

## **Student Consultation Session #4**

**14 January 2005**

**Held at Boardroom 1  
410-330 Portage Avenue  
Winnipeg**

**2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
(Agenda Attached)**

### **Students in Attendance:**

CSB: Solange Buissé, Renaud Lafond  
BU: Meeghan Gavin (by phone)  
UM: Rob Marriott  
UW: Sarah Amyot, Caitlin Brown, Kate Sjoberg  
RRC: Becky Turner  
ACC: did not attend  
UCN: did not attend

### **COPSE Staff:**

Kitty Leong, Statistical Analyst  
Dan Smith, Senior Policy Analyst

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### **Introduction**

Dan Smith introduced Kitty Leong, the new Statistical Analyst at COPSE.

### **Follow-up Items**

1. Accountability: the Accountability Policy/Framework discussion of 07 November 2004 was discussed. COPSE staff noted that the Auditor General is conducting a value for money audit of the Council.
2. Planning: COPSE staff noted that the COPSE Secretariat is in the process of reviewing current plans, and working towards a larger planning process that would look at system-wide developments.

### **Council Activity Profile**

The “What is COPSE Doing” document was discussed.

## **Student Union Legislation**

The group discussed student union legislation. Principle reasons why student leaders want to have student union legislation is to protect the autonomy and independence of student unions. Legislation could include the obligation of the university/college to collect and remit student union fees, and provisions that would ensure greater autonomy in terms of owning or leasing property. Examples from Canada and the US were discussion.

COSPE staff outlined the process for legislative approval. Specifically, as COPSE does not normally initiate legislative proposals that deal with third parties (i.e. student unions), student leaders should write to the Minister asking for such legislation to be proposed.

## **Participation Rates**

The group had a general discussion about participation rates at colleges and universities. Data were reviewed showing national participation by income groupings, as well as provincial participation data by age. Tuition changes were charted against the participation rates. The group analyzed the information, acknowledged that the relationship between tuition and participation was unclear, and also acknowledged that participation was more abstract given that it adjusts enrollment by demographic category (i.e. age).

## **Next Meeting**

### ***Preliminary Agenda:***

- Minority issues – info to be provided by CUSB SA
- Ancillary Fees – info to be provided by COPSE
- Auditor General's Report on COPSE (if published)
- Income Contingent Repayable Loans
- Other:
  - a. Minister's request – what can we do to get more low SES students into PSE?
  - b. Improving consultation – are your needs being met?
  - c. Others as may be suggested prior to the meeting.

### ***Time and Place:***

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 22 February 2005, 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. in Brandon (specifics to be confirmed prior to meeting). Lunch will be provided.

Note that some participants may want to attend the meeting by teleconference. Those wishing to participate by phone should advise Dan Smith (945-4720, [dsmith@copse.mb.ca](mailto:dsmith@copse.mb.ca)) well in advance so that arrangements can be made.

At the conclusion of the meeting, participants were thanked for their participation. Staff committed to sharing the notes of the meeting as soon as possible.

## **Meeting with Students' Association Leaders**

### **Time**

Friday 14 January 2005  
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

### **Location**

Council on Post-Secondary Education  
Boardroom 1  
410-330 Portage Avenue  
Winnipeg MB R3C 0C4

### **Participants**

College and University Students' Association Leaders  
COPSE Staff

### **Agenda**

1. Introduction
2. Follow-up items
  - Accountability
  - Planning issues
3. Activity Profile
4. Student Union Legislation
5. Participation Rates
6. Next Meeting
7. Other
8. Adjournment