



# UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

## UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

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General Faculties Council  
Academic Planning Committee  
Approved Open Session Minutes

Wednesday, January 11, 2012  
3-15, UHALL  
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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### **ATTENDEES:**

#### Voting Members:

Carl Amrhein	Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and Chair, GFC Academic Planning Committee
Lorne Babiuk	Vice-President (Research)
Phyllis Clark	Vice-President (Finance and Administration)
Rory Tighe	President, Students' Union
Roy Coulthard	President, Graduate Students' Association
Deanna Williamson	Academic Staff Member, Member of GFC
Ernie Ingles	Academic Staff Member, Member of GFC
Joanna Harrington	Academic Staff Member, Member of GFC
Christina Rinaldi	Academic Staff Member, Member of GFC
Loren Kline	Academic Staff Member-at-large
Keith McKinnon	Academic Staff Member-at-large
Marc Arnal	Dean, Campus Saint-Jean
Susan Barker	Department Chair, Secondary Education
Nathan Andrews	Graduate Student-at-large
Jessica Zvonkovic	Undergraduate Student-at-large

#### Non-Voting Officials:

Gerry Kendal	Vice-Provost and University Registrar
Ed Blackburn	Member of the GFC Executive Committee
Bill Connor	Vice-Provost (Academic Programs and Instruction) and Chair, GFC Academic Standards Committee

#### Presenter(s):

Marc Moreau	Assistant Dean (Admissions), Undergraduate Medical Education, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry
Ayman El-Kadi	Associate Dean, Research and Graduate Studies, Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences
René Poliquin	Vice-Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research
Tom Scott	Vice-Dean, Alberta School of Business
Joan White	Associate Dean, Alberta School of Business
Kerry Mummery	Dean, Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation
Verna Yiu	Interim Dean, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry
Paul Major	Chair, Department of Dentistry

Philip Stack Associate Vice-President (Risk Management Services)

Staff:

Garry Bodnar Coordinator, GFC Academic Planning Committee  
Emily Paulsen Scribe, GFC Academic Planning Committee

**OPENING SESSION**

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Kline/Arnal

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee approve the Agenda.

**CARRIED**

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of November 23, 2011 (to be distributed)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Kline/Williamson

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee approve the Minutes of November 23, 2011.

**CARRIED**

3. Comments from the Chair

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

**ACTION ITEMS**

4. Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry Proposed Changes to Existing Quota Provisions for the Doctor of Medicine (MD) Degree Program

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter:* Marc Moreau, Assistant Dean (Admissions), Undergraduate Medical Education, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry

*Purpose of the Proposal:* The changes before members reflect current practice in the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry.

*Discussion:*

Dr Moreau provided a brief presentation on the item before members, noting that those categories of students currently described in the *University Calendar* as 'additional positions over quota' would now be included within the overall quota for the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry's Doctor of Medicine (MD) program, thereby reflecting current thinking and practice within the Faculty.

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee recommend to the Board of Governors, under delegated

authority from General Faculties Council, proposed changes to existing quota provisions for the Doctor of Medicine (MD) Degree Program, as submitted by the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry and as set forth in Attachment 1, for implementation in 2012-2013.

**CARRIED**

5. Proposal for a Master of Business Administration (MBA)/Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Pharmacy Combined Degrees Program

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenters:* Bill Connor, Vice-Provost (Academic Programs and Instruction) and Chair, GFC Academic Standards Committee; Ayman El-Kadi, Professor and Associate Dean, Research and Graduate Studies, Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences; René Poliquin, Vice-Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research; Tom Scott, Vice-Dean, Alberta School of Business; Joan White, Associate Dean, Alberta School of Business

*Purpose of the Proposal:* To offer a Master of Business Administration (MBA)/Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Pharmacy Combined Degrees Program (based on the existing MBA and BSc in Pharmacy programs) to excellent pharmacy students who recognize the value of combining pharmacy studies with advanced management skills and expertise and to develop pharmacists capable of pursuing careers that balance clinical care with managing change in a healthcare environment.

*Discussion:*

Dr Poliquin introduced the proposal to members, noting that it had gone through an extensive consultation process and had been thoroughly discussed at the GFC ASC Subcommittee on Standards (SOS) and at the GFC Academic Standards Committee (ASC). Dr White, in turn, noted that this proposed program is one of a number of similarly-structured combined degrees, the most recent example of which was the Doctor of Medicine (MD)/MBA program considered this past year by GFC APC. She explained that the combined degree would provide Pharmacy students with much-needed business knowledge. The Pharmacy program portion would remain unchanged, but the MBA program portion would be completed between the usual third and fourth years of Pharmacy, with a decreased number of credits. It was clarified that at the end of the student's second year in Pharmacy, they would apply for the MBA.

Dr Connor noted that the proposal had been supported by GFC ASC when reviewed by that committee in December of 2011.

Motion: Harrington / Andrews

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee approve, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, a proposed (new) Master of Business Administration (MBA)/Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Pharmacy Combined Degrees Program, as submitted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, the Alberta School of Business, and the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences and as set forth in Attachment 1, to take effect September, 2012.

**CARRIED**

6. Proposal for a Master of Coaching (MCoach) Degree Program Offered by the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenters:* Bill Connor, Vice-Provost (Academic Programs and Instruction) and Chair, GFC Academic Standards Committee; René Poliquin, Vice-Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research; Kerry Mummery, Dean, Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation

*Purpose of the Proposal:* To offer a Master of Coaching (MCoach) degree to students seeking high-quality graduate education in sport coaching and related topic areas and to develop coaches well prepared for careers in the field of advanced and professional sport coaching, primarily and post-secondary institutions and within the amateur sport system.

*Discussion:*

Dr Poliquin introduced the proposal to members, noting that it had gone through an extensive consultation process and had been thoroughly discussed at the GFC ASC Subcommittee on Standards (SOS) and at the GFC Academic Standards Committee (ASC). Dr Mummery, in turn, stated that the MCoach degree, based upon existing academic programming within the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation, will be a further step to distinguish the University of Alberta from many of its competitors; in addition, he commented that this proposed program leads to a professional degree and is not expected to allow graduands to ladder to a doctoral program. This, in part, was why the 'MCoach' degree designation was employed for this particular program.

In response to a question from a member, Dr Mummery explained that there is a healthy market in professional coaching and that individuals with this credential are desirable in that wider job market.

Motion: Harrington/Kline

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee recommend to the Board of Governors, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the proposed (new) Master of Coaching (MCoach) degree program, as submitted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research and the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation and as set forth in Attachment 1, to take effect in September, 2012.

**CARRIED**

7. School of Dentistry – Proposed New Alternate Name for the Department of Dentistry

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenters:* Verna Yiu, Interim Dean, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry; Paul Major, Chair, Department of Dentistry

*Purpose of the Proposal:* To propose the use of 'School of Dentistry' as an alternate name for marketing and branding purposes for the Department of Dentistry.

*Discussion:*

Dr Major introduced the proposal to members, noting that it is an important change to comply with the current image of Dentistry, locally, nationally, and internationally. The Chair provided members with a brief historic perspective on the role of Dentistry at the University of Alberta, noting that what is now a Department of Dentistry in the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry was, at one time, a free-standing Faculty onto itself. He spoke, as well to the varying uses of the term 'school' at the University of Alberta, of which this proposed renaming of an academic department was but one; he stated his support for this particular proposal, noting that it would serve as an important external branding label for Dentistry. Dr Yiu concluded the presentation by noting Dentistry deserves a special branding that will help distinguish them from Medicine.

After a discussion amongst members, Dr Major stated that at this time Dentistry has no desire to move to become a small Faculty within the context of a large University. The Provost noted how important oral health is as a link to other health problems, thereby reinforcing the positive, synergistic relationship Dentistry has with Medicine.

Motion: Ingles/Kline

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee approve, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the proposed new alternate name for the Department of Dentistry—the 'School of Dentistry'—for marketing and branding purposes, as submitted by the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry and as set forth in Attachment 1, to take effect upon final approval.

**CARRIED**

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### 8. Principles for Responding to Natural and Other Disasters

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter:* Philip Stack, Associate Vice-President (Risk Management Services)

*Purpose of the Proposal:* To inform the GFC Executive Committee, the GFC Academic Planning Committee (APC), and Deans' Council of the newly-developed principles for responding to natural and other disasters and to receive any feedback these committees may have regarding the principles.

*Discussion:*

Mr Stack introduced the item, noting that there are events around the world that, while not directly impacting the University, still provoke members of the University community members to look to the institution to take a position on such matters. He emphasized the importance of ensuring the University community understand that institutional operating dollars may not be used to fund a response to an international incident/event that does not directly impact the institution. He noted that there has been a request to clarify how to deal with faculty and staff who leave work at the University to take part in an event that has occurred elsewhere in the world, and he and his colleagues are currently working to bring greater clarity to this issue. He concluded his remarks by stating these principles were not intended as a policy statement but, instead, would be employed as information document (ie, 'infodoc') in the UAPPOL environment.

There was no discussion.

### 9. Question Period

There were no questions.

## **INFORMATION REPORTS**

### 10. Items Approved by the Committee by E-Mail Ballots

There were no items.

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

Government of Alberta Budget Dialogue Website (E-Mailed to Members on November 24, 2011)

NCHA Release – For the Information of the GFC Academic Planning Committee (APC) (E-Mailed to Members on December 16, 2011)

**CLOSING SESSION**

12. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:55 pm.