



ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
January 10, 2008

Members:

<u>Council Chair:</u>	Dr. Laurie Nock
<u>Council Vice-Chair:</u>	Mr. Evans Forsyth
<u>President:</u>	Mr. Don Gnatiuk
<u>Director, Student Services:</u>	Ms. Jean Nordin
Dean/Acting Vice President, Academic:	Ms. Jane Friesen



## 3383 COMMITTEE REPORTS

*Program Review Committee**Health and Wellness Division Faculty Vacancy*

S. McAlpine, Program Review Committee Chair, advised of a recent resignation of the faculty member from the Division of Health and Wellness on the Program Review Committee. The Nominating Committee of Academic Council has been apprised of the vacancy and will seek nominations.

As the Program Review Committee has received, and will be commencing its comprehensive review of three programs this month, S. McAlpine requested the approval of Academic Council to allow the faculty nominee from the Division of Health and Wellness to begin his/her term on the Program Review Committee pending the approval of Academic Council in February.

MOVED by G. Pellerin, SECONDED by N. Fraser that Academic Council will accept the nomination of a faculty member from the Division of Health and Wellness for the Program Review Committee prior to the February meeting of Council at which time the nominee will officially be appointed.

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## 3384 ACADEMIC ISSUES

*Waitlists*

D. Gnatiuk opened the discussion by expressing his concern that students who are placed on waitlists, in his opinion, will seek other options or enroll in other institutions which can guarantee them a spot. Being placed on waitlists makes students uncomfortable and is an absolute barrier. J. Nordin commented that we have no idea, nor can we determine how many students we turn away due to the issue of waitlists.

The need for waitlists in terms of assuring quality of learning and the safety of students is completely legitimized, but the President worries that students may be being placed on waitlists for bureaucratic reasons, which is unacceptable. He looked to members to help him understand why students are being placed on waitlists. This is a very complex issue which ultimately needs to be about serving our students effectively. We need to create an institution that is flexible and responsive to students' needs.

It was noted that as we move to an online registration process, there may be additional challenges and we will need to be very diligent in ensuring that we are sending the correct message to students.

The following Academic Council members volunteered to participate in the ad-hoc committee: George Ding, Andrew Chappell, Garth Finlay, Evans Forsyth, Nancy Fraser, Don Gnatiuk, Vanessa Maisonneuve, Scott McAlpine, Dianne McDonald and Jean Nordin (who will act as chair of the ad-hoc committee).

### *Collaborations*

A significant direction reflected in The Roles and Mandates Policy Framework for Albersc

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