

Department of Educational Studies
Department Meeting Agenda and Minutes
Nov 20, 2014

Present: Ali Abdi, Lesley Andres, Shauna Butterwick, David Coulter, Jason Ellis, Gerald Fallon, Garnet Grosjean, Erika Hughes, Deirdre Kelly, Michael Marker, André Mazawi, Wendy Poole, Sam Rocha, Leslie Roman, Shermila Salgadoe, Hongxia Shan, Michelle Stack, Jude Walker, Fei Wang, Handel Wright

Regrets: Cash Ahenakew, Vanessa Andreotti, Mark Aquash, Jo-ann Archibald, Jennifer Chan, Elaine Decker, Hartej Gill, Autumn Knowlton, Amy Metcalfe, Bathseba Opini, Claudia Ruitenbergh, Tom Sork

Students: Jessica Egbert, Yu Guo, Mary Victor Kostandy, Sarah McCabe, Neila Miled, Amber Shilling

Sessional Rep: Deo Bishundayal

Minutes of EDST Department Meeting November 20, 2014

1. Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved.

2. Approval of minutes

Shermila requested that the information on emergency kits in the operations report be changed to "The department has purchased emergency survival kits for 30 people. LLED has offered to share the cost if the dean's office does not."

Amy sent her regrets but requested that two lines from the October DACR report be removed from the minutes.

3. Business arising from the minutes

Nothing to report.

4. Ponderosa Commons Update (Tracy Wyman)

Tracy Wyman provided an update on the Ponderosa Commons project. EDST will occupy two floors of the new building. Staff will be on the second floor and faculty will be on the third. There will also be shared spaces for emeriti, a soft seating area for visitors and flex spaces that can be used by students.

EDST will have 3 classrooms that seat 40 people, 5 seminar rooms that seat 25 and 1 room with the resources for distance learning classes. There will also be 6 bookable study rooms.

Faculty offices will contain three book cases and under desk filing cabinets. There will also be a limited amount of storage space for faculty on the third floor.

The move will take place in December 2015 and UBC will hire a coordinator to oversee the process. After the move Ponderosa G will be demolished and Ponderosa E and F will be used as swing spaces by the university.

Discussion:

Several students expressed their dismay at the lack of large, gathering spaces allotted to students. One of their concerns was the difficulty of creating a sense of community when everyone is dispersed.

Action:

Individual departments will control what they do with extra offices/space after the move. As EDST will be sharing the space with LLED, the two departments will work together to provide adequate space for students. There will also be a student collegium in the building. However, students who wish to become members must pay \$75 per term.

5. Topics for Discussion/Decision

a. Head's report (Ali)

Ali and Claudia met with graduate students on October 28th. Together they discussed how to enhance the graduate student experience and what students require to elevate their achievements.

Dr. Mark Edwards is still encouraging submissions for the 2015 Summer Institute. The noted scholar has been chosen, but not officially announced yet.

The most recent Critical Dialogues seminar, held on November 18th, was entitled *Inequality and Inequity in Mexican Education*. The seminar, led by visiting professor German Alvarez Mendiola, was a success. The next seminar will take place in December.

The president met with department heads and directors on November 12th. The current budget issues were discussed, with the president reassuring those present that he would do his best to protect academic units. The president also discussed his plans for UBC to rise in the ranks.

Discussion:

Several faculty members wanted to know if the president clarified how he plans on improving UBC's ranking and the expectations that would be placed upon faculty in order to achieve this goal.

Action:

The Faculty of Education is looking into the role faculty will be expected to play in order to contribute to UBC's rise in the rankings. Faculty can also provide alternative criteria for ranking,

such as community engagement, and present these ideas as an additional option to improve the university's standing.

b. Graduate Advisor report (Claudia)

Claudia was unable to attend the meeting due to a prior engagement. She provided the graduate advisor report for the department and anyone with questions is asked to contact her directly.

c. Operations Report (Shermila)

The department will require more details when processing financial claims due to new regulations from finance. Detailed receipts must be provided, not just credit card bills. The new forms required to accompany all financial claims have been uploaded to the EDST website. Finance has also requested that departments submit a minimum number of lost receipt forms.

Faculty members are also reminded that the university generally does not provide reimbursement for alcohol.

Three interviews were held for the Graduate Student Support Assistant position. A candidate has been selected and will begin on December 1st. Siobhan Ryan's last day in the position will be November 28th.

d. Student governance update (Gabriella)

Gabriella is contacting committee chairs to get additional information on previous student rep procedures. Autumn is setting up a Connect site for student reps. Both Gabriella and Autumn are also working on methods to provide more representation for indigenous students.

The current student reps are as follows:

John Chauhan
Jessica Egbert
Yu Guo
Miranda Huron
Mary Victor Kostandy
Sarah McCabe
Neila Miled
Amber Shilling

The reps who attended the meeting introduced themselves and the program they represented.

e. Error in EDST graduate students' travel grant policy (Ali and Claudia)

Notice of Motion – to remove “eg. Vanier scholarships” from the statement “Students who hold major funding awards that include a dedicated travel budget (eg. Vanier scholarships) are not eligible to apply.”

The following motion was moved by Ali on behalf of Claudia and seconded by Lesley.

This statement is taken from the EDST Graduate Student Travel and Research Presentation Funding Policy. The notice of motion was brought forward to correct an error as the Vanier scholarship does not have a dedicated travel budget.

Carried unanimously, three abstentions

The full details of this policy will be revisited in 2015.

6. Possible doctoral students exchanges with the University of Hong Kong (Tom Sork)

The University of Hong Kong has expressed interest in establishing an exchange program with doctoral students at UBC. Anyone interested should contact Tom Sork for further details.

7. Announcements

The 2016 CIES conference will be held in Vancouver. Mark Bray from the University of Hong Kong will chair the conference.

Dan Pratt delivered the keynote at the most recent Commission of Professors of Adult Education. Shauna is going to put up a note about this in addition to providing a link to his PowerPoint presentation.

Shauna announced that the summer institute, featuring a scholar from India, will be held during two long weekends in July. The focus of the institute will be on community based research. Non-credit as well as credit students will be encouraged to attend.

Shauna also announced that Teaching and Learning has applied for a grant on which Jude took the lead. They thanked all of those who contributed to the application process.

Adjourned at 2:25 pm