

THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY

Minutes

Wednesday, 27 February 2013, 9:00 – 10:00, HoL 402
STUDENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF SENATE

Attendance:

Chris Adam	Jon Shephard
Arlene Olynyk	Glenn Read (absent)
Tracey Christianson	Elizabeth Rennie
Gary Hunt	Harold Richins
Sukh Heer Matonovich	Greg Link
Marlies McArthur	Craig Engelson
	Susan Purdy (absent)

STUDENTS

Janice Yeung
Marylyn Simpson (absent)
Sabina Donnelly
Deborah Efretuei (regrets)
Sandy Devick (Recorder)

GUESTS

Stephanie Westendorp (IPA)
Alana Frymire
Mark Ramsay
Ryan Turcot

Introductions

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Jon Shepard to accept the agenda as amended (switch 3 and 4)
Seconded by Sukh Matonovich
Motion Carried

2. Approval of January 23, 2013 Minutes

Motion by Elizabeth Rennie to accept the minutes of the January 23, 2013 meeting.
Seconded by Sukh Matonovich
Motion Carried

3. New Business

- i. **Student Engagement** – Definition of “Student Engagement” - Ryan Turcot, Mark Ramsay
 - Work study students did research for the definition of co-curricular activities vs extra-curricular activities at other universities: Findings:
 - Co-curricular** – has learning outcomes
 - Not for credit/out of classroom experience
 - Organizational leadership
 - Learning outcomes and self reflection
 - Volunteerism
 - Campus related
 - Community service/engagement

- Athletics

Extra Curricular – More of a personal experience

- Not for credit/out of classroom experience
- Personal leadership
- Sporting activity
- Wellness
- Socializing
- Community involvement

Draft Definition: “student engagement” is transformative educational experience that results in cognitive development, personal growth and interpersonal effectiveness

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ii. **Co-curricular Record** – Alana Frymire

- The co-curricular record will be program specific and focus on activities that have meaningful learning outcomes with assessment attached to them.
- Programs will be set up in the Orbis software with the learning outcomes already attached. What the student is expected to learn is established in the beginning and it will be validated afterwards. It is based on non-credit activities.
- This is different from other universities as they include everything a student does.
- 4 programs that are being piloted are: Supplemental Learning, Supplemental Learning Mentors, TRUSU Student Caucus, TRUSU Club Leaders program
- There have been interviews of coordinators, students, and employers on how extra and co-curricular activities benefit each of them
- Arlene Olynyk would like career mentors to be included in the co-curricular program

iii. **Student Engagement Week** – Sukh Heer Matonovich

- The last week of March will be Student Engagement week
- March 25 will be the grand opening of The Centre for Student Engagement
- The “Engage TRU” launch will be on March 26 Everyone involved in the research for the co-curricular record will be invited and research will be disseminated
- March 27 on Student Street will be location for the roll out of Leadership in Sustainability Certificate. Partnering with the Department of Sustainability. The Student Engagement Centre will run an “Up-cycle That” competition.

4. Old Business – Report from Committees

i. Communication Subcommittee (internal communications) - Sukh

- IPA has identified 5 key themes from surveys
- Lucille Gnanasiamany, AVP Marketing, would like to work with the committee to plan a timeline for communications and how this would be done both internally and externally
- She would like to be invited to the April meeting

ii. Feedback Subcommittee - Elizabeth

- Kristen Hamilton is proceeding to work with Leon Racicot producing videos
- Nursing department and the Library will be first to present
- Chris Adam is to check with Senate to ensure they want to receive the information in this format.

5. Other Business

- Undergraduate research presentations will be held March 22 (Student Street) & 23 (IB)

6. Meeting adjourned

7. Next Meeting:

Tuesday, March 26, 2013 in CAC Mountain Room Time TBA

ACTION: Sandy will email the definition of Student Engagement to the committee and feedback will be sent to Sukh Matonovich. This committee will then send it to Senate for endorsement.

⇒ Lucille Gnanasihamany will be invited to the April meeting