

Notes from Academic Council – Meeting June 14, 2016

Hi all,

AC met on Wed. June 16 with a hefty agenda. I have tried to capture a quick summary –more details (documents referred to and minutes will appear on the AC site at <https://department.flemingcollege.ca/ac/> should you wish to review them).

1. VPA Update

- Quality Assurance announcement will occur this week – how Trudy’s portfolio is being reassigned, it is Trudy’s last AC meeting – Judith thanked her for her service and encouraged people to participate in her retirement celebration next week
- There will be an email from Judith about office space, faculty/student communication spaces, they are centralizing meeting booking to assist with the ease of booking space and impromptu requirements
- Flexible Learning Dean close to being complete – this will be announced (hopefully next week)
- Renos at Frost several weeks ahead – contract here just awarded and construction will begin Monday June 19th
- 15 new FT hires – well underway and goal is for this to be in place for new folks to start August 21
- Judith wishes all FT faculty great vacation
- Thanked AC

2. Course Outline Group Update

- AODA question about the course outlines – they are not compliant – there is not a technological solution
 - There will be a statement in the course outline listings indicating that if a student should require accessible version to contact XXXX – can’t just put it in course outline – because it isn’t accessible
3. Textbook Working Group – Chair Rod McCleod presented work with Follett about timelines required for Spring Term – why they are so early – this work will continue and document the rest of the terms
- He also presented a draft template to be use for selection – lots of feedback was given to him about that- it will return to the Council again
4. Academic Integrity Policy – will be sent to Board of Governor’s end of June for approval and implementation of this new process is expected to occur in September – watch for training and info in August
5. Retroactive Accommodation Compassionate Withdrawal – Red Keating reported on two working groups discussions to date and the complexity of these issues – these are ongoing discussions with the goal of developing tools and operating procedures to assist faculty to navigate this. Agreement that cross disciplinary teams will be created to advise on these complex issues
6. Admissions Policy and Procedure Update and Grading and Academic Standing Policy and Procedure and Registration and Withdrawal Policy and Procedures were all to have been given feedback on – documents came to Council late and RO staff not present at this meeting to receive it – due to scheduling conflict – council chair took notes on all the feedback we gave (it was extensive) and the feedback was sent to the Deans and Chairs meeting that afternoon – these will be revamped and return to an additional AC meeting June 21 for further vetting – as they are to be at the Board of Governor’s for approval at the end of the month. The excellent work of the working group on Grading – led by our own Tracy Finlay was cited as critical to be considered and incorporated.
7. Several members are leaving AC – and there will be a renewal of membership in the Fall according to the governance rules outlined for the council. A new Chair will also be sought.

If you have any questions – please let me know – Thanks, Angela