



Members:

Linda Arnold	Wendy Low
Alan Cooper	Reba Noel
Laura Cullen	Ken Pawlak (absent)
Deanna Douglas	Brian Pendleton
Penny Gallagher (absent)	David Pepper (absent)
Martin Gerson, Chair	Lynn Scarborough
Marg Heldman	Roger Semmens (absent)
Linda Holmes (absent)	Doug Soo
Jim Hooton	Gloria Swadden
Ken Jillings	Nancy Wickham
Terry Kornutiak	LSU Representative (vacant)

Guests

Mehdi Nathoo

1. REVIEW OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as circulated.

2. REVIEW OF MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING

a. Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on January 24, 2006

It was moved by L. Cullen, seconded by W. Low

**THAT, the Minutes of the Langara Council meeting held on
January 24, 2006, be approved.**

Carried Unanimously.

3. ACTION ITEMS

a) Revision to Policy B3002: Code of Conduct

M. Gerson referenced L. Holmes memo dated February 2, 2006 regarding a revision to Policy B3002 – Code of Conduct. J. Hooton noted that the change to section 8.1 will allow the appropriate Dean to refer the student and the complainant to an internal facilitator who will assist in an informal conflict resolution process. He noted that a written report on the outcome of this process, whether successful or not, will be forwarded to the Dean who initiated the process and then the Dean will determine whether an investigation should follow.

It was moved by K. Jillings, seconded by G. Swadden

THAT, the change to Policy B3002 – Code of Conduct, section 8.1 to read: The Dean may decide to refer the student and the complainant to an internal college facilitator who, with the agreement of both parties, will assist in an informal conflict resolution process. The Dean will receive a written report on the outcome of this process and will then determine whether an investigation per 8.3 should follow, and/or whether the report will be placed in the student’s record, be approved.

Carried Unanimously.

Other

A. Cooper noted that the current Code of Conduct policy does not outline the process an instructor may take to maintain order in the classroom in the event of behaviour by a student that, although non-threatening, is disruptive and is unresponsive to normal classroom management techniques. Does the policy allow the instructor to require a student to leave the classroom for the duration of the class? Does the policy allow the Dean either to suspend or permanently remove a student from a particular course section (as opposed to suspending a student from College property?) Discussion ensued.

It was moved by A. Cooper, seconded by G. Swadden

THAT, an amendment be made to Policy B3002 – Code of Conduct, to outline the process an instructor may take to deal with non-emergency situations in classrooms where the instructor’s ability to maintain order is jeopardized (i.e. disruptive students).

Carried Unanimously.

As a result of the motion, J. Hooton agreed to draft an amendment to the Code of Conduct policy to reflect this recommendation. He further agreed to update Langara Council on the policy’s progress, by the end of March.

ACTION: J. Hooton.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

a) 2006/07 Budget - Update

D. Douglas noted that the budget shortfall is at approximately \$1 Million but is dependent on the results of the benefits costs which could slightly increase the shortfall. She further noted that the 2006-07 Budget, including tuition rates, and a review of the budget outcomes for the current year would be discussed at the Administration and Finance Committee meeting to be held on February 20, 2006.

Tuition rates were discussed, in preparation for the Administration and Finance Committee discussions. It was noted that the likely increases would be:

- Domestic tuition- 2% increase or \$1.50/credit bringing Domestic Tuition Fee Rates to \$77.00/credit.
- International Tuition – 3.8% increase to \$14.50/credit bringing International Tuition Fee Rates to \$395.00/credit.
- Upper level courses (nursing) established at approximately \$100.00/credit pending further review of other institutions.

D. Douglas also noted the following:

- The tuition revisions would fund approximately half the budget shortfall.
- As noted at the March 8, 2005 meeting, in 2005/06 the 2006-07 capital budget was reduced by \$170,000 to \$500,000 in order to balance the budget. This amount was reinstated in the 2006-07 status quo draft. If a shortfall remains, capital expectations will need to be revisited.
- Need to revisit the tuition fee cap.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1010 hours.