



ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE (APC)
Minutes of Meeting

Date: Thursday May 12, 2022
Time: 9:00am-10:00am
Location: Virtual Meeting

Present: Maria Cioppa, Anumita Jain, Erika Kustra, Janice McAdam, Adam Mulcaster, Rashid Rashidzadeh, Antonio Rossini (Chair), Anneke Smit, Edwin Tam, Niel Van Engelen.

Absent: Andrew Allen, Fazle Baki, Ronjon Paul Datta, Scott Martyn, Nancy Martinez Salas, Michael Rossi.

In Attendance: Phebe Lam; Renée Wintermute (University Secretary), Alison Zilli (University Secretariat)

1 Approval of Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda be approved.

Adam Mulcaster/Rashid Rashidzadeh
CARRIED

2 Approval of Minutes

MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting of April 7, 2022 be approved.

Janice McAdam/Edwin Tam
CARRIED

3 Business arising from the minutes

Nothing to report.

4 Outstanding business

Nothing to report.

Item for Information

5 Reports/New Business

5.1 Student Experience Annual Report

(See document APC220512-5.1 for more details.)

NOTED:

- A detailed overview of the activities and initiatives run by the various units within the Office of Student Experience for the 2020-2021 academic year was provided.
Academic and non-academic misconduct and Campus Police were removed from the portfolio in February 2021. A review of non-academic misconduct processes is being undertaken by Charles C. Smith.
The mission of the Office of Student Experience is to enrich the student experience through the provision of programs and services that advance student success, contribute to campus engagement, and promote a safe, caring, and inclusive environment.
One of the key initiatives over the reporting year included providing greater capacity for support as programming and services incorporated virtual or hybrid format delivery formats.

- Online supports were successful and will continue, along with in-person services, as the campus reopens.
- The main challenges include staffing, as there are key positions paid for by grants or part-time contracts which are not always reliable or sustainable for long-term future planning. Physical space constraints are also a challenge for Turtle Island, the Wellness Centre, and the delivery of various programming (*i.e.*, bounce back program, individual exam space, *etc.*)
- The area was commended for the exceptional level of support provided on an ongoing basis to students.
- The document was received for information.

The floor was open for comments/questions.

- In response to a question raised about the challenges that students are experiencing during the pandemic, it was noted that anxiety was one of the top concerns.
- There has been a significant increase in the number of resources needed to support student mental health issues. In addition, it is unclear as to how many students need mental health support but do not access these resources or reach out for support.
- In response to a question about student retention initiatives, it was noted that bounce back is only one of many programs. Individual Faculties also run student retention initiatives. OSE and the Faculties should work together to compile data on who is dropping out and why, in order to develop a cohesive retention plan.

### **Additional Business**

#### **6 Question Period/Other Business/Open Discussion**

Nothing to report.

#### **7 Adjournment**

**MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.**

Edwin Tam/Erika Kustra  
**CARRIED**