

Schulich School of Business
Minutes of Faculty Council

A SPECIAL meeting of Faculty Council for the 2006-2007 academic year was held on Monday, September 25, 2006 at 12:30 p.m. in Room SSB W132.

Special guest speaker: Dr. Sheila Embleton, Vice-President Academic

In Attendance: J. McKellar Chair
S. Harrison Recording Secretary

Voting Members of Faculty Council Present:

D. Horvath	I. Macdonald	J. Zemans	C. Bouquet
C. Bell	Y. Deutsch	S. Li	D. Dimick
C. Courtis	A. Bhanich-Supapol	M. Szaki	B. Eberlein
M. Kipping	A. Joshi	C. Oliver	T. Peridis
K. Main	B. Wolf	A. Richardson	A. Echeverry (GBC)
M. Annette	Y. Deutsch		

Non-Voting Members of Faculty Council Present:

B. Schulz	P. Shanks	K. Larson	J. Parna
S. Kaas-Mason			

Chairman J. McKellar welcomed everyone to the Special meeting of Faculty Council. President Marsden had requested a consultation with all Faculty Councils be arranged to present the Multi Year Accountability Agreement (MYAA) by September 29, 2006. Hand-outs included a two page overview plus a copy of the slide presentation on the Multi-Year Accountability Agreement Consultation presentation to Schulich. Professor McKellar introduced Sheila Embleton, Vice-President Academic, who gave the presentation on MYAA.

Dr. Embleton reviewed the MYAA Action Plan which includes reference to the following plans and targets: Graduate enrolment; undergraduate enrolment; increased participation by underrepresented groups; graduation rates; retention rates; student financial support; quality of the learning environment; levels of student engagement; faculty and staff complement.

Dr. Embleton commented that this agreement gives York University a chance to look at our structures and goals. Focus will be on better integration and resources between graduate and undergraduate programs with each faculty and Dean responsible for achieving this. Past enrollments for all of York were presented. York's plan has been to increase enrollments in both graduate and doctoral programs. Schulich enrollment numbers were also reviewed indicating the graduate numbers had declined in the last year or two, but are currently on the rise. Dr. Embleton noted it would be important for Schulich to work on increasing doctoral enrollments.

The tenure stream complement across York has been increasing and the plan is to continue in this direction. OSAP changes have come into affect as of this September which will benefit students who previously did not qualify for this assistance.

Results of national student surveys that measured both undergraduate and graduate student satisfaction, indicated York's undergrad results were similar nationwide, but graduate results were not as good. Overall one-third of York students did not start at York, and therefore we do not receive credit for these students.

A question and answer period was held. Helping with answering questions, Dr. Embleton introduced Ted Spence, Senior Policy Advisor, Barbara Burrowes, Special Assistant, Ron Pearlman, Interim Dean Faculty of Graduate Studies, and Brian Abner, Associate Vice-President.

It was noted that there was low emphasis on International students with respect to their place in the enrollment plan, and Dr. Embleton stated that, unfortunately, the Provincial government only targets funding for domestic students. An enquiry was made as to the status of an International student after they get permanent residence, and Dr. Embleton confirmed that these students to get included in the following year's numbers. Dean Horvath pointed out the problems of both accelerated student not eligible for funding as well as EMBA students not being counted as their start date is in January. Both Dr. Embleton and Mr. Spence agreed this is an issue that needs to be resolved. When asked about our targets, Dr. Embleton noted this is a multi year agreement (previously it has been year-to-year), that our goals will be met by looking at the weaker links and with everyone working together.

Chairman McKellar thanked Dr. Embleton and guests for meeting with the Schulich School of Business to help us understand how the agreement works and to appreciate the rules and guidelines presented today. Further questions and comments can be emailed to Ted Spence.

Copies of the slide presentation will be available at the first regular meeting of the Schulich School of Business on October 6, 2006, for Faculty members who were not able to attend.