

Ms. Thomas, provided members with an update on recent developments in the area of Distance Education (DE) at GPRC. The College recently commissioned a study and report of DE at GPRC (the Fricker Report) in which a number of major recommendations emerged. As a result, some immediate actions are necessary to begin the implementation of the recommendations. They include:

Adopting a DE Policy Framework consistent with quality assurance and institutional commitment to DE.

Establishing a DE team responsible for implementing DE strategies.

Leaving the current and established DE system and structures in place as they are functioning well.

The key message is that DE is not simply an ad-hoc matter. It is about full service to all students and it needs to be done with increased purpose and coordination. Ms. Thomas noted that in recognition of this message, Executive Committee recently passed a motion declaring the value of DE to GPRC.

MOVED by Ms. Kennedy, SECONDED by Dr. Tan that an ad-hoc committee of Academic Council named the _____ be formed to begin the development of a Distance Education Policy Framework and that a draft of the Framework be provided to Academic Council by May 8, 2008.

CARRIED

The Distance Education Team will have the latitude to form its own membership. It was noted that the Distance Education Team would report to administration, specifically the Vice-President Academic.

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Academic Council received the Curriculum Committee Minutes of April 1, 2008.

MOVED by Ms. Thomson, f6 Trc57n

In approving the April 1, 2008 recommendations of the Curriculum Committee, the following motions were approved:

Alberta Transfer Guide Review of Outstanding Proposals

MOTION: Departments will have until April 28, 2008 to send in their information, after which these proposals will be deleted from the ACAT database.

Moved: P. Corstine Seconded: I. Forbes

CARRIED

PC0120 5(4-0-2) HS Physics Grade 11 Equivalent

MOTION: Recommend Academic Council approve the change in the course description for PC0120 5(4-0-2) Physics Grade 11 Equivalent, a change in

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for the 2008-2009 academic year.

Moved: S. Sandhu Seconded: L. Richard

CARRIED

PC0130 5(5-0-1.5) HS Physics Grade 12 Equivalent

MOTION: Recommend Academic Council approve the change in course description for PC0130 5(5-0-

Ms. Barr discussed the recent

