

**STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE OF SENATE**

March 27, 2019

Minutes of the Student Success Committee of Senate held in the TRUSU Boardroom at

Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops, B.C., commencing at 2:00pm, scheduled until 3:30pm.

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| **ATTENDANCE:** |
| **Co-Chairs** | Airini, A. Gupta |
| **Recorder** | N. Forbes |
| **Attendees** | J. Wells, K. Gaynor, T. Matthew, C. Ives, D. Crespin-Mueller, T. Alam, S. Keivanpour, D. Poirier, C. Adam, M. Bluhm, A. Mafasitera |
| **Regrets** | A. Appleton, J. Churchley, J. Duchscher |
| **Absent** |  |

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| **HEADING** | **ITEM / DISCUSSION** | **ACTION** |
| **CALL TO ORDER** | Co-Chair Airini called the meeting to order at 2:08pm and advised that she will be filling in as Co-Chair in Aria’s absence. Airini started the meeting with a territorial acknowledgement and asked for a moment of silence in acknowledgement of the recent events in New Zealand. |  |
| **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** | Motion to adopt the agenda; Motion seconded & Adopted. All in favor.  |  |
| **ADOPTION OF MINUTES** | No amendments or additions to the draft minutes from February 27, 2019.Motion to adopt the draft minutes;Motion seconded & Adopted. All in favor with 1 abstention. |  |
| **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA** | None |  |
| **OLD BUSINESS** | 1. Update on the Okanagan Charter – C. Adam advised it has not yet been signed. The group is putting recommendation forward from the Taskforce.
2. Graduate Student Outcomes website. D. Crespin-Mueller gave an overview of the data and how it is collected.
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| **NEW BUSINESS** | 1. **SEMI Update (Mike Bluhm)**

AACRO – last week received SEM assessment report which includes early recommendations/observations. Looking at posting the report online to make it accessible. May 9 & 10 is the SEM Core Concepts Workshop – an invitational meeting.Thought Exchange – the coming week’s questions are around student success. Encouraged members to complete the survey. Take part [here](https://www.tru.ca/envision.html). Updates/thoughts welcomed at next month’s meetingSEM Taskforce looking to set up meetings with Faculties to help in setting up goals and strategies.Question around students’ engagement – M. Bluhm advised there were around 20-25 students who joined the group for lunch.Airini asked for volunteers to have representation at the SEMI project. **Archit Gupta and Anthea Mafasitera will be joining Mike Bluhm and Chris Adam to form a working group.**1. CBIE (Canadian Bureau of International Education) survey of international students (Kristen Hamilton, IPE) [Airini]
2. Development of Student Success Committee Workplan[Airini]

**Overall 4, 3, 2, 1 themes:**Feeling supported, facing life outside of studying/at home, navigating TRU and the systems, housing, finances, contributions are acknowledged, belonging, seeing their culture represented (events, staff, faculty, admin), International students feeling at home, getting a job at the end. Send longer notes to N. Forbes.D. Poirier – student success from an OL perspective. **Present at April meeting.** |  |
| **OTHER BUSINESS** | a. Airini gave an overview of Matthew Kennedy’s presentation at next month’s meeting.b. Student Success Committee Co-Chairs meeting with NWCCU Accreditation Visitors (April 1, 2019):**Forward any areas of interest the SSSC would like raised to Airini, Aria or Archit.**Summary of meeting by Airini. |  |
| **NEXT MEETING** | April 24, 2019 at 2:00pm scheduled until 3:30pmLocation: TRUSU Boardroom |  |
| **ADJOURNMENT** | Meeting adjourned at 3:29pm |  |