



UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

General Faculties Council
Academic Planning Committee
Approved Open Session Minutes

Wednesday, May 18, 2022
In-person meeting in SAB 2-31 with remote option by Zoom
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Steven Dew
Jelena Holovati
Sandeep Agrawal
Chris Andersen
Kemi Kufuor Boakye (delegate)
Heather Bruce
Walter Dixon (delegate)
Shannon Erichsen

Anas Fassih
Vadim Kravchinsky
Jacqueline Leighton
Runjuan Liu
Abner Monteiro
Melissa Padfield
Milan Regmi
non-voting:
Kate Peters

REGRETS:

Peter Berg
Todd Gilchrist
Brad Hamdon
Aminah Robinson Fayek
Sargun Sokhi
Yan Yuan

Staff:

Heather Richholt, Scribe

OPENING SESSION

Before calling the meeting to order, the Chair acknowledged, "that we are located on Treaty 6 territory. We respect the histories, languages, and cultures of First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and all First Peoples of Canada, whose presence continues to enrich our vibrant community."

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Steven Dew, Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and Chair of GFC Academic Planning Committee (APC)

Motion: Bruce/Leighton

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee approve the agenda.

CARRIED

2. Comments from the Chair (no documents)

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

Discussion:

In his comments, the Chair noted that the Government of Alberta had announced \$48.3 million in new funding for the U of A to support targeted enrolment growth in five undergraduate and graduate programs in the Faculties of Science, Engineering, Business and Nursing over the next three years. The Chair also encouraged members to submit nominations for a remote teaching award.

CONSENT AGENDA

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Consent Agenda Mover and Second: Padfield/Bruce

3. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of April 13, 2022

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee approve the open session minutes of April 13, 2022.

CARRIED

4. Proposed Termination of the Baccalauréat en sciences de l'environnement et de la conservation/BSc in Environmental and Conservation Sciences

Purpose of the Proposal: To seek approval of the proposed termination of the Baccalauréat en sciences de l'environnement et de la conservation/BSc in Environmental and Conservation Sciences.

THAT the Academic Planning Committee recommends that the Board of Governors approve the proposed termination of the Baccalauréat en sciences de l'environnement et de la conservation/BSc in Environmental and Conservation Sciences, as submitted by the Faculté Saint-Jean and Faculty of Agricultural, Life, and Environmental Sciences, to take effect upon final approval.

CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS

S Dew stepped out of the chair and J Holovati assumed the role.

5. 2023-2024 International Tuition Fee Proposal for Incoming Students

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

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

Purpose of the Proposal: To propose tuition fees for the Fall 2023 intake of new international students, compliant with the requirements imposed by Bill 19 and associated Alberta Tuition Framework and Guidelines.

Discussion:

S Dew spoke about the program-based tuition model for international students that was introduced in Fall 2020 and explained that while domestic student tuition for the coming academic year was approved in March, the international tuition for programs beginning in Fall 2023 still needed to be approved. He noted that this would ensure that the program costs could be clearly communicated with offers of admission starting in October. He provided an overview of the proposal and rationale including accounting for anticipated inflation over the duration of programs. He explained that the proposal corresponds to the Alberta Tuition Framework which requires international students to cover the full costs of their education, the international tuition levels at other U15 institutions, and the 7.55% of tuition revenue that would continue to be set aside to provide financial supports for international students.

During the discussion, members asked questions and expressed comments including, but not limited to:

- the variable cost of program delivery across the university and whether tuition should be higher for programs that could lead to higher paying careers;
- the original program-based tuition structure that was established for fall 2020 which accounted for higher cost programs;
- the current high inflation rate in Canada;
- whether the set aside funding was being used for need based and emergency funding, or for entrance scholarships; and
- that the International Students' Association (ISA) had not been consulted on the tuition proposal.

A member made a motion to table the pending motion with the condition that it should come back after the ISA was consulted.

S Dew explained that the Board Finance and Property Committee meeting was scheduled for May 31 and that if APC did not make a decision that could be communicated to that body, the Board may choose to move forward regardless. He also noted that the University of Alberta Students' Union and the Graduate Students' Association were the official representatives of University of Alberta students and were consulted as set out in the Alberta Tuition Framework.

The Vice-Chair noted that APC was asked to recommend the proposal but that the Board of Governors holds the decision-making authority.

Motion: Regmi/Monteiro

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee table the 2023-2024 International Tuition Fee Proposal for Incoming Students pending consultation with the International Students' Association.

CARRIED

Motion: Dew/Padfield

THAT General Faculties Council Academic Planning Committee recommend that the Board of Governors approve tuition fees for new international students for all programs, as set forth in attachment 1, to take effect for the Fall 2023 intakes.

TABLED

J Holovati stepped out of the chair and S Dew resumed the role.

6. Braiding Past, Present and Future: University of Alberta Indigenous Strategic Plan

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Florence Glanfield, Vice-Provost (Indigenous Programming and Research); Nella Sajlovic, Indigenous Strategies Manager

Purpose of the Proposal: The purpose of the proposal is to seek endorsement of Braiding Past, Present and Future: University of Alberta Indigenous Strategic Plan to enact existing institutional commitments on Indigenous Initiatives across the institution.

Discussion:

The Chair thanked F Glanfield and N Sajlovic for their important work and spoke about the Committee's responsibilities regarding Indigenous policies and initiatives. He noted that the motion before members today was to endorse the Indigenous Strategic Plan (ISP), and that the endorsement included an individual commitment to the goals of the plan and a collective agreement to support it. He further emphasized the important role of APC as one of the bodies that would be accountable for the goals set out in the plan.

F Glanfield spoke about each individual's responsibility to learn more about our collective history and to participate in our institution's commitment to reconciliation in post-secondary education and research. She provided an overview of the document noting its alignment with the university's strategic commitments.

Members discussed:

- indigenizing curriculum and creating inclusive spaces for Indigenous scholars;
- expressions of support; and

- how to be more involved in the plan to ensure that the university and the plan continued to move forward and grow.

Motion: Bruce/Leighton

THAT the Academic Planning Committee endorse Braiding Past, Present and Future: University of Alberta Indigenous Strategic Plan.

CARRIED

7. Proposed Dental Assisting Certificate

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Steven Patterson, Associate Chair Academic, School of Dentistry, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry

Purpose of the Proposal: The proposal is before the committee to seek approval of the Dental Assisting Certificate program and tuition in the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry.

Discussion:

S Patterson provided an overview and rationale for the creation of the proposed certificate including the need for more Dental Assistants in the province, and the anticipated benefits to the School of Dentistry's current dental students and delivery of patient care in student clinics.

During the discussion, members asked questions and expressed comments including:

- whether there were plans to consider laddering and advanced standing into the Dental Hygiene program;
- professional training offered by the School of Dentistry;
- the cost of program delivery since this program would not be funded by the province;
- whether there would be an impact on the NAIT Dental Assisting program's students who come to the UofA for their clinical training;
- support of the Dental Hygiene and Dentistry programs; and
- next steps for securing approval of the tuition and fees and accreditation.

Motion: Bruce/Padfield

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee, acting with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, and on the recommendation of the GFC Programs Committee, approve the Proposed Dental Assisting Certificate, as submitted by the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, for implementation in Fall 2023.

CARRIED

Motion: Leighton/Bruce

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee recommend that the Board of Governors approve the tuition for the Proposed Dental Assisting Certificate, as submitted by the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, to take effect in Fall 2023.

CARRIED

8. Change of Status of Faculty of Extension

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Wendy Rodgers, Deputy Provost and Interim Dean, Faculty of Extension

Purpose of the Proposal: To approve the change in status of the Faculty of Extension that will facilitate creation of the administrative structure to support growth in continuing education.

Discussion:

W Rodgers explained the need to remove the Faculty status from Extension because a change in administrative structure would allow it to better serve as a hub for the development and delivery of continuing education programming across the university.

There was no discussion.

Motion: Padfield/Bruce

THAT the Academic Planning Committee recommend that the Board of Governors rescind the faculty status from the Faculty of Extension, effective upon final approval.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

9. Early consultation on renewal of the Strategic Plan for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity (EDI)

Presenter(s): Wendy Rodgers, Deputy Provost; Evelyn Hamdon, Senior Advisor, Equity & Human Rights; Logan Mardhani-Bayne, Strategic Development Manager

Purpose of the Proposal: The university's Strategic Plan for Equity, Diversity and Inclusivity (EDI) was adopted in 2018-19. The plan was intended to be reviewed periodically. The EDI Scoping Group is seeking input to inform the plan's renewal in 2022.

Discussion:

The presenters spoke about the renewal of the Strategic Plan for EDI which would be informed by the development of the University's Indigenous Strategic Plan (ISP).

Members discussed:

- the potential for overlap and strategies to ensure collaboration rather than doubling up;
- the danger of missing some individuals because they do not see a place for themselves in this work;
- the importance of ally ship and contributions of everyone in the community;
- that EDI was not meant to advantage any one group but instead to correct historical disadvantages;
- removing barriers and moving toward universal design;
- understanding the principles and how they play out in a practical sense;
- human rights and the legal framework;
- the involvement of students in the EDI Scoping Group; and
- progress that was happening in the EDI space including new pedagogies and learning environments.

10. Budget Model 2.0

Item was deferred.

11. University Technology Strategy

Item was deferred.

12. Budget Update (standing item)

Item was deferred.

13. Question Period

Item was deferred.

INFORMATION REPORTS

14. International Strategy Implementation Plan

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

CLOSING SESSION

15. Adjournment

- Next Meeting of APC: June 22, 2022
- Next Meeting of GFC: June 6, 2022

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.