



UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

General Faculties Council
Academic Planning Committee
Approved Open Session Minutes

Wednesday, March 14, 2018
2-31 South Academic Building (SAB)
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Steven Dew, Chair
Jason Acker
Marina Banister
Walter Dixon
Shannon Erichsen
Florence Glanfield
Christopher Mackay
Roger Moore, Vice Chair
Jerine Pegg

Babak Soltannia
Eleni Stroulia
non-voting
Lisa Collins

REGRETS:

Darcy Bemister
Katy Campbell
Gitta Kulczycki

Sarah Stahlke

STAFF:

Meg Brolley, Coordinator, GFC
Academic Planning Committee
Marion Haggarty-France,
University Secretary
Heather Richholt, Scribe

OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of the Agenda

The Chair noted that following the meeting adjournment, there would be a working session to discuss terms of reference and the recommendations of the ad hoc Committee on Academic Governance including Delegated Authority.

Motion: Glanfield/Moore

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of February 14, 2018

Motion: Moore/Glanfield

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee approve the Minutes of February 14, 2018.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Chair

The Chair noted the recent government announcement to allow Grande Prairie Regional College, Red Deer College, and Alberta College of Art and Design to pursue university status. He indicated that this would have an impact on the joint programs that the university has with these institutions.

The Chair noted that the Students' Union and Graduate Students' Association have posted their election results and the leadership will turn over on May 1st. He congratulated both organizations on their well-run elections.

The Chair reminded members that that the committee will have a working session after the adjournment of this meeting to discuss terms of reference and the recommendations of the ad hoc Committee on Academic Governance including Delegated Authority.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Proposal from the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research for a new course-based Master of Arts in Policy Studies in the Department of Political Science

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Deborah Burshtyn, Vice Dean, Graduate Studies and Research; Jared Wesley, Professor, Department of Political Science, Faculty of Arts; Lois Harder, Chair, Department of Political Science, Faculty of Arts

Purpose of the Proposal: The proposed MA would establish a rigorous graduate program in applied policy studies.

Dr Wesley provided an overview of the proposed program noting it explores the grey area between political science and policy. He noted that it has been in development for a number of years and has received strong support from with the university and from the larger community as evidenced by the letters of support. Dr Wesley indicated the program took a 'pracademic' and a transgovernmental approach; contains a strong commitment to experiential learning; and includes a mandatory Indigenous knowledge and engagement component. He also noted that an application to the national accreditation body, the Canadian Association of Programs in Public Administration (CAPPA), is underway.

Discussion:

Members discussed entrance requirements, dedicated seats for mature and Indigenous applicants, accreditation, availability of teaching assistant positions for students, tuition, expected number of applications and seats available.

Motion: Glanfield/Stroulia

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, approve the new course-based Master of Arts in Policy Studies in the Department of Political Science, as submitted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research and the Faculty of Arts, as set forth in Attachment 1.

CARRIED

5. Proposal from the Faculty of Graduate Studies & Research for a new combined Master of Business Administration/Doctor of Pharmacy (MBA/PharmD) program, the Faculty of Business and the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Deborah Burshtyn, Vice Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research; Dion Brocks, Associate Dean (Undergraduate Student Affairs), Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences; Michael Maier, Associate Dean, MBA Program, Alberta School of Business

Purpose of the Proposal: The proposed combined degree program will replace the existing Master of Business Administration/Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy.

Dr Brocks noted that this proposal arises out of the establishment of the PharmD and phasing out of the BSc Pharmacy degree.

Discussion:

Members asked about timelines for approval of this program and when students would begin to graduate with the PharmD degree. Members also enquired about available funding for students in the program.

Motion: Acker/Ericksen

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, approve the new combined Master of Business Administration/Doctor of Pharmacy (MBA/PharmD) in the Faculty of Business and the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, as submitted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research and the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.

CARRIED

6. Proposed Name Change of the Master of Arts program in Humanities Computing to Digital Humanities

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Deborah Burshtyn, Vice Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research; Maureen Engel, Director, Humanities Computing, Faculty of Arts

Purpose of the Proposal: To provide an updated name that reflects a change to nomenclature in the academic field itself.

Discussion:

A member asked if there would be any impact to the joint MA/Master of Library and Information Studies (MLIS) in Humanities Computing degree.

Motion: Stroulia/Moore

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, approve the proposed Name Change of the Master of Arts in Humanities Computing to the Master of Arts in Digital Humanities, as set forth in Attachment 1, as submitted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, to take effect on July 1, 2019.

CARRIED

7. Proposal from the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research to terminate the Post Graduate Diploma in Health Promotion

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Deborah Burshtyn, Vice Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research; Jeffrey Johnson, Associate Dean (Education), School of Public Health

Purpose of the Proposal: To terminate the Post Graduate Diploma in Health Promotion.

Discussion:

Presenters noted that there have been a number of transitions in the field of public health and that there were currently no active students.

Motion: Erichsen/Moore

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, recommend that the Board of Governors approve the termination of the Post Graduate Diploma in Health Promotion offered through the School of Public Health, as submitted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies & Research, and as set forth in Attachment 1, to be effective upon approval.

CARRIED

8. Amendment to the Augustana Campus Long Range Development Plan

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Emily Ball, Community Relations Officer, Office of University Relations); Phil Rinn, Manager, Campus Planning and Development, Facilities & Operations

Purpose of the Proposal: To provide GFC Academic Planning Committee with a Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) Amendment Report and associated consultation summary (from Open Houses #1 and #2) for recommendation to the Board of Governors.

Discussion:

Mr Rinn gave an overview of the LRDP and the consultation summary.

In response to questions from members, Mr Rinn explained that the LRDP is meant to be a high-level framework for future development. He noted that plans to assess and address the needs of people and programming through specific development, upgrades and builds, are covered in the General Space Plan with is conducted more frequently - approximately every 5 years.

Motion: Dixon/Glanfield

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, recommend that the Board of Governors approve the proposed Augustana Campus Long Range Development Plan Amendment 2018, as recommended by the GFC Facilities Development Committee, as proposed by Planning and Project Delivery, and as set forth in Attachment 2, to be effective upon final approval.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

9. Update on the Budget

Presenter(s): Steven Dew, Provost and Vice-President (Academic)

The Chair noted that the budget, capital plan and tuition were endorsed by the Board Finance and Property Committee and would be considered by the Board of Governors on March 16, 2018.

He also noted that the provincial budget would be released on March 22nd; the Tuition Review and Funding Model Review are expected to follow.

10. Question Period

There were no questions.

INFORMATION REPORTS

11. Items Approved by GFC Academic Planning Committee by e-mail Ballots

There were no items.

12. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

CLOSING SESSION

13. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.