 and 7 (watch for upcoming email).

6. Undergraduate Studies Coordinator Report, J. Sousa (1018)
J. Sousa presented the report (included in the agenda package) on behalf of N. Steinhauer.
NEW BUSINESS

7. Graduate Affairs Committee Terms of Reference, J. Sousa (1019)
Graduate student funding added to the GAC TOR was approved at GAC on April 3, 2019. Discussion included:
● 4.1 should read The GAC may strike ad hoc committees (add “s” to committee) ACTION
● If GAC can have the ability to make decisions, then the TOR membership should be changed to include elected members representing 4 specializations
● It was clarified that quorum aligns with Faculty GAAC, but another member suggested quorum should be whoever shows up at the meeting
● Members are not allowed to send an alternate to meetings, but Specialization Coordinators can bring a proxy member
● GAC will be voting to implement in September 2019
MOTION 1: It was moved by D. Hunter and, seconded by R. Wimmer that Department Council approve the changes to the Terms of Reference for the Graduate Affairs Committee. 0 - Approved, 7 - Opposed, 3 - Abstained MOTION DID NOT PASS

8. EDPS 501: School Leadership and Supporting Diverse Learners, J. Sousa (1039)
Discussion included:
● The “female and male” language on Page 1 should be revised to “gender” language ACTION
MOTION 2: It was moved by J. da Costa and seconded by B. Stelmach that the Department Council approve EDPS 501: School Leadership and Supporting Diverse Learners to be offered up to two times. CARRIED

9. Proposed EDAL Calendar Changes, J. Sousa (1043)
J. Sousa provided background that six proposals were introduced at GAC on March 6. Five courses passed last month and one program change proposal. GAC were unable to vote to approve on April 3 and referred to council for discussion. EDAL members responded to the concerns and comments from GAC and presented a revised proposal. Discussion included:
● We need to know how many specialization courses to offer
● Electives will be determined for 2 years and will help advisors and students to plan
● EDPS 509 has a pre-requisite after completed EDPS 581 or equivalent course
J. da Costa noted that this is going to Faculty GAAC and will hear back mid-June 2019.
MOTION 3: It was moved by J. da Costa, seconded by H. Kanuka that the Department Council approve the Calendar Changes for the EDAL specialization program. 2 - Abstained CARRIED

The Leadership Certificate passed academic standards. The proposal aligns with the last Department Council meeting.

10. Next Department Council meeting, J. Sousa (1055)
The Department Retreat was canceled due to low confirmed attendance (notification was emailed on April 4). There were only 5 RSVPs received. Council was asked to proceed with or cancel next month’s meeting. Discussion included:
● Council members agreed to schedule the May 2019 council meeting since the Undergraduate Committee will be meeting on April 26, and there may be business to bring forward.

Meeting Adjourned (1127)