

**STUDENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF SENATE**

August 28, 2013

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

HEADING	ITEM / DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>		
<b>Present:</b>	Chris Adam, Arlene Olynyk, Sukh Heer Matonovich, Susan Purdy	
<b>Students:</b>		
<b>Regrets:</b>	Gary Hunt, Marlies McArthur, Elizabeth Rennie, Harold Richins, Craig Engleson	
<b>Guests:</b>	Stephanie Klassen (Institutional Planning) Kristen Hamilton, Carlee Poleschuk, Nicolas Zdunich, Dixie Smeaton (Orientation)	
<b>Recorder:</b>	Martha White	
<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	<i>The meeting being duly constituted for the conduct of business, the Chair called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.</i>	
<b>ADOPTION OF AGENDA</b>	<i>On motion duly made and adopted, it was RESOLVED to approve the agenda as modified by reordering the New Business topics to 5b, 5c, and then 5a.</i>	
<b>ADOPTION OF MINUTES</b>	<i>On motion duly made and adopted, it was RESOLVED, that due to lack of meeting quorum, approval of the minutes from the meeting of April 24, 2013 will be tabled until the next meeting.</i>	M. White
<b>BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</b>	<u>Topic</u> None	
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	<u>Topic</u> 5b. Orientation Activities	Student Engagement
	Each of the Orientation Students provided a summary of the events that will be occurring in their area of responsibility on September 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Orientation Day).	
	Dixie Smeaton reported on the activities planned at the Gathering Place and around campus for aboriginal students.	

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Nicolas Zdunich reported on the Provost's Faculty Breakfast and new initiatives occurring around the visual presentation of the First Year Convocation.

Carlee Poleschuk reported on the First Year Convocation events including new initiatives resulting from feedback received from last year's participants.

Nicolas Zdunich reported on the schedule for the Resource Fair and barbeque.

Kristen Hamilton reported on some of the current activities occurring at the Student Corner as it supports students needing support around campus and semester start-up as well as future activities occurring in the Centre for Student Engagement.

Chris Adam wanted to formally commend the Orientation Team on the great job done around the TRU web site redesign especially the ease of navigation around the Orientation section of the web site.

Topic

5c. Report from Feedback Subcommittee

Student  
Engagement

Due to the very time consuming lead up to Orientation day and since the role of this committee is changing, this reporting has been tabled to a later meeting.

Topic

5a. Administration of February 2014 NSSE Survey

Chris  
Adam,  
Stephanie  
Klassen

Chris Adam advised that while this committee has no direct role in the final decision making process around this issue, their input would be considered.

Three of the six new sub-modules (**Technology, Writing, Academic Advising**, Civic Engagement, Transferable Skills, and Experience with Diverse Perspectives) available on an institution by institution lever for the 2014 NSSE Survey (newly

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revamped from 2012) were discussed. One module is included for free with the 2014 survey and additional modules can be added for a fee. The results from these modules are not reported in the published reporting process.

The pros and cons around the applicability of each module to TRU were discussed.

Chris Adam will take the outcome of the discussion back to the NSSE Survey Committee.

**NEXT MEETING**      The next meeting will be held on September 25, 2013 at 9:00 am.

**ADJOURNMENT**      The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

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*Signature of Chairperson, Chair*

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