

PDEC Meeting Minutes

November 5th, 2015

Attending	Regrets
Alan Davis	Joanne Saunders
Diane Naugler	Valerie Newton
Josephine Chan	
Joshua Mitchell	
Harry Gray/Jas Parmar	
Jennifer Au	
Stuart McIlmoyle	
Kimberly McMartin	
Kari Michaels	
John O'Brian	
Allison Gonzalez	
Anne Marie Davison	

1. Called to Order – 2:00pm
2. Adoption of the Agenda – 2:00pm
 - a. New Business item “7.1 Religious Acceptance” moved to start of meeting.
3. Approval of the Minutes – 2:05pm
4. Business Arising from Previous Meeting
5. New business – Religious Acceptance
 - a. International approached Diane about an email exchange they had regarding accommodation of religious holidays for students.
 - b. Presentation of their findings is attached below.
 - c. PDEC thanks International for bringing this to the attention of the committee.
6. Director of Diversity Report
 - a. Diane informs the committee that the report will be strictly verbal from this point on, and no printed version will be provided.
 - b. The washroom campaign is going well and is attracting the right kind of attention.
 - c. **The next meeting should be 90 minutes at least.**
7. Action Plan Items
 - a. Confirmation of Responsibilities
 - i. Recapped discussion from last week about how action plan would proceed.
 - b. Sponsorship and Budget
 - i. Briefly discussed how much money this committee has to work with.
 - ii. A budget request has been put forward.
 - iii. **Diane will be better prepared to discuss the budget and sponsorship at the next meeting.**
 - c. Website
 - i. The next step is adding content to the site.
 - ii. **Members should send Ryan content that that would like to see on the site.**

- d. Course Outline Policy Inclusion
 - i. The process for including this policy in course syllabi is in motion.
 - ii. Alan is taking the initiative in moving this forward, but due to its relationship with the faculty it will likely need to go through the Senate approval process.
- 8. New Business
 - a. The Accessibility Audit
 - i. There is a review of SSD underway, and there has been ongoing communication with DAM about what this will mean.
 - ii. In early spring student services will give us a better idea what this will look like.
 - b. Aboriginal Funding
 - i. This issue was tabled until the next meeting.