



# UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

## UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

General Faculties Council  
Undergraduate Awards & Scholarship Committee  
Approved Open Session Minutes

Tuesday, October 09, 2012  
2-15, South Academic Building  
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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### **ATTENDEES:**

#### Voting Members:

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| William Street  | Chair, GFC UASC, Cross-Representative from the GFC Academic Standards Committee |
| Katalin Bimbo   | Vice-Chair, GFC UASC, Academic Staff  |
| Jana Rieger     | Academic Staff  |
| Jess Ann Gordon | Undergraduate at-large  |
| Maggie Danko    | Undergraduate at-large  |

#### Non-Voting Resource Members:

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| Perry Thorbourne | Assistant Registrar, Student Awards Office        |
| Kelly Spencer    | Senior Development Officer, Office of Development |

#### Presenters:

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| Rachel de Leon | Bursary Program Coordinator, University Bursaries and Emergency Funding |
| Heather Dyck   | Development Coordinator, Student Awards Office                          |
| William Street | Chair, GFC Undergraduate Awards and Scholarship Committee               |

#### Staff:

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| Andrea Patrick | Acting Coordinator, GFC Undergraduate Awards and Scholarship Committee and Scribe |
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### **OPENING SESSION**

#### 1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Gordon/Bimbo

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| THAT the GFC Undergraduate Awards and Scholarship Committee approve the Agenda. |
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**CARRIED**

#### 2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of September 18, 2012

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Danko/Gordon

THAT the GFC Undergraduate Awards and Scholarship Committee approve the Minutes of September 18, 2012.

**CARRIED**

3. Comments from the Chair

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

**ACTION ITEMS**

4. New Undergraduate Student Awards and Scholarships for Approval (October 9, 2012)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter:* Heather Dyck, Development Coordinator, Office of the Registrar

*Purpose of the Proposal:* To approve new undergraduate student awards and scholarships.

New Undergraduate Awards and Scholarships for Approval (October 9, 2012):

1. Ram Lakshmi Scholarship
2. Harry Cornwell Undergraduate Award in Range Management
3. Tecterra Future Geomatics Leaders Award in Computing Science
4. Tecterra Future Geomatics Leaders Award in Earth and Atmospheric Sciences
5. Lora (Bacon) Mellestrand Undergraduate Leadership Bar None Award
6. Lianne Hanson Memorial Award in Education

*Discussion:*

Members engaged in discussion with regard to Items 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and recommended minor editorial changes to Items 3, 4, and 5.

Number 1: The Chair pointed out that the name in the title of the award and the name of the donor did not match and asked if this was an oversight. Ms Dyck replied that it is most likely a relative, and she will confirm this with the donor. If a change to either the title or the donor is necessary, she noted she would contact Ms Patrick accordingly.

Number 3: Members enquired as to the usage of the donor name "Tecterra" and the meaning of "not received additional awards." In addition, members recommended an amendment be made to the first sentence of the conditions.

Number 4: Members agreed to a minor amendment to the first sentence of the conditions.

Number 5: Members pointed out inconsistent spelling of the title and donor and made a minor amendment to the donor citation.

Number 6: Members discussed the pending elimination of minors within the Faculty of Education, and Ms Dyck replied that when this change occurs and is approved by the Faculty of Education Council, the

Student Awards Office will ensure that amendments are made appropriately to the affected awards.

Motion: Bimbo/Gordon

THAT the GFC Undergraduate Awards and Scholarship Committee approve, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, new undergraduate student awards and scholarships, as submitted by the Student Awards Office and as set forth in Attachment 1 (as amended), to be effective immediately.

**CARRIED**

5. New Undergraduate Student University Bursaries and Emergency Funding (UBEF) Bursary for Approval (October 9, 2012)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter:* Rachel de Leon, Bursary Program Coordinator, University Bursaries and Emergency Funding

*Purpose of the Proposal:* To approve a new undergraduate bursary.

New University Bursaries and Emergency Funding (UBEF) Bursary for Approval (October 9, 2012):

1. Gilberte (Gil) Rentiers Jones Bursary in Nursing

*Discussion:*

Members discussed the meaning of the words "rural" and "community," and Ms de Leon clarified that the donors intended to award a student at the Camrose "site." Members discussed that the title and donor name were different. Ms de Leon indicated she would look into this matter further and, if any changes are necessary, will contact Ms Patrick. Members agreed to a minor amendment to the last sentence of the conditions.

Motion: Rieger/Gordon

THAT the GFC Undergraduate Awards and Scholarship Committee approve, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, a new undergraduate student University Bursaries and Emergency Funding (UBEF) Bursary, as submitted by the University Bursaries and Emergency Funding (UBEF) and as set forth in Attachment 2 (as amended), to be effective immediately.

**CARRIED**

6. Amendments to an Existing Undergraduate Student University Bursaries and Emergency Funding (UBEF) Bursary for Approval (October 9, 2012)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter:* Rachel de Leon, Bursary Program Coordinator, University Bursaries and Emergency Funding

*Purpose of the Proposal:* To approve amendments to an existing undergraduate student bursary.

Amendments to an Existing University Bursaries and Emergency Funding (UBEF) Bursary for Approval (October 9, 2012):

1. Karen Ann Harvey and Murray Harvey Bursary

*Discussion:*

Members discussed the bursary value, and Ms de Leon clarified that the donor specifically asked for the value to read “minimum \$500” even though bursary minimums are \$500. Members sought clarity around the issue of the deletion of the word “creative” and the addition of the words “any area of writing”, expressing concern that the new language is too broad. The Chair suggested that the donor consider the GFC UASC’s recommendation to either change the word “area” to “major” or return the word “creative” into the conditions. Ms de Leon stated she would suggest this to the donor and bring this item back for approval at the next Committee meeting.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

7. Question Period

Ms Dyck posed a question to members relating to student groups claiming to be “underrepresented” or “disadvantaged” and how this might potentially relate to student awards. She reported that her plan of action is to meet with Mr Brad Hamdon, University General Counsel, and Mr Wade King, Advisor, Office of Safe Disclosure and Human Rights, to seek clarity on this issue.

**INFORMATION REPORTS**

8. Items Approved by the GFC Undergraduate Awards and Scholarship Committee by E-Mail Ballots

There were no items.

9. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

**CLOSING SESSION**

10. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:50 pm.