

**Student Engagement Senate Sub-Committee  
Minutes of Meeting**

**Wednesday, 27 January 2010**

**9:00 – 10:00**

**CN Boardroom – Clock Tower**

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**Attendance:**

Linda Butt (Recorder)	Brian Mackay	Elizabeth Rennie
Justin Cartwright (Absent)	Dennis Mayberry (Regrets)	Iris Rich-Mcquay (Absent)
Tracy Christianson	Kathy Mitchell	Kristine Smalcel Pederson
Gerard Hayes	Ken Olynyk (Regrets)	Nancy Twynam
Peter Hilton	Susan Purdy (Chair)	Valerie Peachey (Regrets)
	Alana Frymire (Guest)	Sukh Matonovich (Guest)

**1. Approval of Agenda**

The Agenda was accepted with additions: 6 (a) (b) (c)

**2. Notes from previous meetings:**

**27 February 2009 27 March 2009 24 April 2009**  
**22 May 2009 23 September 2009 28 October 2009**

When approved, the Minutes of this meeting will be posted on the Student Engagement website. As quorum was not met at previous meetings, the meeting notes were circulated as information only to Committee members.

**3. Update on Transition Mentorship Program (Susan Purdy)**

Website application is available to students who are interested in the Mentorship program. The January intake was smaller than the Fall intake as only 4 student

mentees applied for the winter semester program. The Mentorship Program was introduced by Susan Purdy at Winter Orientation. Overall, for the Winter semester there are 10 mentees with 20 mentors.

The on-line feedback questionnaire has provided positive feedback.

Administration of the Transition Mentorship Program will now fall under the portfolio of the Engagement and Retention Coordinator.

Discussion regarding ways to reach potential mentees, included:

- Working with Recruiting on a strategic plan to introduce students to Mentorship Program and Orientation - Sukh will attend classes and go out to schools with recruiters.

Action: Susan Purdy and Sukh Matonovich will arrange meeting with Josh Keller.

- Action: Susan Purdy will provide Academic Advising with application forms for distribution to high school students who have already applied to TRU. Mentors will then have an opportunity to contact mentees prior to start of school.
- IPA has a Summer Session Coordinator, Sofia Mariona, who would be in a position to contact/ provide summer school students with the program information. Sukh Matonovich will follow up.

#### **4. Orientation**

**(Sukh Matonovich)**

186 new students enrolled for Winter Semester, 62 participated in the Winter Orientation event on January 8<sup>th</sup> at TTC; to engage students, the event was tagged with a Wolfpack game; students were treated to lots of prizes, flash drives, t-shirts, and pizza

Fall 2010 Orientation – we have developed a partnership with City – free use of TTC. Will do resource fair, tables around the track ...

Troy Stende will be the guest speaker at the Fall 2010 Orientation

Summer Orientation – will work closely with international students, TRU World

Services are not all available for students during the summer session – look at a student focus group, ie Nursing students

Discussion re Orientation Committee being revived – first will have conversations with interested parties, will wait for New Dean,

**5. Student Leadership Program** (Alana Frymire)  
Alana is the new Leadership Program coordinator, hired in December for Winter Semester

- 22 student leaders from clubs, peer support, fraternity, etc form part of the Leadership Team
- Students have come together to share and develop current leadership skills
- 4 workshops planned for this semester
- An activity each week this semester
- Student interest include conflict resolution, motivational skills
- We are asking the Leadership Team to be ambassadors for the University
- Williams Lake has its own campus student leaders; suggestion to invite WL leaders to join the February retreat
- Feb 6 & 7 – Leadership Retreat – Troy Stende Speaker
- Will ask Team to take on leadership project, either on campus or in the Community

**6. Other**

**(a) Health Vision Plan** (Tracy Christianson)  
Tracy will be meeting with Wellness Committee to review interest in developing a wellness plan; will bring report back to this Committee

**(b) Student Colloquium**  
Steering Group for Student Colloquium met with Gary Hunt to discuss the possibility of the Student Colloquium joining forces with the Teaching Colloquium in 2011. Concept is to incorporate a ½ day for student engagement. The Steering committee will meet again with Gary after this year's Teaching Colloquium.

**(c) Open Learning** (Kristine Smalcel Pederson)  
Difficult to get students involved in Committees – demographics are different, age, working families, distance

MyTRU will be a better avenue for Open Learning to enhance student engagement

Working to have an on-line orientation for Open students

Creating a virtual tour of campus