**Academic Council Minutes**

**January 27, 2025**

**2:00pm – 4:00 pm**

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**Program Endorsement (Nick Stone)**

Nick Stone attended to present three new programs for AC endorsement:

* Diagnostic Cardiac Sonography
	+ Summary
		- Has received accreditation approval
		- Will go before the board
		- Will be 100% delivered at Kawartha Cardiac Clinic
		- Designed to upskill healthcare professionals
		- 2 semesters of training, followed by 2 semesters of clinical placement (4 total)
		- It is a regulated profession
		- Looking for an intake of 40 students
		- Program has high demand – only 2 colleges currently offer this
		- Looking for a Fall ‘25 intake
		- Requires BoG approval
		- Winter ‘26 start is more likely
		- No construction required as it will take place offsite
		- David Baker asked Nick if it will be a grad cert or advanced diploma. Nick responded that it is a grad cert. David raised that on the OCQAS website, it is listed as an Advanced Diploma, not grad cert. Nick to investigate with CVS
		- Program is PGWP eligible
	+ AC approves program addition
* Veterinary Technician
	+ Summary
		- Approval has been approved by CVS
		- 7 other colleges currently running this program. Huge demand domestically. 1 student admitted for every 6 applicants
		- Demand largely due to pets added during COVID. More people needing vet services
		- Will be a 2-year, 4 semester diploma
		- Will partner with Peterborough Humane Society. Will be 100% delivered at PHS.
		- Looking for an intake of 40 students, broken down into sections of 20
		- Will be immersive delivery – students will be at the vet clinic the entire time
		- Asynchronous content online.
		- Not PGWP eligible, but it is very popular domestically
		- It is an accredited program
	+ No questions. Program approved.
* Paramedicine Degree
	+ Summary
		- Will be first degree that Fleming will offer
		- Humber College led the design of degree program
		- Fleming adopting design and adjusting it to our needs
		- Program going from 2 years to 3 years
		- Goal to have a Fall 2025 start date
		- Highly subscribed program, and anticipate it will continue to be
		- Looking for an intake of 60 students
		- Infrastructure largely in place
		- PGWP eligible, but Nick anticipates it will be fully domestic due to demand
		- Program will replace the Paramedicine diploma program
	+ No opposition – program approved.

**Academic Freedom Policy (Nat Leach)**

* Impetus was that Fleming did not previously have a policy
* Benchmarked against other colleges in the system. Policy is in line with what others have
* Other departments in the college have already reviewed
* Nat reviewed the policy with the group
* No concerns from the group.

**SAC (Charan)**

* Charan spoke about more student seating being added in the D wing

**Quality Assurance (Jennifer Beauchamp)**

* Jennifer Beauchamp spoke about the curriculum review process that is underway
* Process should be complete by end of April
* Jennifer also spoke about program advisory committees

**Student Experience (Joanne Spicer)**

* Joanne spoke about the partnership with CHMA – the road ahead mobile clinic – going to Sutherland and Frost residences. Alternates weekends
* Other upcoming events include:
	+ Chai with Rodney
	+ Queer connections
	+ Fleming Vibrations
* Still working on the mental health strategy
* Policies coming out for student mental health

**Library/Tutoring (David Luinstra)**

* Library
	+ New Faculty outreach to have technologists come into classrooms to speak about academic integrity
	+ Has also been working with Tom Jenkins to present in Comm classes. Will be branching out to SENRS and Justice
* Tutoring
	+ Trying to get peer assisted study sessions launched
	+ Peer leaders are not trained
	+ For high fail courses, tutors will lead students though challenging concepts
	+ Trying again with workshop series on learning skills. Did not have great attendance during previous iteration. Retitled to “Learning Skills Workshop Series”. Working with AES on study skills, sleep habits, etc.

**AO (David Baker)**

* AO working on Spring workloading and preparing for Fall 2025

**RO (Greg Nelson)**

* Startup went well
* Enrollment numbers will be provided at a later date
* Received an influx of requests to move from PT to FT
* Bursary applications close Friday
* Admissions is working hard to process applications
* Domestic application deadline is May 1st
* International applications are now open for Fall 2025

**Trades and Tech (Cody Simpson)**

* High intake in Trades this semester
* Running on weekends.
* Issue with food services, as they are not available on weekends

**International (Tracey McConnery)**

* Running workshops to advise international students with IRCC changes
* Arranges sessions for students – MTO is coming in to present on how to get a Canadian driver’s license

**LDS (Mary Overholt)**

* New cohort of Facutly development just kicked off
* Held 2 kickoff sessions
* Continue to support new program developments
* Starting to look ahead to week 8

**Teaching and Learning (Alana Callan)**

* Supporting new faculty and completing 3 new Micro-credentials