

General Faculties Council (GFC) Snapshot May 12, 2011

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Reports from Senior Administration

- Congratulations were extended to those who worked on the Bachelor of Education and Bachelor of Midwifery degrees, which will both be launched this fall.
- Current capital projects are all on time and on budget. Faculty will begin moving into the new science building in May.
- Mount Royal is now a member of the Canada West Universities Athletic Association.
- The university is working on a document called a comprehensive institutional plan, which is a combination of the MRU's budget and enrolment plans. The plan is still being drafted and will go to the Board of Governors for approval. Budget projections in the document are based on numbers provided by the government.

Decision Items

- Four curriculum submissions from Health and Community Studies were approved.
- Six motions relating to changes to POL 512 Academic Standing & Graduation were approved. Among the changes was the removal of a statement which placed a limit of eight withdrawals during a student's time in a program. This change was made because of issues around the implementation of this provision in the policy. Other ways of managing this issue are being investigated.
- A change to POL 502 Admission and Registration to remove redundant language was approved.
- After considerable debate, the Appointments, Promotion, and Tenure Committee (APTC) Recommendations of Detailed Faculty Tenure and Promotion Criteria from the Faculty of Arts, Bissett School of Business, Faculty of Health and Community Studies, and the Library were approved. The recommendations will go forward to the Board of Governors for approval. Documents from the remaining three faculties (Science and Technology, Communication, and Teaching and Learning) will come before GFC at a future meeting. Questions were raised around the process for promotion to full professor in the absence of detailed faculty level criteria for individuals from these remaining faculties.

Report from the Academic Program and Policy Committee (APPC)

- Questions were raised around the mandate and composition of the sub-committee on disciplinary specialization. The committee will review its charter and bring it back to GFC in August.

Report from the Learning Outcomes Standing Committee (LOSC)

- Consultation on the draft learning outcomes continues.

New Business

- A motion to “establish a relationship with Medicine Hat College to offer a collaborative Bachelor of Business Administration degree on the Medicine Hat Campus” was approved.

Questions from the floor

- In response to a question from a councillor, the Associate Vice-President, Research indicated the names of recipients and amounts of internal research funding awarded are available on the research office [website](#).