Faculty of Education
Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, March 9th, 2021

ATTENDANCE

A meeting of the Faculty of Education was held on Tuesday March 9th, 2021 at 10:02am via Zoom. Dean Blye Frank was the Chair.

Attendees:


Guests: E. Fund-Reznicek, B. Gick, J. Werker


1. CALL TO ORDER
Dean Frank called the meeting to order at 10:02am

2. RECOGNITION OF THE LAND (L. TOMLINSON)

3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA (B. FRANK)

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (B. FRANK)

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Approved by general consensus } That the minutes of the November 19th, 2020 meeting of the Faculty of Education be approved.
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Carried.
5. DEAN’S REMARKS (B. FRANK)

- B. Frank and members of the Faculty of Education offered congrats to J. Hare (Interim Dean) and R. Boushel (UBC School of Kinesiology, together with UBCO School of Health and Exercise Sciences, ranked 1st in Canada and North America, and 4th in the World in the QS World University Rankings)
- $1.5 million donated to Faculty of Education

6. PRESENTATION ON LANGUAGE SCIENCES’ PROPOSAL TO BECOME A GLOBAL RESEARCH EXCELLENCE (GREx) INSTITUTE

- P. Duff introduced J. Werker and B. Gick who presented an outline of the GREx Proposal as distributed.

   
   Motion to approve the Language Sciences’ Global Research Excellence Institute proposal to advance to Senate. 

   Carried

7. GCAC CATEGORY 1 PROPOSAL

- T. Dobson and J. Hare presented on the GCAC Category 1 Proposal as distributed.

   
   Motion that the proposed new program, Master of Education (MEd) in Indigenous Education, be approved

   Carried

8. UPDATES: TASK FORCE ON RACE, INDIGENEITY, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

- As presented by J. Hare and M. McTavish
- Task Force on RISJ: https://educ.ubc.ca/faculty-units/office-of-the-dean/initiatives/task-force-risj/

9. UPDATES: UNIVERSITY PLANS FOR WINTER 1 (TEACHING AND RETURN TO CAMPUS)

- B. Frank outlined plans for returning to campus and teaching during Winter Term 1. Due to increase of infection rates, complications with rollout of vaccine and COVID variants there has been much uncertainty.
- B. Frank commends everyone’s flexibility and patience while the Faculty of Education leaders and administration continue to receive updates from the Ministry of Health.

   Presentations were given by M. Bryson and M. McTavish.
10. UPDATES: TEACHER EDUCATION OFFICE

- As presented by M. McTavish

11. UPDATES: OFFICE OF RESEARCH IN EDUCATION

P. Duff provided Office of Research in Education updates on the following areas:
- Centre in Education: Feb event
- Announcement about newly funded research clusters
- Professorships/Chairs: Upcoming searches
- Spring FoE internal grant competitions
- Climate emergency: UBC research initiatives

12. DISCUSSION

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20am.