

**STUDENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF SENATE**

January 28, 2015

Minutes of the STUDENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF SENATE held in the HoL 402, Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops, B.C., commencing at 9:00 am

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| **HEADING** | **ITEM / DISCUSSION** | **ACTION** |

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present**: Christine Adam, Angelique Saweczko, Lindsay Harris, Michelle Harrison, Kristen Hamilton, Paul Michel, Elizabeth Rennie, Gary Hunt, Craig Campbell, Janice Yeung, Angela Gilbert

Visitor: Linda Kupp

**Regrets:** Tracy Penny Light, Mike Henniger, Rob Hood, Sukh Matonovich, Arlene Olynyk, Susan Purdy, Tracy Christenson. Lorne Neudorf

**Recorder:** Michele Sinclair

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| **CALL TO ORDER** | ***The meeting being duly constituted for the conduct of business, the Chair called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.*** | C. Adam |

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| **INTRODUCTIONS** | * *Round table introductions and welcome to new members, including Craig Campbell, incoming interim Registrar Lindsay Harris, and student representative Angela Gilbert.*
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| **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** | ***On motion duly made and adopted, it was RESOLVED to approve and add items to the agenda as distributed.*** | C. Adam |

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| **ADOPTION OF MINUTES** | ***On motion duly made and adopted, it was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2014 meeting as distributed.*** | C. Adam |

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| **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES** | **Topic: Chair*** This agenda topic will be tabled to the next meeting; anticipating one nomination.

**Topic: Strategic Engagement Management (SEM) & Task Force Update*** The SEM plan is a management plan approved by the Provost, that is now going forward in spite of changes in leadership.
* The SEM touches on all elements of the campus community in terms of informing future direction; it is a framework that includes 4 to 5 teams, including:
	+ Student Recruitment (Bert) – how are students recruited, what are the numbers, etc.
	+ Student Retention (Sukh) – what is the retention rate at TRU; what are the gaps; stats, etc.
	+ Student Transitions (Chris) what is the first year experience like, from orientation to the end of 1st year; how are 1st year students introduced to HIP activities.
	+ Academic Programs (Kate) – how do programs align?
	+ Data (IPA) – to support all teams with reports, numbers, analytical information to guide direction, decisions, future planning.
* The role of these task forces is to gather data, to find gaps, based on questions that become apparent through the process. (Future focused)
* To reduce redundancy, these task forces will inform the Student Engagement Committee, for example, which will inform Senate. (Current affairs focused)

**Topic: Study Space*** A RFP will be going out this Spring to look at TRU campus spaces; part of this work will include a look at some of the information that is not currently available.
* The student consultant will look at numbers, satisfaction rates, how often is the space used, and provide recommendations for consideration.
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| **NEW BUSINESS** | **Presentation: “Engagement & Retention at TRU – What we learned in 2014”** * Power point presentation and report reviewed, with key themes:
* **Retention**, and how TRU compares to other institutions
* Overall, ½ of our 1st year students return; stats do not include cohort students, diploma and certificates.
* CUSC survey of middle year students, and **sense of belonging**; learned that a student’s sense of belonging is related to their interactions with faculty.
* Data can be pulled from the 13 components based on direction of various working groups; can pull specific criteria, for example, taking a look at sense of belonging by program, or filtering by diversity, (ethnicity), mature student status, trades.
* **High Impact Practises (HIP)** – looking at the HIP by program, numbers from 1st year to 4th year; how do we introduce HIP to students, such as Co-op or Study Abroad?
* **Question** – Can we create a learning outcome that invites students to think about HIP?
* **Question** – Do we have a tool that captures reasons why students drop out of programs? This is not formalized for open programs; may be informally collected with co-ort programs.
* **Other information**: the IPA will be combining the results of NSSE, CUSC and TRU Retention report;
* IPA is also extracting qualitative comments to provide commentary in specific areas.
* Send questions for specific data requests to Kristen.
 | K Hamilton, L Kupp |
|  | **Working sub-group formation*** To support the work of the task forces, the SEC created a sub group that will look at the questions for each group.
* The group includes: *Kristen Hamilton, Craig Campbell, Angela Gilbert and Paul Michel.*

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| **NEXT MEETING** | The next meeting will be held on **February 25, 2015** at 9:00 am. Room HoL 402. |  |

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| **ADJOURNMENT** | The meeting adjourned at 10:05 am. |  |

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*Signature of Chairperson, Chair Signature of Vice-Chairperson, Vice-Chair (if required)*