

# MINUTES

## ACADEMIC REVIEW COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 29, 2011

1:00-2:00 p.m.

Committee Room

Present: Murray Knuttila, Greg Finn, Pat Beard, Francine McCarthy, Russell Johnston, Coral Mitchell, Pat Debly, Don Cyr, Maureen Connolly, Trish Greydanus

Guests: Dean Tom Dunk

Absent: Amanda Karr, Aaron Harpwood, Alan Castle

### 1. Political Science – Reviewer’s Report and Responses

- Dean Tom Dunk discussed the Reviewer’s Report with the Committee
- the Department has requested some minor changes to the Dean’s Response, which will be edited and re-distributed to the Committee
- discussion about Recommendation 1 included:
  - budget constraints requiring new approaches to small-group learning
  - Brock’s commitment to a balance between small-group and large-group pedagogies
  - examining learning outcomes in seminars and finding other ways to achieve those outcomes
- discussion about curriculum review and mapping:
  - the Political Science review spans old and new requirements for academic review
  - new requirements for curriculum mapping to program learning objectives and outcomes would at least partly address recommendations 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6
- other recommendations were discussed briefly.
- Pat Beard will draft a Final Assessment Report based on the discussion at ARC and bring it forward to another meeting for review

### 2. Other Issues

- the Degrees in Gaming which were reviewed by ARC last week are to be treated as completely new programs with a proposed start date of September 2013
- This conclusion is based on the observation that 1) the degrees as presented are new, 2) the majority of courses included are new, and 3) the learning outcomes are not included in any other program.
  
- Self Studies, Reviewer’s Reports, Department Responses and Dean’s Responses are confidential. Only the Final Assessment Report, once published, will be made public.
  
- the Philosophy Reviewer’s Report has been received and circulated to the Dean and the Department for responses. The Department has concerns regarding the document and a discussion with the Dean will be scheduled.

### 3. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

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