Minutes

2.1 Adoption of the Agenda
The motion to adopt the agenda was duly moved and seconded.

2.2 Adoption of the Minutes of the Faculty Council Meeting of September 11, 2015
The motion to adopt the minutes was duly moved and seconded.

2.3 Business Arising

2.4 New Business

a) Major Modifications to Undergraduate Programs

Professor Ng-A-Fook gives a brief explanation for the request to make the optional course PED 3138 – First Nations, Inuits and Metis Education: Historical Experiences and Contemporary Perspectives – a mandatory course. He confirms that making the PED 3138 mandatory will not reduce the students’ choices of elective courses. This request arises from the requirement to integrate First Nations, Inuits and Metis perspectives in the curriculum and to commit to the educational mandates of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. All B. Ed students will still have the option to take at least one elective course. However, students interested in teaching within the Catholic School Board will have to take the course on Catholic Education as their elective.

Motion: That the optional course PED 3138 – First Nations, Inuits and Metis Education: Historical Experiences and Perspectives – becomes a mandatory course.

Proposed by: N. Ng-A-Fook
Seconded by: D. Fleming
In favour: 8
Against: 0
Abstention: 1
b) Approval of Members – Research Committee and Scholarship Committee

Following a call for nominations to all professors, the Vice Dean and Faculty Secretary proposes Professor Francis Bangou for the Scholarship Committee. The Faculty Council unanimously approves of the recommendation. The mandate of Professor Bangou will begin immediately and end on June 30, 2017.

2.5 Reports

a) Raymond Leblanc, Dean

Report is deferred to the November 20, 2015 meeting.

b) Nick Gazzola, Vice Dean and Faculty Secretary

The scholarship preparation campaign is underway. Three information sessions have been completed with 45 students attending. The next activity will include two workshops (October 21 and November 5) to assist students with their scholarship plan of study. In addition, the mentors are available for individual appointments with students. There will be an article on the scholarship mentors appearing on the Faculty website.

Two new scholarships have been announced: 1) the Airlie Foundation Award for Health Education and 2) Bourse Marjolaine et Rodrigue Gagné. The application contact for both of these scholarships will be Financial Aid and Awards Service.

The Vanier Scholarship evaluation process has been completed. The next major deadline will be for the doctoral SSHRC applications on November 13, 2015.

The Selection Committee for the new Dean is being formed. The Faculty of Education’s representation on the Selection Committee will include two professors, one member of the support staff, one undergraduate student and one graduate student. A special Faculty Council meeting will take place on November 6, 2015 to elect the members.

c) Barbara Graves, Vice Dean, Programs

Vice Dean Graves reported on the upcoming academic year’s enrolment. Statistics provided up to October 9, 2015 for January 2016 admissions were compared to the final ones provided on November 2014 for the January 2015 admissions. There seems to be a significant decrease in applications. However, the rate of acceptance appears to be much higher this year.

d) Stéphane Lévesque, Vice Dean, Research

Report is deferred to a future meeting.
2.6 Minutes of the June 8, 2015 Executive Committee meeting

The members receive the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting.

2.7 Other Business

Professor Dalley distributes information on the integrated program in *Formation à l’enseignement*. The initiative of preparing these informative documents aims at making the programs in each division better known by the general public.

Special thanks were given to Professor Duplàa who despite being on an Academic Leave, continues to bring his contribution to many projects.

There was a discussion with regard to courses offered in the ILOB’s Masters Programs in comparison to the Faculty of Education Graduate courses.

2.8 Next Meetings

November 6, 2015 (special meeting) and November 20, 2015 (regular meeting)