

General Faculties Council  
Academic Planning Committee  
Approved Minutes

Wednesday, October 26, 2011  
3-15, UHALL  
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

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**ATTENDEES:**

Carl Amrhein (Chair), Lorne Babiuk, Philip Stack (Delegate), Rory Tighe, Roy Coulthard, Deanna Williamson, Joanna Harrington, Keith McKinnon, Marc Arnal, Nathan Andrews, Jessica Zvonkovic, Gerry Kendal, Ed Blackburn, Bill Connor, Garry Bodnar (Coordinator and Scribe)

**PRESENTERS AND GUESTS:**

Carl Amrhein, Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and Chair, GFC Academic Planning Committee  
David Bundle University Professor and Director, Alberta Ingenuity Centre for Carbohydrate Science (AICCS)  
Bill Connor, Interim Vice-Provost (Academic) and Acting Chair, Centres and Institutes Committee (CIC)  
David Lynch, Dean, Faculty of Engineering  
Philip Stack, Associate Vice-President (Risk Management Services) and GFC Academic Planning Committee Delegate of the Vice-President (Finance and Administration)  
Rob Holte, Vice-Dean, Faculty of Science

**OPENING SESSION**

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Tighe/McKinnon

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee approve the Agenda.

**CARRIED**

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of September 28, 2011 (to be distributed)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Williamson/Arnal

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee approve the Minutes of September 28, 2011.

**CARRIED**

3. Comments from the Chair

The Chair commented on a number of items of interest to members.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### 4. Proposal for the Establishment of the Canadian Centre for Clean Coal/Carbon and Mineral Processing Technologies (C5MPT) (Faculty of Engineering)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter:* David Lynch, Dean, Faculty of Engineering

*Purpose of the Proposal:* To be an internationally-recognized research centre, which will be built on a firm fundamental base of surface and interfacial sciences, focused on the creation of novel processing technologies for carbon and mineral resources. The work will encompass the complete life-cycle of the resource use, from extraction through processing to environmental stewardship (ie, CO2 capture and storage, process water recycling and so forth).

*Discussion:*

Dean Lynch introduced the proposal to members. He noted that, in the Faculty of Engineering, there were a number of academic centres and institutes, all of which, in his opinion, were very well resourced; sustainable in the long term; of considerable benefit to the University of Alberta, both in terms of their academic import and reputation; and clearly tied into the institution's vision and mandate. Dr Lynch commented on the staff complement of and students and Post-Doctoral Fellows (PDFs) associated with the C5MPT; the manner in which this proposed centre anticipated projecting itself to the external community as an entity core to the Faculty of Engineering; support for the Centre from industrial partners; further potential sources of funding for the Centre and its activities, including Provincial Government and alumni support; the Centre's governance structure, as overseen by the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering; the nature of the research to be undertaken by this entity; the support he had received for the Centre's establishment from the Provost; and the process whereby the Centre had been developed to this point in time. He concluded his remarks by stating that the proposed centre before members included no requests for additional University resources other than those already supplied by the Faculty of Engineering.

During the ensuing discussion, the presenter addressed questions and comments from members regarding the following matters: whether or not C5MPT has already been in operation prior to this time; and what the added benefit was in having the Centre recognized as an official academic centre of the University of Alberta.

Motion: Arnal/Stack

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee approve, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the proposal submitted by the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering for the formal establishment of the Canadian Centre for Clean Coal/Carbon and Mineral Processing Technologies (C5MPT) to be housed in the Faculty of Engineering at the University of Alberta, as set forth in Attachment 1, to be effective upon final approval.

**CARRIED**

### 5. Proposed Name Change for the Alberta Ingenuity Centre for Carbohydrate Science to the Alberta Glycomics Centre

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenters:* Rob Holte, Vice-Dean, Faculty of Science; David Bundle University Professor and Director,

## Alberta Ingenuity Centre for Carbohydrate Science (AICCS)

*Purpose of the Proposal:* Alberta Ingenuity is now operating under Alberta Innovates-Technology Futures which presents an opportunity for a name change. It is proposed that the name of the Alberta Ingenuity Centre for Carbohydrate Science (AICCS) be changed to the 'Alberta Glycomics Centre'. As noted in the memorandum from Dean Gregory Taylor (included in the material before members), "The proposed name change is one that more accurately reflects the changing profile of the Centre's research and the research interests of the Centre's PIs [principal investigators], only three of whom were part of the team that founded the Centre in 2002. The term 'Glycomics' is more encompassing of the Centre's activities than 'Carbohydrate Science'."

### *Discussion:*

Dr Holte provided members with a brief history of the AICCS; he then described in some detail the renewal process through which the Centre had moved since its inception back in 2002, much of which now prompted the proposed change in its name. Dr Bundle provide more detail on why it made sense at this time to propose a name change for AICCS—he spoke to the staff changes that had occurred in the Centre since its establishment in 2002; the arrival of new staff and the resulting shift in research focus for AICCS; the positive impact and reception the (proposed) new name for the Centre was having amongst funding agencies; and, finally, the fact that the (former) funding body, Alberta Ingenuity, itself no longer exists.

During the ensuing discussion, the presenters addressed questions and comments from members regarding the following matters: clarification of what the term 'glycomics' means; the costs associated with changing the Centre's name; and whether or not Alberta Innovates-Technology Futures is the primary funding agency from which the Centre receives monies or whether other organizations provide support.

Motion: Williamson/Andrews

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee approve, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the proposed name change of the Alberta Ingenuity Centre for Carbohydrate Science to the 'Alberta Glycomics Centre', as submitted by the Dean of the Faculty of Science and as set forth in Attachment 1, to take effect upon final approval.

**CARRIED**

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

6. Centres and Institutes Committee (CIC) – Office of the Provost and Vice-President (Academic): 2010-2011 Annual Report

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter:* Bill Connor, Interim Vice-Provost (Academic) and Acting Chair, Centres and Institutes Committee (CIC)

*Purpose of the Proposal:* To provide the 2010-2011 Centres and Institutes Committee (CIC) Annual Report for information to the Executive Planning Committee (EPC), GFC Academic Planning Committee (APC), the Board Learning and Discovery Committee (BLDC), and the Board Audit Committee (BAC).

### *Discussion:*

Dr Connor, on behalf of Colleen Skidmore, Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President (Academic) and Chair, CIC, who was unable to attend today's meeting, presented the aforementioned annual report. He

noted that Professor Murray Gray, who will assume responsibilities as Vice-Provost (Academic) in January, 2012, will be working with those units noted in the report which have not yet received formal institutional approval to ensure they do so in order to be considered sanctioned University centres/institutes. Dr Amrhein spoke briefly to the work undertaken by the Alberta Centre for Telerehabilitation, the Canadian Indigenous Languages and Literacy Development Institute (CILLDI), and the National Institute for Nanotechnology (NINT); and the philanthropic name change approved by the Board of Governors earlier this year for the Institute for Virology (IoV). Dr Babiuk drew members' attention to that part of the report that spoke to the termination of two affiliated institutes earlier this year.

#### 7. Tuition Update

There were no documents

*Presenters:* Carl Amrhein, Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and Chair, GFC Academic Planning Committee; Philip Stack, Associate Vice-President (Risk Management Services) and GFC Academic Planning Committee Delegate of the Vice-President (Finance and Administration)

*Purpose of the Proposal:* For discussion/information.

#### *Discussion:*

Mr Stack, on behalf of the Vice-President (Finance and Administration), apprised members of the permitted increase in tuition for 2012-2013 reported to the University of Alberta by the Provincial Government (Ministry of Advanced Education and Technology (AET))—the increase of 1.45%, equal to the increase in the Alberta Consumer Price Index (ACPI) for the past year, was the maximum allowable under Provincial tuition regulations. He noted the Administration's formal proposal for tuition increases for 2012-2013 would move through the 'usual' governance processes.

In response to a member's question, Mr Stack indicated the Administration's tuition proposal would be considered by GFC APC at one of its two November, 2011 meetings.

#### 8. Question Period

Dean Arnal noted that today was 'Diwali', popularly known as the "festival of lights." For Hindus, Diwali is one of the most important festivals of the year.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### 9. Items Approved by the GFC Academic Planning Committee by E-Mail Ballots

There were no items to date.

#### 10. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

There were no items to date.

### **CLOSING SESSION**

#### 11. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:00 pm.