

Approved minutes for Meeting 93 of the Athabasca University General Faculties Council held on September 4, 2025 via Microsoft Teams.

**Present:** Alex Clark (Chair), Carrie Anton, Walid Belassi, Derek Briton, Shauna Bryce, Kia Buchanan, Caroline Buzanko, Priscilla Campeau, Andrew Chiarella, Martha Cleveland-Innes, Liam Connelly, Ali Dewan, Richard Dixon, Elaine Fabbro, Glen Farrelly, Stella George, Osire Glacier, Lisa Gray, Ramses Ilarraza, Steven Johnson, Stuart Johnston, Dietmar Kennepohl, Angela Kuzyk, Denver Ma, Manijeh Mannani, Michael Mauws, Rebecca Nelems, Marc Nesca, Amy Neumann, Hugh Notman, Cori Paul, Kristen Petrovic, Frederique Pivot, Adnan Qayyum, Ann Reynolds, Simon Sigue, Ian Stephenson, Catherine Swindlehurst, Norin Taj, Tyler Tollefson, Eric Wang, Harris Wang, Adrienne Weare, Ray Welshman, Krystal Zahara, Shauna Zenteno

**Regrets:** Joel English-Dubois, Bob Heller, Candy Khan, Jan Lehmann, Diana Ramirez

**Governance Staff:** Tyler Tollefson (Chief Governance Officer and General Counsel), Eileen Hendy (Governance Coordinator), Allison Strydhorst (Recording Secretary)

The Chair delivered a land acknowledgment and welcomed the following new and re-elected members:

- Simon Sigue – Interim Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies
- Shauna Bryce – Acting University Librarian
- Tyler Tollefson – Acting Vice President, University Relations
- Elaine Fabbro – Interim Associate Vice President, Learner Experience
- Lisa Gray – Faculty of Health Disciplines
- Adrienne Weare – Faculty of Health Disciplines
- Andrew Chiarella – Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
- Martha Cleveland-Innes – Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (re-elected)
- Alexa DeGagne – Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
- Norin Taj – Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
- Ali Dewan – Faculty of Science and Technology
- Stella George – Faculty of Science and Technology (re-elected)
- Harris Wang – Faculty of Science and Technology
- Cori Paul – Tutor/Academic Expert – Faculty of Health Disciplines (re-elected)
- Liam Connelly – Tutor/Academic Expert – Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
- Fayez Seifeddine – Tutor/Academic Expert – Faculty of Science and Technology
- Kia Buchanan – Athabasca University Graduate Students Association (AUGSA)

The Chief Governance Officer and General Counsel provided governance advice.

### **Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m.

## **1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- 1.1 Motion 93-01 That General Faculties Council approves the agenda and thereby approves the consent agenda, as presented.  
Dixon/Fabbro**

**Carried**

## 2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- 2.1 Subject to the [Code of Conduct for Members of the University Community](#) and the Conflict of Interest provision (clauses 11.1 and 11.2) of the [General Faculties Council Rules](#), members will be asked to declare any conflict they may have with respect to particular agenda items contained within the meeting agenda.

No conflicts declared.

## 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 3.1 **Motion 93-02 That General Faculties Council approves the minutes of Meeting 92 held May 1, 2025, as presented.**  
**Reynolds/Paul**

Carried

## 4. REPORTS

### 4.1 Report of the Chair

The Chair presented this item noting:

- ongoing gatherings and retreats on campus in Athabasca
- the continual changes in Artificial Intelligence being discussed by post-secondary institutions, professional associations, and government, and the need for more legislation to address elements of Artificial Intelligence
- the findings from the Expert Panel on Post-Secondary Institution Funding and Alberta's Competitiveness to be provided in October
- recognition of recipients of long service awards, Academic Excellence Awards Committee awards, and AU employee awards

Discussion held on:

- the AU advantage which benefits international students being able to receive an AU credential without having to be in Canada
- strategic enrolment management
- implementation of the Front Line Learner Services Transformation pilot project

## 5. ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 5.1 **Motion 93-03 That General Faculties Council approves the Graduate Certificate – Leadership, and Graduate Diploma – Leadership effective July 1, 2026, or thereafter at the discretion of the Provost and Vice President Academic, pending approval by Alberta Advanced Education.**  
**Dixon/Anton**

The Interim Dean, Faculty of Business presented this item noting the Graduate Certificate – Leadership, and Graduate Diploma – Leadership were originally part of a motion which also included the Graduate Certificate - Strategic Analytics, Graduate Diploma - Strategic Analytics, and Masters in Management program. Following consultation with the Ministry of Advanced Education it was

decided to separate approval of the Graduate Certificate and Diploma – Leadership, and Graduate Certificate and Diploma - Strategic Analytics from the Masters in Management which would be brought forward for approval at a later date.

Carried

- 5.2 Motion 93-04 That General Faculties Council approves the Graduate Certificate – Strategic Analytics, and Graduate Diploma – Strategic Analytics effective July 1, 2026, or thereafter at the discretion of the Provost and Vice President Academic, pending approval by Alberta Advanced Education. George/Cleveland-Innes**

The Interim Dean, Faculty of Business presented this item. Discussion held on the laddering potential of the credentials and the staff required for the Graduate Certificate and Graduate Diploma.

Carried

- 5.3 Motion 93-05 That General Faculties Council approves students enrolled in the University Certificate in Computer and Management Information Systems program regulations between September 1, 2009, and August 31, 2025, who have not taken CMIS 214: Custom Applications with C# will take CMIS 431: Information Technology Leadership effective September 1, 2025. Dixon/Fabbro**

The Interim Dean, Faculty of Business presented this item.

Carried

- 5.4 Motion 93-06 That General Faculties Council approves students enrolled in the Bachelor of Professional Arts (Human Services Major; Criminal Justice Major; and Governance, Law, and Management Major) and the University Certificate in Public Administration program regulations between September 1, 2010 and August 31, 2025 who have not taken the HSRV 322: Ideology and Policy Evolution course will take the HSRV 476: International Social Work in Canada course, effective September 1, 2025. Mannani/Nesca**

The Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences presented this item. Discussion held on the rationale for the change to meet current needs of learners.

Carried

- 5.5 Motion 93-07 That General Faculties Council approves changes to the Bachelor of Science – Architecture program regulations, for students admitted between July 1, 2014 to August 31, 2025, to choose, APST 230 or APST 245; APST 240 or APST 305; APST 340 or PPRC 451; APST 350 or APST 355; ADST 200 or ADST 206; ADST 205 or ADST 246; ADST 300 or ADST 306; ADST 350 or**

ADST 326; ADST 400 or ADST 356; ADST 450 or ADST 406; ADST 490 or ADST 456; APST 215 or ARCM 222; APST 220 or ARCM 242; APST 255 or ARCM 302; ARCH 330 or ARCH 243; ARCH 340 or ARCH 354; ARCH 350 or ARCH 323; ARCH 400 or ARCH 453; ARCH 420 or any 300 or 400 level course; ARCH 200 or ARCH 204; ARCH 300 or ARCH 224; ARCH 320 or ARCH 324; APST 470 or APST 405; APST 480 or APST 455; effective September 1, 2025 as follows:

**Bachelor of Science – Architecture**

**Core course requirements**

(39 credits)

A total of 18 credits from:

APST 230 or APST 245 – Materials, Properties and Applications (3)

PHYS 200 – Introductory Physics I (3)

PHYS 201 – Introductory Physics II or PHYS 202 – Introductory Physics III (3)

APST 240 or APST 305 – Introduction to Structures (3)

APST 340 – Advanced Structures or PPRC 451- The Regulatory Environment (3)

APST 350 – Applied Architectural Sciences or APST 355: Sustainable Design (3)

**6 credits in mathematics from:**

MATH 209- Finite Math (3)

MATH 215- Introduction to Statistics or MATH 216- Computer-Oriented Approach to Statics (3)

**Computing course:**

COMP 210- Introduction to Information Systems and Computer Applications (3)

**The following courses:**

PHIL 252- Critical Thinking (3)

PHIL 333- Professional Ethics or PHIL 371- Ethics in Science and Technology (3)

PSYC 432- Psychology and the Built Environment (3)

ENGL 255- Introductory Composition (3)

**Architectural Major courses (75 credits)**

**Design Workshop courses**

(36 credits)

ADST 200 or ADST 206 – Foundations of Design I and

ADST 205 or ADST 246 – Foundations of Design II

Or

**RAIC 200 – Foundations of Design (6 credit course) (6)**

**ADST 300 or ADST 306 – Foundations of Architectural Design: Elements  
Or**

**RAIC 300 – Foundations of Architectural Design – Elements (6)**

**ADST 350 or ADST 326 – Foundations of Architectural Design: Simple  
Habitat**

**Or**

**RAIC 350 – Foundations of Architectural Design – Simple Habitat (6)**

**ADST 400 or ADST 356 – Foundations of Architectural Design – Collective  
Habitat**

**Or**

**RAIC 400 – Foundations of Architectural Design – Collective Habitat (6)**

**ADST 450 or ADST 406 – Architectural Design: Cultural, Recreational and  
Institutional**

**Or**

**RAIC 450 – Architectural Design – Cultural, Recreational and Institutional  
(6)**

**ADST 490 or ADST 456 – Architectural Design, Workplace**

**Or**

**RAIC 490 – Architectural Design, Workplace (6)**

**Applied Communication courses**

**(9 credits)**

**APST 215 or ARCM 222 – Introduction to Graphic Representation (3)**

**APST 220 or ARCM 242 – 3D Modelling, Digital Representation and  
Presentation (3)**

**APST 255 or ARCM 302 – Computer Aided Design (3)**

**Architectural Theory**

**(15 credits)**

**ARCH 330 or ARCH 243 – Architectural Design Theory Fundamentals (3)**

**ARCH 340 or ARCH 354 – History and Theory of Modernism (3)**

**ARCH 350 or ARCH 323 – Landscape (3)**

**ARCH 400 or ARCH 453 – Urbanism (3)**

**ARCH 420 – Contemporary Architectural Theory and Research or any 300  
or 400 level course (3)**

**Architectural History**

**(9 credits)**

**ARCH 200 or ARCH 204 – History of Ideas in Architecture I (3)**

ARCH 300 or ARCH 224 – History of Ideas in Architecture II (3)  
ARCH 320 or ARCH 324 – History of Canadian Architecture (3)

**Advanced Architectural Technologies**  
(6 credits)

APST 470 or APST 405 – Building Envelope and Assemblies (6)  
APST 480 or APST 455 – Mechanical Equipment of Buildings (6)

**Zenteno/Kennepohl**

The Dean, Faculty of Science and Technology presented this item.

Discussions held on consultations with the Office of the Registrar to ensure clear enrolment pathways for learners, and ensuring undergraduate learners are aware that credit for courses currently part of the undergraduate program will not count towards their graduate studies.

**Carried**

**5.6 Motion 93-08**

**That General Faculties Council approves changes to the Bachelor of Science, Architecture Minor program regulations, for students admitted between September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2025, to choose, ARCH 200 or ARCH 204; ADST 200 or ADST 206; APST 215 or ARCM 222; ADST 205 or ADST 246; APST 230 or APST 245; APST 240 or APST 305; APST 470 or APST 405; APST 480 or APST 455; effective September 1, 2025 as follows:**  
**Bachelor of Science, Minor in Architecture**

**Core courses**  
(24 credits)

ARCH 200 or ARCH 204 – History of Ideas in Architecture I (3)  
ADST 200 or ADST 206 – Foundations of Design I (3)  
APST 215 or ARCM 222 – Introduction to Graphic Representation (3)  
ADST 205 or ADST 246 – Foundations of Design II (3)  
APST 230 or APST 245 – Materials, Properties and Application (3)  
APST 240 or APST 305 – Introduction to Structures (3)  
APST 470 or APST 405 – Building Envelope and Assemblies (3)  
APST 480 or APST 455 – Mechanical Equipment of Buildings (3)

**Fabbro/Cleveland-Innes**

The Dean, Faculty of Science and Technology presented this item.

**Carried**

**5.7 Motion 93-09**

**That General Faculties Council approves changes to the Bachelor of Science, Architecture (Post Diploma) program regulations, for students admitted between July 1, 2014 to August 31, 2025, to choose, APST 215 or ARCM 222; APST 220 or ARCM 242; APST 230 or APST 245; APST 340 or PPRC**

451; ADST 200 or ADST 206; ADST 205 or ADST 246; ADST 350 or ADST 326; ADST 400 or ADST 356; ADST 450 or ADST 406; ADST 490 or ADST 456; ARCH 330 or ARCH 243; ARCH 340 or ARCH 354; ARCH 350 or ARCH 323; ARCH 400 or ARCH 453; ARCH 420 or any 300 or 400 level course; ARCH 200 or ARCH 204; ARCH 300 or ARCH 224; ARCH 320 or ARCH 324; APST 470 or APST 405; APST 480 or APST 455; effective September 1, 2025 as follows:

**Bachelor of Science, Architecture (Post Diploma)**

**Program Requirements**

APST 215 or ARCM 222: Introduction to Graphic Representation

**Core course requirements**

(30 credits)

**A total of 18 credits from:**

APST 215 or ARCM 222 – Introduction to Graphic Representation (3)

APST 220 or ARCM 242 – 3D Modelling, Digital Representation and Presentation (3)

APST 230 or APST 245 – Materials, Properties and Applications (3)

PHYS 200 – Introductory Physics I (3)

PHYS 201 – Introductory Physics II or PHYS 202 – Introductory Physics III (3)

APST 340 – Advanced Structures or PPRC 451 – The Regulatory Environment (3)

**3 credits in mathematics from:**

MATH 215- Introduction to Statistics or MATH 216- Computer-Oriented Approach to Statistics (3)

**The following courses:**

PHIL 252- Critical Thinking (3)

PHIL 333-Professional Ethics or PHIL 371- Ethics in Science and Technology (3)

PSYC 432- Psychology and the Built Environment (3)

**Architectural Major courses (60 credits)**

**Design Workshop courses**

(30 credits)

ADST 200 or ADST 206 – Foundations of Design I and

ADST 205 or ADST 246 – Foundations of Design II

Or

RAIC 200 – Foundations of Design (6 credits) (6)

**ADST 350 or ADST 326 – Foundations of Architectural Design: Simple Habitat**

**Or**

**RAIC 350 – Foundations of Architectural Design: Simple Habitat (6)**

**ADST 400 or ADST 356 – Foundations of Architectural Design: Collective Habitat**

**Or**

**RAIC 400 – Foundations of Architectural Design: Collective Habitat (6)**

**ADST 450 or ADST 406 – Architectural Design- Cultural, Recreational and Institutional**

**Or**

**RAIC 450 – Architectural Design- Cultural, Recreational and Institutional (6)**

**ADST 490 or ADST 456 – Architectural Design, Workplace**

**Or**

**RAIC 490- Architectural Design, Workplace (6)**

**Architectural Theory**

**(15 credits)**

**ARCH 330 or ARCH 243 – Architectural Design Theory Fundamentals (3)**

**ARCH 340 or ARCH 354 – History and Theory of Modernism (3)**

**ARCH 350 or ARCH 323 – Landscape (3)**

**ARCH 400 or ARCH 453 – Urbanism (3)**

**ARCH 420- Contemporary Architectural Theory and Research or any 300 or 400 level course (3)**

**Architectural History**

**(9 credits)**

**ARCH 200 or ARCH 204 – History of Ideas in Architecture I (3)**

**ARCH 300 or ARCH 224 – History of Ideas in Architecture II (3)**

**ARCH 320 or ARCH 324 – History of Canadian Architecture (3)**

**Advanced Architectural Technologies**

**(6 credits)**

**APST 470 or APST 405 – Building Envelope and Assemblies (3)**

**APST 480 or APST 455 – Mechanical Equipment of Buildings (3)**

**And further,**

**That General Faculties Council approves changes to the Bachelor of Science, Architecture (Post-Diploma) program regulations, for students admitted between September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2021, effective September 1, 2025 as follows:**

**Bachelor of Science, Architecture (Post-Diploma) September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2021**

**From:**  
**Program Structure**

**Total credits in the program (120)**

**College Diploma received (30)**

**Residency Requirement. A minimum of 30 credits at the senior (300/400) level must be obtained through AU (30)**

**Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through AU in order to be considered. (24)**

**Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) credits (30)**

**Minimum credits required beyond the college diploma (90)**

**Core course requirements (30)**

**Science and Arts breadth and senior-level requirements are fulfilled by a combination of specific Science, Arts, and Architecture courses (many of which are disciplinary in nature and cover both requirements). As a result, the BSc Arch requirements replace the breadth and depth of the BSc requirement.**

**Required Core Credits (30)**

**Architecture Major Credits (60)**

**Within those 90 credits:**  
**Required senior (300/400) level credits (66)**

**Maximum credits allowed**

**In junior (200) level credit courses (24)**

**Maximum Prior Learning and Recognition (PLAR) credits (30)**

**To:**  
**Program Structure**

**Total credits in the program (120)**

**College Diploma received (30)**

**Additional credits may be awarded depending on the contents within the diploma**

**Residency Requirement. A minimum of 30 credits at the senior (300/400) level must be obtained through AU (30)**

**Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through AU in order to be considered. (24)**

**Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) credits (30)**

**Core course requirements (30)**

**Science and Arts breadth and senior-level requirements are fulfilled by a combination of specific Science, Arts, and Architecture courses (many of which are disciplinary in nature and cover both requirements). As a result, the BSc Arch requirements replace the breadth and depth of the BSc requirement.**

**Required Core Credits (30)**

**Architecture Major Credits (60)**

**Required senior (300/400) level credits (60)**

**Maximum credits allowed**

**In junior (200) level credit courses (24)**

**Maximum Prior Learning and Recognition (PLAR) credits (30)**

**And further,**

**That General Faculties Council approves changes to the Bachelor of Science, Architecture (Post-Diploma) program regulations, for students admitted September 1, 2021 and ongoing, effective September 1, 2025 as follows:**

**Bachelor of Science, Architecture (Post-Diploma) September 1, 2021 and ongoing**

**From:**

**Program Structure**

**Total credits in the program (120)**

**College Diploma received (30)**

**Residency Requirement. A minimum of 30 credits at the senior (300/400) level must be obtained through AU (30)**

**Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through AU in order to be considered. (24)**

**Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) credits (30)**

**Minimum credits required beyond the college diploma (90)**

**Core course requirements (33)**

**Science and Arts breadth and senior-level requirements are fulfilled by a combination of specific Science, Arts, and Architecture courses (many of which are disciplinary in nature and cover both requirements). As a result, the BSc Arch requirements replace the breadth and depth of the BSc requirement.**

**Required Core Credits (30)**

**Architecture Major Credits (60)**

**Within those 90 credits:**

**Required senior (300/400) level credits (60)**

**Maximum credits allowed**

**In junior (200) level credit courses (30)**

**Maximum Prior Learning and Recognition (PLAR) credits (30)**

**To:**

**Program Structure**

**Total credits in the program (120)**

**College Diploma received (30)**

**Additional credits may be awarded depending on the contents within the diploma**

**Residency Requirement. A minimum of 30 credits at the senior (300/400) level must be obtained through AU (30)**

**Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through AU in order to be considered. (24)**

**Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) credits (30)**

**Core course requirements (33)**

Science and Arts breadth and senior-level requirements are fulfilled by a combination of specific Science, Arts, and Architecture courses (many of which are disciplinary in nature and cover both requirements). As a result, the BSc Arch requirements replace the breadth and depth of the BSc requirement.

**Required Core Credits (30)****Architecture Major Credits (57)****Required senior (300/400) level credits (54)****Maximum credits allowed****In junior (200) level credit courses (30)****Maximum Prior Learning and Recognition (PLAR) credits (30)****Dewan/Zenteno**

The Dean, Faculty of Science and Technology presented this item.

Carried

**5.8 Motion 93-10**

**That General Faculties Council approves changes to the Graduate Diploma – Architecture program regulations, for students admitted between September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2025, to choose, ADST 655 or ADST 556; ADST 675 or ADST 606; ADST 690 or ADST 656; ARCH 525 or APST 555; ARCH 526 or APST 605; ARCH 527 or APST 655; ARCH 645 or ARCH 653; ARCH 655 or PPRC 651; effective September 1, 2025 as follows:**

**Graduate Diploma in Architecture:****Total credits in program (27 credits)****Design Studio Workshop (12 credits)**

**ADST 655 or ADST 556 – Comprehensive Design of Complex Buildings (3)**

**Or**

**RAIC 655 – Comprehensive Design of Complex Buildings (3)**

**ADST 675 or ADST 606 – Urban and Environmental Design (3)**

**Or**

**RAIC 675 – Urban and Environmental Design (3)**

**ADST 690 – Diploma Project or ADST 656 – Thesis Project (6)**

**Or**

**RAIC 690 – Diploma Project (6)**

**Technical Courses (9 credits)**

**ARCH 525 or APST 555 – Architectural Design: Lighting (3)**

**ARCH 526 or APST 605 – Architectural Design: Acoustics (3)**

**ARCH 527 – Architectural Design: Building Systems or APST 655 – Whole Systems Design (3)**

**Professional Practice Courses (6 credits)**

**ARCH 645 – Architectural Practice in Canada or ARCH 653 – Architectural Theory (3)**

**ARCH 655 or PPRC 651 – Architectural Practice in Management (3)**

**Zenteno/Dewan**

The Dean, Faculty of Science and Technology presented this item.

An amendment was proposed to change wording in the motion from: students admitted between September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2025, to: for students admitted prior to September 1, 2025.

The mover and seconder agree with the friendly amendment.

The motion (restated) now reads:

That General Faculties Council approves changes to the Graduate Diploma – Architecture program regulations, for students admitted prior to September 1, 2025 to choose, ADST 655 or ADST 556; ADST 675 or ADST 606; ADST 690 or ADST 656; ARCH 525 or APST 555; ARCH 526 or APST 605; ARCH 527 or APST 655; ARCH 645 or ARCH 653; ARCH 655 or PPRC 651; effective September 1, 2025 as follows:

Graduate Diploma in Architecture:

Total credits in program (27 credits)

Design Studio Workshop (12 credits)

ADST 655 or ADST 556 – Comprehensive Design of Complex Buildings (3)

Or

RAIC 655 – Comprehensive Design of Complex Buildings (3)

ADST 675 or ADST 606 – Urban and Environmental Design (3)

Or

RAIC 675 – Urban and Environmental Design (3)

ADST 690 – Diploma Project or ADST 656 – Thesis Project (6)

Or

RAIC 690 – Diploma Project (6)

**Technical Courses (9 credits)**

ARCH 525 or APST 555 – Architectural Design: Lighting (3)  
ARCH 526 or APST 605 – Architectural Design: Acoustics (3)  
ARCH 527 – Architectural Design: Building Systems or APST 655 – Whole Systems Design (3)

Professional Practice Courses (6 credits)

ARCH 645 – Architectural Practice in Canada or ARCH 653 – Architectural Theory (3)  
ARCH 655 or PPRC 651 – Architectural Practice in Management (3)

**Carried**

**5.9 Motion 93-11 That General Faculties Council approves students enrolled in the Bachelor of Science, Biological Sciences Major and the Bachelor of Science, Post-Diploma route, Biological Sciences Major program regulations between September 1, 2017 and December 31, 2025, to choose BIOL230 (6) or BIOL235 (6) or BIOL236 (3) and BIOL237 (3), effective January 1, 2026. Kennepohl/George**

The Dean, Faculty of Science and Technology presented this item

Discussion held on the rationale for the changes proposed noting the changes will hopefully lead to higher success rates for learners.

**Carried**

Prior to adjourning for break, the Chair thanked the Deans' for their contributions, recognized the important work of the GFC Academic Planning, Policy, and Standards Committee, and noted the connection between the Like no Other, Athabasca University's Strategic Plan to the agenda items and discussions occurring at GFC.

*Break: 10:21 – 10:35 a.m.*

**5.10 Academic Plan Consultation Launch**

The Provost and Vice President Academic presented this item noting:

- the academic plan will be an academic operations plan which will highlight academic priorities, goals, and objectives over a four year period, and will be aligned with Like no Other, Athabasca University's strategic plan
- consultation will launch in the coming weeks with several phases throughout the fall and winter, and will look at challenges, opportunities, and strengths specific to the institution
- recent transitions in the Provost office, integrating streams around learner support, academic research support, data analysis, program review, and development
- the transfer of PowerED to the Provost office, and exploring how to better integrate PowerED into the faculties

Discussions held on:

- exploring opportunities, partnerships and pathways with high schools, trade organizations and the neurodiverse community

- topics related to artificial intelligence, research, academic integrity, and academic support as part of the academic plan consultation
- recent staffing changes
- exploring research opportunities for graduate students outside of graduate programs
- the need for clinical placements and practicums for nurse practitioners

### **5.11 Research Status Update**

The Provost and Vice President Academic presented this item noting our Comprehensive Academic Research Universities (CARU) status recognizes AU for both national and international research impact, further noting:

- direction around research growth in the Like no Other strategic plan
- consultations as part of the academic planning process which will include consultation on the research plan and explore what growing impact means, how to foster a strong research culture, prioritizing research and an introduction on what our research culture is

Discussions held on

- the capacity of Information Technology infrastructure in a changing research landscape
- challenges and opportunities related to supporting big data and incorporating emerging technologies
- the research conducted across the institution

### **5.12 Library and Scholarly Resources Annual Update**

The Interim Associate Vice President, Learner Experience presented this item.

Discussions held on:

- collaboration with the Faculty of Science and Technology to build an instructional tool to be embedded into one course in the Masters of Science, Earth Systems Science program
- the impacts of Artificial Intelligence on citations

## **6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

None

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.