



Minutes

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE

Meeting of February 20, 2015

PRESENT:

Members:

Barna Szabados, Chair
Judith Dimitriu
Amir Fam
Roydon Fraser
Ross Judd
George Nakhla
Remon Pop-Iliev

Medhat Shehata
Jacqueline Stagner
Allen Stewart
Ramesh Subramanian
Seimer Tsang
John Yeow

Staff:

Michael Price, Deputy Registrar
Moody Farag
Lawrence Fogwill
Pauline Lebel
Anna Carinci Lio
Esther Kim
Irene Zdan

Guests:

David Kiguel
Santosh Gupta

Absent:

Stelian George-Cosh, Vice-Chair
Sanjeev Bhole
Robert Dony
Waguih ElMaraghy
Meilan Liu
Joe Lostracco
Magdi Mohareb

Suresh Neethirajan

Leila Notash
Amin Rizkalla
Heather Sheardown
Shamim Sheikh
Juri Silmberg
Gosha Zywno

Staff:

Michele LaPointe

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:35 a.m.

Chair Barna Szabados welcomed to the ARC meeting David Kiguel, P.Eng. who is the new Vice Chair of ERC and invited him to participate in discussions during the meeting.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

9.9 Rational for Examinations
9.10 Motions to Council
9.11 Service Awards

Barna Szabados
Roydon Fraser
Barna Szabados

MOTION:

It was **moved** by Ramesh Subramanian and **seconded** by Amir Fam that the agenda be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

3. Approval of the Minutes of the December 11, 2014 and the January 23, 2015 Meeting

The minutes of the December 11, 2014 meeting was not presented for approval due to the absence of Michele LaPointe, however Michael Price indicated that they will be made available at a later date.

MOTION:

It was **moved** by Ross Judd and **seconded** by Allen Stewart that the minutes of the January 23, 2015 Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

4. Matter(s) Arising from the Minutes of January 23, 2015

It was noted that the minutes is missing the name of the member who seconded the approval of the agenda. Staff was requested to make the correction.

5. Chair's Report

Chair Barna Szabados indicated that he will be reporting on the agenda items as they come up for discussion.

6. Deputy Registrars Report

Michael Price

- i) Engineers Canada is still active in its pursuit of the Engineers Canada Education Credential Assessment proposal. At the February 2015 council meeting President Dave Adams discussed this proposal again. Kim Allen was in attendance and answered a number of questions that were put to him by council. Michael Price, at the direction of PEO's Registrar, is sitting on the Engineers Canada Licensing Affairs Committee with Christian Bellini who is the former Chair of the ERC Committee. Currently that committee has been charged by Engineers Canada to try to move forward the educational credential assessment proposal. The latest documentation that has been circulated is a draft communication. There are a couple of significant items in the proposal; the federal government is seeking proposals by the end of March 2015. With an expected approval date by the end of June and implementation in July. The latest version of the Engineers Canada proposal is focusing on the level of education for immigration purposes. Engineers Canada Board will be meeting from February 23-25, 2015, There are some PEO Councillors on the Board and our Registrar will be attending as well.
- ii) The Deputy Registrar would like to acknowledge the dedicated work of the ARC members during 2014.

In terms of academic assessments done by the ARC in 2014 the number is the second highest amount since 2002. The highest was in 2013 due to the initial repeal of the Industrial Exception. The ARC assessed 2,374 files in 2014.

In 2014, the total number of licences issued to first time applicants was 2,485, which is a 23% increase over 2013 and is the highest number of licences ever issued by PEO. The breakdown is 1,655 CEAB applicants and 830 non-CEAB applicants.

Ten years ago, PEO received more applications from non-CEAB than from CEAB applicants, but this has changed. In 2014, PEO received more applications from CEAB than from non-CEAB applicants; this is mostly due to the FCP which provides free applications to recent

CEAB graduates that apply to PEO within six months of their graduation date. In 2014, PEO received 4,621 new applications which is marginally higher than 2012 where we had 4,582 new applications. 2013 was an anomaly with higher applications due to the initial proclamation of the repeal of the industrial exception.

7. Endorsements

7.1 Reading Assignment of Technical Reports/Synopses

There were no technical synopses submitted.

7.2 Issues Arising from ARC/Deputy Registrar Recommendations

There were no issues arising from ARC/Deputy Registrar Recommendations.

7.3 Issues Arising from ERC Recommendations for Applicants Referred by ARC

There were no issues arising from ERC Recommendations for Applicants Referred by ARC.

8. Information Item(s)

8.1 Statistical Information: December 2014 PPE Results

A summary of the December 2014 PPE results was distributed. Anna Carinci Lio stated that this sitting is in keeping with previous sittings. Six candidates failed for a third time and they will have to wait a year before attempting to write for the fourth time.

9. Procedural and Related Matter(s)

9.1 Licensing Committee Update

Chair Barna Szabados briefed the committee on LIC meeting that was held on February 19, 2015.

Michael Price briefed the ARC on the Limited Licence (LL) changes approved by Council. Regulations have been approved by Council and are now subject to approval by the cabinet of government. If approved the regulation would be signed by the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario expected to be sometime during March 2015. Implementation of the Limited Licence changes would take effect July 1st, 2015. One of the significant changes is that Limited Licence holder would be able to hold a CofA. Also the academic and experience requirements for the issuance of a LL has changed and therefore the ARC and ERC has to develop guidelines and procedures on how to assess these requirements once the Regulations come into effect.

PEO is developing a communication plan to inform applicants of the upcoming regulation changes and also develop policies and procedures to implement the changes.

Chair Barna Szabados suggested forming a task force with members from ARC and ERC to meet at least twice in March. The ARC task force will consist of Chair Barna Szabados, Al Stewart and Judith Dimitriu. The ERC will provide the names of the task force members later. Al Stewart informed the committee that he was tasked by Gerard Mc Donald together with Bob Dony and Michael Price to meet with the Chair of CODE to discuss the LLFM. .

9.2 Legislation Committee Update

Robert Dony

This item was deferred.

9.3 Red Book Subcommittee

Stelian George-Cosh

This item was deferred.

9.4 CEQB Work Plan Report

Roydon Fraser introduced the CEQB work plan and requested feedback.

Michael Price also indicated the same document was distributed to Senior Management for feedback by the end of next week.

9.5 Engineers Canada Education Credential Assessments – Response to Council

This item was covered partially under the Deputy Registrar report and no further discussion took place.

9.6 EChat Forum Items

There were no EChat Forum Items discussed.

9.7 NAOG Distance Learning Working Group Paper

Michael Price introduced the item and requested feedback by early April to submit to Engineers Canada.

9.8 Registration Committee – Divisional Court Appeal Decision

Michael Price introduced the topic and briefed the committee on the case, the Registration Hearing as well as the appeal to the Divisional Court and the decision.

9.9 Rational for Examinations

A document was distributed on the Rational for Examinations. This is a result of Council direction back in September 2014 where Council have asked ARC to provide a position paper on Rational for Examinations. The three topics were Canadian Experience requirements, inter-provincial mobility and requirement for exams for licensure.

Chair Barna Szabados introduced the document and indicated that he will send by email for feedback.

9.10 Motions to Council

Roydon Fraser distributed two motions that he would like to propose to Council at its March 2015 meeting.

1. Principles Underlying Accredited Program P.Eng. Expectations
2. Fundamental Academic Admission Principles

Roydon Fraser introduced the first motion; he asked the members to read each statement and provide feedback. Each statement was read, discussed and feedback was received.

Some suggestions included:

- 4 - Recognizes alternative methods; what are those alternative method. Suggests to change the statement to read “may” recognize alternative methods.
- 5 - This new terminology would allow them to accredit programs in any country and recognize the engineering culture in that country. Suggests to change to read Canadian engineering culture.

Seimer Tsang suggested a presentation to Council on CEAB accreditation requirement and procedures.

Roydon Fraser then introduced the other motion document item 2 Fundamental Academic Admission Principles.

- Seimer Tsang suggested adding the depth and breadth definition the ARC developed.
- Ross Judd suggested working on the phrase “exams for all”.

Following the discussion on the two proposed Council motions the ARC made the following motion:

MOTION:

It was **moved** by Allen Stewart and **seconded** by Jacqueline Stagner that the documents distributed by Roydon Fraser be finalized and submitted to Council on behalf of the ARC.

10. New Procedural Matter(s) for Discussion

There were no New Procedural and Related Matter(s) for Discussion.

11. Other Business

11.1 Engineers Canada “Initial Credential Assessment

Chair Barna Szabados introduced a document that he would like to send to Council on Engineers Canada “Initial Credential Assessment”. Barna indicated that the document was emailed to the ARC and he received feedback and suggestions that he incorporated. He also discussed it with George Comrie.

11.2 Service Awards

A Service Award Pin for five years of service was presented to Amir Fam and a Service Award Pin for ten years of service was presented to Remon Pop-Iliev. Heather Sheardown was also awarded a 10 years' Service pin but she was not present to receive it.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: Friday, March 20, 2015