



UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

General Faculties Council
Executive Committee
Open Session Minutes

Monday, January 15, 2018
2-31 South Academic Building (SAB)
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

David Turpin, Chair
Lisa Collins
Lesley Cormack
Steven Dew
Bill Foster
Firouz Khodayari
Al Meldrum
Shane Scott
Eleni Stroulia

Sylvia Brown
Jonathan White

REGRETS:

Delane
Howie
Brent Swallow

STAFF:

Meg Brolley,
Coordinator
Marion Haggarty-France,
University Secretary
Andrea Patrick, Scribe

OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Cormack/Stroulia

THAT the GFC Executive Committee approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of November 20, 2017

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Meldrum/Khodayari

THAT the GFC Executive Committee approve the Minutes of November 20, 2017.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Chair

The Chair provided updates on the continued tuition freeze and the government reviews of the tuition framework and post-secondary funding. He further updated the committee on the upcoming bargaining activities under the new labour framework.

Regarding the Fundamental Science Review, the Chair reported on continued advocacy efforts for the implementation of its recommendations, adding that he is optimistic for support.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. University of Alberta Museums Annual Report for the Period: July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Janine Andrews, Executive Director, Museums and Collections Services; Jocelyn Hall, Chair, University of Alberta Museums Policy and Planning Committee

Purpose of the Proposal: To file an annual report, as requested, with General Faculties Council.

Discussion:

Ms Andrews provided members with highlights of the annual report and noted that the Museums new strategic plan aligns with *For the Public Good*. She reported that museums are critical to the academic, research and community outreach endeavours of the university, and that monitoring ensures that collections are retained based on academic priorities. Ms Andrews noted that space, technical staff, and non-compliance with institutional policies are challenges.

Dr Hall reported on efforts to digitize certain collections and make them available online. She noted that this has been very successful with hundreds of thousands of downloads from around the world.

During the discussion, members discussed repatriation efforts, physical versus digital access to collections, how citations are recorded, and future plans for exhibitions.

5. Board of Governors / GFC / Senate Summit: Getting to Know 'U': Difficult Dialogues on our Campuses

There were no documents.

Presenter(s): David Turpin, President and Chair, GFC Executive Committee

Purpose of the Proposal: To discuss the upcoming joint Board/GFC/Senate Summit.

Discussion:

The Chair provided an overview of the agenda for the joint Board of Governors/GFC/Senate Summit to take place in late January. He reported that the theme of the summit will be around difficult dialogues on campus and the format will be interactive.

6. Comprehensive Institutional Plan (CIP): Update

There were no documents.

Presenter(s): Steven Dew, Provost and Vice-President (Academic); Gitta Kulczycki, Vice-President (Finance and Administration)

Purpose of the Proposal: To discuss the process of developing the Comprehensive Institutional Plan (CIP).

Discussion:

Dr Dew provided members with an update on the development and structure of the CIP, and noted that it is an annual accountability document required by government. He reported that the CIP is structured around government priorities but also cross-references *For the Public Good*.

Ms Kulczycki provided members with an update of the proposed budget noting that a multi-year planning process had been utilized. She reported on the expected budget for 2018-2019, 2019-2020, as well as 2020-2021, and added that meetings with Deans and Units had been initiated.

During the ensuing discussion, members enquired about investment revenue, faculty renewal strategies, and the potential impact that a change in government would have on the budget.

7. Peter Lougheed Leadership College – Update

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): David Turpin, President and Chair, GFC Executive Committee

Purpose of the Proposal: The purpose of the draft document is to give the GFC Executive Committee and GFC the opportunity to provide feedback on recommendations for the future direction of PLLC.

Discussion:

The Chair reported on the recommendations of the working group tasked with reviewing the future vision for PLLC. He noted that the group identified that the PLLC could evolve into an umbrella organization for leadership initiatives at the university. He reported that another recommendation mentions the desired leadership traits for the next Principal of PLLC.

A member enquired about teaching fellows at the PLLC.

The Chair indicated that this item would be discussed at the GFC Academic Planning Committee as well as General Faculties Council.

ITEMS FROM GFC ACADEMIC PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR GFC AGENDA (for information only)

8. Annual Report on Undergraduate Enrolment

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

ACTION ITEMS

9. Draft Agenda for the Next Meeting of General Faculties Council

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): David Turpin, President and Chair, GFC Executive Committee

Purpose of the Proposal: To approve the next Agenda for General Faculties Council (GFC).

Discussion:

The Chair led members through a review of the draft Agenda for the GFC meeting of January 29, 2018.

Motion: Collins/Dew

THAT the GFC Executive Committee approve, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the Agenda for the January 29, 2018 meeting of General Faculties Council.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

10. Question Period

There were no questions.

INFORMATION REPORTS

11. Items Approved by the GFC Executive Committee by email ballots

There were no items.

12. Information Items Forwarded to GFC Executive Committee between Meetings

There were no items.

CLOSING SESSION

13. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.