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In the absence of an elected Chair and the

The nominees for the Program Review Committee were: Doug Hart, Jane Friesen, Denise Thomson, Rosemary Kay, Monique Sedgwick, Ali Al-Asadi, Jeff Nutting, Janet Longmate and Rory Tarant.

MO by C. Tretiak, ON by W. Tan that Council approve the members of the Program Review Committee for 2007-2008 as Doug Hart, Jane Friesen, Denise Thomson, Rosemary Kay, Monique Sedgwick, Ali Al-Asadi, Jeff Nutting, Janet Longmate and Rory Tarant.

t m The Convocation Committee is a standing committee of the Council. The

MO by J Thomson, ON by V. Maisonneuve that the Fast Track Committee Minutes of May 17th, 2007 be accepted for information.

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Academic Council received the Curriculum Committee Minutes of May 1, 2007.

MO by D. Fedeyko, ON by L. Armagost, that Academic Council accept the recommendations recorded in Items 3.0 and 4.1 of the Curriculum Committee Minutes of May 1, 2007.

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In approving the recommendations of Item 3.0 and Item 4.1 of the May 1, 2007 meeting of Curriculum Committee, the following motions were approved:

Academic Council received the Ourriculum Committee Minutes of October 2, 2007.

MO by J. Thomson, ON by L. Armagost, that Academic Council accept the recommendations in the Ourriculum Committee Minutes of October 2, 2007.

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Dr. Jerry Petryshyn, Chair of Arts and Education, provided members with a presentation on the collaborative GPRC/UNBC Master of Education program which began in May 2007. There are approximately 25 students in the program which focuses on Educational Leadership for school administrators and teacher leaders. The program is delivered face-to-face on weekends in Grande Prairie with students as far as Fairview enrolled. The program will take approximately three years to complete with the first degrees from this program being awarded in 2009 at a convocation ceremony in Grande Prairie.

Studies will include core courses on research methods plus some elective opportunities. A unique feature of the program includes a number of exits or options for graduation. These include completing all course work and then choosing from the following options: completing a comprehensive exam, completing a major project or completing a thesis which would be supervised by a GPRC or UNBC instructor.

A number of GPRC faculty have received adjunct professor status from UNBC which allows them to teach in the program. These instructors are enjoying the professional challenge of teaching at a graduate level. Dr. Petryshyn is happy to note that GPRC is being treating as an equal partner in this collaboration with our faculty delivering at least half of the courses in the program.

He noted that the program is working very well and there are already discussions and plans for a second cohort.

The Chair thanked Dr. Petryshyn for attending and sharing details of the Master of Education program with members of Academic Council.

Mr. Hart, Vice President, Academic provided a detailed report on this item at the September 13, 2007 meeting of Academic Council. The Chair noted that there was not much to add to this discussion at this time.

The Chair provided a brief update on the program review process occurring at GPRC. The standing committee, known as the Program Review Committee met with the members of the steering committee on October 5, 2007. Members of the outgoing steering committee shared the template and explained the work completed to date with the standing committee. The Program Review Committee will begin meeting regularly to begin the work of Program Review. OP N ON The content of Academic Council meetings was discussed. As a future direction for Academic Council, members agreed that they would like to see an increased focus on discussion of important academic issues at GPRC.

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The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Dr. Scott McAlpine, Acting Chair

Ms. Wanda Moen, Records