

ACAT Meeting
May 25, 2005
University of Lethbridge

Present: Lucille Walter (Chair), Gord Nixon, Merla Bolender, Judy Kruse (for Catherine Eddy), Ed Behnke, Fred Carnew, Kaley Williams, Dietmar Kennepohl, Peter Haney, Peggy Patterson, Gretchen Hess, Vance MacNichol, Doug Hart, Connie Harrison (Director), Kyra Kubrak (Manager)

1. Welcome

The chair welcomed Council to the third meeting of 2004-2005.

- Introduced Séamus O'Shea, Vice President Academic of University of Lethbridge who welcomed Council to The University of Lethbridge
- Introduced new member Merla Bolender, Director of Curriculum Branch, Alberta Education
- Introduced Connie Harrison, Director of ACAT Secretariat and Business Integration
- Introduced Kyra Kubrak, Manager, Post-Secondary Transitions

2. Minutes

Moved and seconded that the minutes of February 1, 2005 be adopted.

CARRIED

3. ACAT Chair and Secretariat Report

Chair's Report

- The chair updated Council on meetings attended and presentations given

Secretariat Report

- Council was updated on the transition and personnel changes at ACAT

4. Presentation by IQAS

Kathleen Morrow, Director of International Qualifications Assessment Service gave a presentation on the collaborative initiative it is undertaking to build a common data repository.

This is a collaborative project with post-secondary institutions across Alberta and Saskatchewan. The repository would contain up-to-date information on international credentials across the system. Post-secondary institutions would be able to access information on international credentials online.

5. ACAT Business Plan

Council discussed and provided feedback on the draft 2005-2008 Business Plan. The Secretariat will further revise the draft and send out to members via e-mail for further feedback and approval.

6. ACAT Annual Report

Moved and seconded that the draft 2004-2005 Annual Report be adopted.

CARRIED

- Council agreed to accept a new letterhead design.

7. ACAT Terms of Reference

Council discussed and provided feedback on the draft update of the Terms of Reference. A new draft will be presented to Council at its next meeting.

8. Best Practices in Transfer Presentation

Gordon Preston from Can-Reg presented the results and recommendations from the Best Practices in Transfer survey. The Contact Persons' Handbook will be revised to include these best practices and recommendations. Members discussed distribution of the report as well as possible next steps.

9. Best Practices in PLAR Presentation

Gail Barrington and Colleen McCracken from Barrington Research Group Inc. presented the results from the Best Practices in Prior Learning Assessment Recognition (PLAR) project. Council discussed distribution of the report as well as next steps.

10. Articulation

Merla Bolender, Director, Curriculum Branch of Alberta Education provided an update on the implementation schedule for all subject areas for courses under review/maintenance/changed.

11. Proposed Meeting Dates

Council agreed the next meeting will take place in Edmonton on Tuesday, September 27, 2005.

12 Round Table

Members presented a brief update on matters of admission and transfer from their institution or sector.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The next meeting is to be held on September 27, 2005, in Edmonton.