

TRU SENATE AWARDS & HONOURS COMMITTEE

Place: OM 4731

Date: Thursday, May 15, 2014

MINUTES

Present: Christine Anderson, Marjorie Budnikas (Chair), Tom Dickinson, Gordon Down, Stephen Eaglestone, Wayne Hendry (non-voting), Jack Miller, Christopher Seguin (non-voting), Cheryl Zawaduk.

Absent: Mitul Daulat Ramani, Martha White.

Guests: Dennis Acreman.

1) The meeting was called to order at 9:02 AM. The agenda was adopted as printed. (CS/TD)

2) The minutes of November 6, 2013 & December 6, 2013 were adopted as distributed. (JM/GD)

3) Old Business

a) Policy Clarification: As directed by the committee in the May 2013 meeting, the following policy clarification was drafted and moved by Gordon:

Motion: Courses which span two academic terms and are graded out in the second term will be considered split between the two terms for medal adjudication purposes, with half of the credits and the associated grade assigned to each term. Approved. (GD/JM)

4) New Business

a) TRU Baccalaureate Medals & Governor General's Medals: The committee reviewed the slate of medal nominees. Gordon confirmed that the medal GPA's listed were adjudicated as per Policy ED 9-1, and that the respective dean or their representative had confirmed that each nominee had met all of the graduation requirements.

Wayne raised the concern that the Governor General's Silver Medal may be more accurately awarded to the "degree graduate with the highest GPA" if the assessment period was more than the current 60 credits. Various scenarios were discussed, including 120 credits, and the second half the degree, which varies from 60-70 credits depending on the program. Gordon confirmed that the Governor General's Office does not stipulate the assessment period – only that it must be based solely on GPA.

The committee tasked *Student Awards & Financial Support* with surveying practices at other institutions related to the adjudication of the Governor General's Silver medal.

Wayne and Gordon also noted that while the assessment period for the Collegiate Bronze medal and the degree medals are both 60 credits, the Collegiate Bronze medal need only be based on 15 TRU credits, whereas the degree medals must be based on 24

TRU credits. Wayne & Gordon recommended that the 15 credit requirement be increased to match the 24 credit requirement. The committee could not find consensus, particularly with regard to how much such a change would exclude OL graduates. No action taken.

Motion: To approve and recommend to the Chair of Senate for final approval the attached fourteen 2014 TRU Baccalaureate medals, the 2014 Governor General's Silver medal, and the 2014 Governor General's Collegiate Bronze medal. Approved. (JM/SE)

- b) Lieutenant-Governor's Medal: The committee reviewed the four medal nominee submissions.

Motion: To approve and recommend to the Chair of Senate for final approval the awarding of the 2014 Lieutenant-Governor's medal to Robert Goss. Approved. (CZ/TD)

- c) Policy ED 9-1 Amendment: The committee reviewed and discussed the policy amendments proposed by Gordon and the rationale distributed with the agenda.

Motion: To approve and recommend to Senate the amendment of Policy ED 9-1, Reg II, 4. e. to read "The Student Awards & Financial Support Office will seek nominations from TRU students, faculty members, or staff." Approved. (JM/CA)

Motion: To approve and recommend to Senate the amendment of Policy ED 9-1, Reg I, 4. to read "Medals will be awarded at the June Convocation." Approved. (TD/JM)

- 5) The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 AM. (JM)