



# UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

## UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

### General Faculties Council Approved Open Session Minutes

Monday, March 19, 2012  
2-1, UHALL, Council Chamber  
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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#### **ATTENDEES:**

##### Voting Members:

Indira Samarasekera	President (Chair)
Adolphson, Mikael	Arts
Agrawal, Rahul	Graduate Student at-Large
Amaral, J. Nelson	Science
Amrhein, Carl	Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
Andrews, Nathan	Graduate Student at-Large
Babiuk, Lorne	Vice-President (Research)
Berahman, Behnam	Graduate Student at-Large
Berger, Allen	Dean, Augustana
Blackburn, Ed	Faculté Saint-Jean
Bouchard, Alice	Nominated by NASA
Brown, Cary	Rehabilitation Medicine
Campbell, Katy	Dean, Extension
Campenot, Robert	AASUA Appointee to the Board of Governors
Clair, Joanne	Sessional Staff
Clark, Phyllis	Vice-President (Finance and Administration)
Csorba, Emerson	Student Nominated by the Undergraduate Council of Students
D'Agostini, Stephanie	Science
DeGara, Chris	Medicine and Dentistry
Eccles, Russell	Nominated by NASA
Farnel, Sharon	Library Academic Staff
Ferguson-Pell, Martin	Dean, Rehabilitation Medicine
Francescutti, Louis Hugo	GFC Appointee to the Board of Governors
Frishkopf, Michael	Arts
Gellatly, Ian	Business
Gotell, Lise	Arts
Graves, Roger	Arts
Harrington, Joanna	Law
Hickey, Don	Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)
Ingles, Ernie	Vice-Provost (Learning Services) and Interim Director, Library and Information Studies
Ives, Jack	Arts
Jensen, Louise	Nursing
Johnston, Ingrid	Education
Kalantzis, Nikolas	Arts
Kendal, Gerry	Vice-Provost and University Registrar
Kennelly, John	Dean, Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences
Kermoal, Nathalie	Interim Dean, Native Studies
Kersch, Terry	St Joseph's College Representative
Kochikuzhyi, Jeffry	Science
Laing, Lory	Interim Dean, Public Health
Lemelin, Pierre	Medicine and Dentistry

Lemire, Bernard	Medicine and Dentistry
Liu, Lili	Chair of Chairs' Council
Livingstone, Lee	Arts
Loebenberg, Raimar	Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Science
Luimes, Brit	Education
Luth, Bob	Science
MacFarlane, Kelly	Sessional Staff
Markula, Pirkko	Physical Education and Recreation
McCormack, Patricia	Native Studies
Meston, John	Graduate Student at-Large
Mitra, Sushanta	Engineering
Molzahn, Anita	Dean, Nursing
Monfries, Nicholas	Science
Mummary, Kerry	Dean, Physical Education and Recreation
Nicol, Scott	Law
Osburn, Debra Pozega	Vice-President (University Relations)
Outar, O'Neil	Chief Advancement Officer
Parkes, Michael	Science
Phillips, Linda	Education
Preiksaitis, Jutta	Medicine and Dentistry
Rathbone, Andy	Graduate Student at-Large
Richards, Jeremy	Science
Rinaldi, Christina	Education
Robinson, Frank	Vice-Provost and Dean of Students
Rogers, Christopher	Engineering
Romaniuk, Mary-Jo	Acting Chief Librarian
Rosychuk, Rhonda	Medicine and Dentistry
Snart, Fern	Dean, Education
Sparkes, Hillary	Graduate Student at-Large
Sturdy, Christopher	Science
Sumar, Saadiq	Engineering
Taylor, Gregory	Dean, Science
Tremblay, Gabriel	Arts
Williamson, Deanna	Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences
Willows, Noreen	Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences
Yacyshyn, Elaine	Medicine and Dentistry
Yamagishi, Colten	Student Nominated by the Undergraduate Council of Students
Yiu, Verna	Interim Dean, Medicine and Dentistry
Yousefi Moghaddan, Nima	Student Nominated by Grad Council of Students
Zeng, Minhao	Graduate Student at-Large
Zhang, Hao	Engineering
Zielinski, Michal	Graduate Student at-Large

Presenter(s):

Amrhein, Carl	Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and Chair, GFC Executive Committee
Armour, Margaret-Ann	Associate Dean (Diversity), Faculty of Science
Blackburn, Ed	Associate Dean (Academic), Faculté Saint-Jean, and Chair, GFC Nominating Committee
Bodnar, Garry	Secretary to General Faculties Council and Coordinator, GFC Replenishment Committee
Clark, Phyllis	Vice-President (Finance and Administration)
Clements, Pat	Chair, GFC 44 Working Group and Former Dean, Faculty of Arts
Francescutti, Louis	Academic Staff Representative on the Board of Governors
Kereliuk, Sandra	Senior Administrative Officer, Office of the Vice-President (Finance and Administration)
King, Wade	Advisor, Office of Safe Disclosure and Human Rights
Mah, Gordie	Information Technology Security Officer, Office of the Provost and Vice-President (Academic)

Robinson, Frank  
Samarasekera, Indira  
Schaeffer, Jonathan

Vice-Provost and Dean of Students  
President and Chair, General Faculties Council  
Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President (Information Technology)

Staff:

Bodnar, Garry  
Haggarty-France, Marion  
Paulsen, Emily

Secretary to General Faculties Council  
University Secretary  
Scribe

**OPENING SESSION**

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Amaral/Scott

THAT the General Faculties Council approve the Agenda.

**CARRIED**

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of January 30, 2012

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Snart/Amaral

THAT the General Faculties Council approve the Minutes of January 30, 2012.

**CARRIED**

3. Comments from the Chair

President Samarasekera welcomed to the meeting an observing delegation from China which included 25 leaders from various Chinese universities.

The President provided comments on the Federal Budget, expected on March 29, 2012. She explained that she, along with the Presidents of the other 'U15' institutions (ie, the University's peers in Canadian post-secondary education), had been advocating for an increase in targeted federal funding, emphasizing to the Government that investment in universities is an investment in the future of the country.

President Samarasekera reported to members on a number of recent notable accomplishments tied to the University of Alberta including: the prestigious Canada Gairdner Wightman Award given to Dr Lorne Babiuk, Vice-President (Research), in recognition of his outstanding leadership and work involving infectious diseases and vaccine development; Dr Mark Lewis, Canada Research Chair in Mathematical Biology and Professor in the Department of Mathematical and Statistical Sciences, who received one of only seven Killam Research Fellowships awarded this year in Canada; the Brockhouse Canada Prize for Interdisciplinary Research in Science and Engineering awarded to the Alberta Carbohydrate Science Group, which includes a number of faculty from the University's Department of Chemistry; the University being named once again one of Canada's Greenest Employers; the University recently receiving a silver rating for its sustainability efforts from the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS), a new system that rates post-secondary institutions in Canada and the United States; the University of Alberta receiving Sitecore's Best Education Website Award in Canada; and several awards in

various areas for the Golden Bears and Pandas.

The President also spoke to recent events at the University, including the Festival of Teaching and the 'Water Event' and the associated honorary degrees event. President Samarasekera also made mention that an agreement has been signed by the two student association Presidents with the University regarding the institution's Physical Activity and Wellness Centre.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### 4. New Members of GFC

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter:* Indira Samarasekera, President and Chair, General Faculties Council

*Discussion:*

There was no discussion.

Motion I: TO APPOINT/REAPPOINT (Amrhein/Molzahn)

The following undergraduate student members elected by the Students' Union (SU) to the Board of Governors and appointed to GFC for terms that are concurrent with their terms on the Board (May 1, 2012 to April 30, 2013):

Colten Yamagishi	President, SU
Brent Kelly	SU Appointee

The following graduate student member elected by the Graduate Students' Association (GSA) to the Board of Governors and appointed to GFC for a term that is concurrent with her term on the Board (May 1, 2012 to April 30, 2013):

Ashlyn Bernier	President, GSA
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**CARRIED**

Motion II: TO RECEIVE (Eccles/Snart)

The following statutory undergraduate student members nominated by the Students' Union (SU) to serve on GFC for terms beginning May 1, 2012 and ending April 30, 2013:

Dustin Chelen	Vice-President (Academic), SU
Sadiq Sumar	Vice-President (Student Life), SU

The following statutory graduate student member nominated by the Graduate Students' Association (GSA) to serve on GFC for a term beginning May 1, 2012 and ending April 30, 2013:

Nathan Andrews	Vice-President (Academic), GSA
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**CARRIED**

#### 5. Discrimination, Harassment and Duty to Accommodate Policy Suite (in UAPPOL)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenters:* Phyllis Clark, Vice-President (Finance and Administration); Pat Clements, Chair, GFC 44 Working Group and Former Dean, Faculty of Arts; Margaret-Ann Armour, Associate Dean (Diversity), Faculty of Science; Sandra Kereliuk, Senior Administrative Officer, Office of the Vice-President (Finance and Administration); Wade King, Advisor, Office of Safe Disclosure and Human Rights

*Purpose of the Proposal:* To recommend forward to the Board of Governors approval of the proposed Discrimination, Harassment and Duty to Accommodate Policy Suite and to receive for information the related documents.

*Discussion:*

Vice-President Clark introduced her fellow presenters to Council and emphasized the tremendous amount of effort and time that had gone into this proposal before members; further, she outlined the major changes to existing institutional policies and procedures. Ms Clark noted that this new policy suite will save time and increase ease of comprehension of associated procedures.

Members shared comments, ideas, and concerns, which included: clarification regarding Section 16 of the 'Discrimination and Harassment Complaint Guidelines for Students', as set out in Attachment 6 of the materials before members; the overarching and consistent application of the Code of Student Behaviour in relation to the proposed policy suite before Council; and how the simplified guideline provided in the proposal was intended to help students better understand the new Discrimination, Harassment and Duty to Accommodate Policy Suite.

Motion: Clark/Babiuk

THAT General Faculties Council recommend to the Board of Governors the proposed Discrimination, Harassment and Duty to Accommodate Policy Suite, as submitted by the Office of the Vice-President (Finance and Administration) and as set forth in Attachments 1, 2, 3, and 4, and the (proposed) concurrent rescission of GFC Policy Manual Section 44 (Discrimination and Harassment Policy and Procedures and the University of Alberta Reasonable Accommodation Policy), all to take effect upon final approval.

**CARRIED**

6. University Encryption Procedure (in UAPPOL)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenters:* Jonathan Schaeffer, Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President (Information Technology); Gordie Mah, Information Technology Security Officer, Office of the Provost and Vice-President (Academic)

*Purpose of the Proposal:* This procedure provides the institutional standard for encryption of mobile devices that store the University's sensitive information.

*Discussion:*

Dr Schaeffer introduced the proposal to members and explained that the proposed procedure for encryption was implemented in January, 2012 before final approval out of a necessity to show progress in this area to the Provincial Auditor General and because it is a high risk to the University to go without encryption. He emphasized that the encryption process was relatively easy, fast, and cost-effective.

Mr Mah continued the presentation by noting that the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry and the Alberta

School of Business have already had successful mandated encryption procedures in place. He added that encryption must be deployed for all public institutions in the Province of Alberta that routinely deal with private/confidential/sensitive information.

A member recommended that more of what the presenters had voiced in their introduction to Council be included in the documentation before members. The member also asked for clarification regarding certain of the wording included therein. Members agreed to move to a vote on this matter, subject to minor changes in wording being made to provide adequate clarification.

Motion: Ferguson-Pell/Francescutti

THAT General Faculties Council recommend to the Board of Governors the proposed University Encryption Procedure (in UAPPOL), as submitted by the Office of the Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and as set forth in Attachment 1 and as amended, to take effect upon final approval.

**CARRIED**

7. Proposal to Change Collège Saint-Jean's Official Name to Centre collégial de l'Alberta, University of Alberta

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter:* Ed Blackburn, Associate Dean (Academic), Faculté Saint-Jean, and Chair, GFC Nominating Committee

*Purpose of the Proposal:* The (proposed) name change is important for Collège Saint-Jean in order for it to better create its own identity. The name Centre collégial de l'Alberta is advantageous in that it distinguishes the Collège Saint-Jean from the current Faculté Saint-Jean and the historical Collège Saint-Jean. Centre collégial de l'Alberta represents more accurately the French language college-level postsecondary education programming offered as part of the University of Alberta, a mandate that is province wide.

*Discussion:*

Dr Blackburn explained to members that 'Collège Saint-Jean' was originally intended as an interim name. He that the proposed name change for the institution to "Centre collégial de l'Alberta" would be appropriate since "Centre collégial" reflects, in the French language, the post-secondary pre-baccalaureate nature of the institution and "de l'Alberta" firmly underlines its claim to being the French-language arm of Campus Alberta.

Dr Amrhein clarified that the name change before members will not affect Faculté Saint-Jean in any manner.

Motion: Blackburn/Molzahn

THAT General Faculties Council approve the proposal submitted by the Dean of Faculté Saint-Jean (FSJ) for the change of Collège Saint-Jean's official name to Centre collégial de l'Alberta, University of Alberta, to take effect upon final approval.

**CARRIED**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

8. Question Period

8.1Q Questions from GFC Undergraduate Student Member Scott Nicol Regarding Posting of Sexual Assault Awareness Posters and Relevant Policies Regarding Such Postings at the University of Alberta  
8.1R Response from the Vice-Provost and Deans of Students to Mr Nicol's Questions

8.2Q Question from GFC Undergraduate Student Member Scott Nicol Regarding Counselling Services for Students at the University of Alberta  
8.2R Response from the Vice-Provost and Dean of Students to Mr Nicol's Question

8.3Q Questions from Professor Jeremy Richards, Faculty of Science Representative on GFC, Regarding Tuition Revenue Per Student and Programs Costs at the University of Alberta  
8.3R Response from the Office of the President to Professor Richards' Questions

*Discussion:*

Mr Nicol thanked the Vice-Provost and Dean of Students for the responses provided to both questions he had posed.

Professor Richards thanked Dr Samarasekera for the response to his queries and asked for clarification regarding the optics of the numbers used since he considered the statistics in the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) to reflect poorly on the University. Dr Samarasekera replied that she did not consider that the University of Alberta did poorly on NSSE since the University performed only slightly below the average. The President added that the real challenge is the student/faculty ratio. Dr Samarasekera explained that the University's *per* student funding has been invested in areas that benefit the students' entire University experience, including facilities and libraries.

**INFORMATION REPORTS**

9. GFC Executive Committee Minutes of January 9 and February 6, 2012

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

10. Report of the Board of Governors

There were no reports.

11. E-Mail Report of the GFC Nominating Committee (February 27, 2012)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Dr Blackburn provided comment on the annual replenishment of student and staff representatives serving on GFC standing committees, processes overseen in the first instance by the GFC Nominating Committee.

12. E-Mail Report of the GFC Replenishment Committee

There were no reports.

13. Information Items Forwarded to GFC Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

14. Reports

There were no reports.

**CLOSING SESSION**

15. Adjournment

Immediately prior to adjournment, Dr Samarasekera congratulated Colten Yamagishi and Ashlyn Bernier on their appointments as the incoming Students' Union (SU) President and incoming Graduate Students' Association (GSA) President, respectively.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:00pm.