



MINUTES

Present:

Laura Cooper
Dana Goedbloed, Chair
Bevin Heath Ansley
Sandi Klassen
Gordon Lee
Karen Metzger, Recorder
Newton Wainman

Regrets:

Bill Barthelemy
Bernice O'Shea
Derek Francis
Judith McGillivray
Linda Rogers
Helen Vallee

Guests:

Rob Fleming

1. Call to order and approval of agenda

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm, and the agenda accepted as presented.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Dec. 2, 2004 meeting were approved as presented.

3. BA Prioritization

Rob Fleming attended to discuss a memo from the B.A. Task Group, which even though it "recognizes that program prioritization does not fall under its authority, intends to develop some recommended guidelines in order to assess B.A. Minor and Major proposals, and establish a multi-year timeline for implementation."

The committee discussed the suggested criteria Rob presented, and compared them to the principles in the draft policy for program prioritization:

- a) Critical mass in numbers and diversity of faculty – principles 3 and 4
- b) Faculty currency and credentials – principles 3 and 4; move wording about faculty expertise from principle 4 to 3. There should be evidence of expertise in the area of delivery; also currency and research. Also consider size of faculty to sustain and develop programs.
- c) Student interest and demand – principle 1; add wording to that effect. Student demand may not be sufficient reason to lead to upper levels programming.
- d) Diversity of programming – principle 2; under 'Pathways', change to 'ladder to and from'. A broad base rather than diversity may be required for upper levels programming.
- e) Uniqueness of the programming within the Lower Mainland – principle 2. Uniqueness of programming may not be sufficient to lead to a degree; a broad base will be more important. An exception to that may be Creative writing, for example. Uniqueness may be within programs and courses.

4. Draft Policy

Revisions identified under previous agenda item will be incorporated in to the draft policy for further consideration.

ACTION: Dana and Sandi to revise document for next meeting.

5. Process – New program Concept

Tabled.

6. Next meeting: Tues. April 5, 1:30 – 2:30, G 2110.

7. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.