



General Faculties Council
Approved Open Session Minutes

Monday, September 16, 2013
1-140, Centennial Centre for Interdisciplinary Science (CCIS)
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Voting Members:

Indira Samarasekera	Ex-Officio Chair, President, Statutory
Brendan Hokowhitu	Ex-Officio Member, Dean, Native Studies, Statutory
David Lynch	Ex-Officio Member, Dean, Engineering, Statutory
Debra Pozega Osburn	Ex-Officio Member, Vice-President (University Relations), Statutory
Don Hickey	Ex-Officio Member, Vice-President (Facilities and Operations), Statutory
Ed Blackburn	Ex-Officio Member, Acting Dean, Campus Saint-Jean, Statutory
Fern Snart	Ex-Officio Member, Dean, Education, Statutory
Gerald Beasley	Ex-Officio Member, Vice-Provost and Chief Librarian, Statutory
James Kehrer	Ex-Officio Member, Dean, Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Statutory
Joanne Profetto-McGrath	Ex-Officio Member, Acting Dean, Nursing, Statutory
Jonathan Schaeffer	Ex-Officio Member, Dean, Science, Statutory
Joseph Doucet	Ex-Officio Member, Dean, Business, Statutory
Katy Campbell	Ex-Officio Member, Dean, Extension, Statutory
Lesley Cormack	Ex-Officio Member, Dean, Arts, Statutory
Lisa Collins	Ex-Officio Member, Vice-Provost and University Registrar, Statutory
Lorne Babiuk	Ex-Officio Member, Vice-President (Research), Statutory
Martin Ferguson-Pell	Ex-Officio Member, Acting Provost and Vice-President (Academic), Statutory
Mazi Shirvani	Ex-Officio Member, Vice-Provost and Dean, Graduate Studies and Research, Statutory
O'Neil Outar	Ex-Officio Member, Vice-President (Advancement), Statutory
Phyllis Clark	Ex-Officio Member, Vice-President (Finance & Administration), Statutory
Colin More	Statutory Student Member, Student Nominated by the Graduate Council of Students, Vice-President (Academic)
Dustin Chelen	Statutory Student Member, Student Nominated by the Undergraduate Council of Students, Vice-President (Academic)
William Lau	Statutory Student Member, Student Nominated by the Undergraduate Council of Students, Vice-President (Student Life)
Amy Tse	Elected Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Bernard Lemire	Elected Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Bill Whelton	Elected Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Deborah Burshtyn	Elected Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Dilini Vethanayagam	Elected Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Gerald Haeubl	Elected Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Godfrey Man	Elected Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Guillaume Tardif	Elected Member, Statutory Academic Staff

Jeremy Richards	Elected Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Jill Konkin	Elected Member, Statutory Academic Staff
John Harris	Elected Member, Statutory Academic Staff
John Law	Elected Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Jonathan White	Elected Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Kaori Kabata	Elected Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Kathleen Lowrey	Elected Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Kim Solez	Elected Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Marcia Spetch	Elected Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Mark Loewen	Elected Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Norma Nocente	Elected Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Norman Brown	Elected Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Pierre Lemelin	Elected Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Raj Gupta	Elected Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Ray Patterson	Elected Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Robert Lederer	Elected Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Sean Robertson	Elected Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Steve Patten	Elected Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Toni Samek	Elected Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Wendy Rodgers	Elected Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Yasser Mohamed	Elected Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Yongshen Ma	Elected Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Alice Bouchard	Appointed Member, Non-Academic Staff, Nominated by NASA
Andrew Vela	Appointed Member, Undergraduate Student Member
Averi Iwaniuk	Appointed Member, Undergraduate Student Member
Brent Kelly	Appointed Member, Board of Governors Representative, SU Appointee
Chloe Speakman	Appointed Member, Undergraduate Student Member
Cory Hodgson	Appointed Member, Undergraduate Student Member
Dawson Zeng	Appointed Member, Undergraduate Student Member
Frank Robinson	Appointed Member, Vice-Provost and Dean of Students
Gary Barron	Appointed Member, Graduate Student at-Large
Harold Pang	Appointed Member, Undergraduate Student Member
Isaac Odoom	Appointed Member, Graduate Student at-Large
James Hwang	Appointed Member, Undergraduate Student Member
Jeffry Kochikuzhyil	Appointed Member, Undergraduate Student Member
Jennifer McGetrick	Appointed Member, Graduate Student at-Large
Jimmy Kang	Appointed Member, Undergraduate Student Member
Karly Coleman	Appointed Member, Graduate Student at-Large
Katherine Koch	Appointed Member, University Library Academic Staff
Kathleen DeLong	Appointed Member, University Library Academic Staff
Kathleen Weiss	Appointed Member, Chair Selected by Chairs' Council
Kelsey Mills	Appointed Member, Undergraduate Student Member
David Whalen	Appointed Member, AASUA
Kirsta Reich	Appointed Member, Graduate Student at-Large
Lindsay Johnston	Appointed Member, University Library Academic Staff
Majd Mouzaffar	Appointed Member, Undergraduate Student Member
Marina Banister	Appointed Member, Undergraduate Student Member
Maxwell Douglas	Appointed Member, Undergraduate Student Member
Mike Belosevic	Appointed Member, Board of Governors Representative, GFC Appointee
Navjot Thind	Appointed Member, Graduate Student at-Large

Patrick Cajina Cortez Appointed Member, Undergraduate Student Member
Patrick Reid Appointed Member, Graduate Student at-Large
Petros Kusmu Appointed Member, Board of Governors Representative, President,
Students' Union
Qiang Li Appointed Member, Graduate Student at-Large
Richard Uwiera Appointed Member, APOs/FSOs, FSO
Richard Zhao Appointed Member, Graduate Student at-Large
Roy Coulthard Appointed Member, Graduate Student at-Large
Stephen Schiavone Appointed Member, Undergraduate Student Member
Wayne Renke Appointed Member, Board of Governors Representative, AASUA Appointee

Presenter(s):

Mike Belosevic GFC Nominee to the Board of Governors
Ed Blackburn Chair, GFC Nominating Committee
Phyllis Clark Vice-President (Finance and Administration)
Martin Ferguson-Pell Acting Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and Acting Chair, GFC
Executive Committee
Marion Haggarty-France University Secretary
Debra Pozega Osburn Vice-President (University Relations)
Indira Samarasekera President and Chair, General Faculties Council

Staff:

Garry Bodnar, Director of General Faculties Council Services and Secretary to GFC
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: Belosevic/Rodgers

THAT the General Faculties Council approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes of June 3, 2013

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Mills/Kelly

THAT the General Faculties Council approve the Minutes of June 3, 2013.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the President

President and Chair, Dr Indira Samarasekera, welcomed all to the 390th meeting of General Faculties Council (GFC) and reported on:

- The University of Alberta Budget. She briefed members on the timeline of events in relation to the institutional budget, beginning with the unexpected announcement by the Provincial Government on March 7, 2013 of a 7.3% cut in funding, adding that, following this news, the University's Comprehensive Institutional Plan (CIP) was amended accordingly and reflected a request from the University of Alberta to run a deficit for three years in order to allow adequate time to plan around the incurred substantial budget shortfall. She reported that, despite earlier indications the Ministry of Enterprise and Advanced Education (EAE) was receptive to the three-year proposal, a letter was sent by the Minister of EAE to the University's Board of Governors stating that the institution would not be allowed to run a deficit past 2014-2015. She reported that since March 7, 2013, members of the Senior Administration (including the Deans) have all been actively engaged in budget planning activities, including a number of meetings held over the summer months. She noted that there are still several unknown factors in regard to the financial health of the institution, including the impact of the Voluntary Severance Program (VSP) for all continuing academic staff and whether the University of Alberta will be able to assess inflation adjustments to tuition. She stated that transparency has remained a top priority and that her Office will undertake a comprehensive benchmarking project to ensure that the University of Alberta administration is the right size. She concluded by stating that although the next few months will be difficult for those at the University of Alberta, excellence will be maintained through the outstanding efforts of the students, staff, and faculty at the institution.
- Her recent trip to China. The Premier's Office had invited her to join Premier Alison Redford on a trip to China and that, recognizing the opportunity to represent Alberta post-secondary education as well as the chance to discuss the University of Alberta's challenges with the Premier in person, she accepted the invitation. She noted that during the trip, in addition to engaging the Premier on the University's challenges including improving access and providing a quality student experience, she presented at a conference on investments in Alberta, attended the Premier's keynote address, participated in a panel discussion, and attended a forum on the future of post-secondary education, along with representatives from a number of international universities. She concluded by reporting that a summary of the trip would be posted on her blog shortly.

A member enquired about whether the names of the members of the President's Academic Governance Task Force had been announced.

3.1 Academic Governance Task Force - Update

There were no documents.

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

Purpose of the Proposal: For information/discussion.

Discussion:

Dr Samarasekera briefed members on the rationale for and the history of the President's Academic Governance Task Force, adding that there was difficulty in finalizing the Task Force membership over the summer months but that it was anticipated the Task Force would meet this Fall and have a report for GFC's review in early 2014.

4. Comments from the University Secretary for the New Academic Year

There were no documents.

Presenter: Marion Haggarty-France, University Secretary

Discussion:

Ms Haggarty-France welcomed members to the new General Faculties Council (GFC) venue in the Centennial Centre for Interdisciplinary Science (CCIS), emphasizing her gratitude towards members of the Faculty of Science, the Office of the Registrar, Facilities and Operations, and Academic Information and Communication Technologies (AICT) for their collaboration and cooperation in selecting an appropriate new venue for GFC. She stated that GFC requires maximized engagement as the main academic governing body of the University of Alberta, and she reminded members that it derives its authority and powers from the Post-Secondary Learning Act (PSLA), which can be accessed through the University Governance website.

As well, the University Secretary encouraged members to reference the University Governance website for meeting schedules, meeting material, and committee-specific Terms of Reference. She also noted that she conducts throughout the academic year several free informative “Governance 101” sessions and that registration can be completed, as well, on the University Governance website.

Ms Haggarty-France concluded her remarks by thanking members for their continued service and commitment towards collegial academic governance at the University of Alberta.

ACTION ITEMS

5. New Members of GFC

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

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

Discussion:

Mr Bodnar noted the addition of Professor Marcia Spetch, Faculty of Science, to ‘Motion II: To Receive’.

Motion I: Shirvani/Cormack

MOTION I: TO APPOINT/REAPPOINT [This motion may be proposed only by statutory members of GFC – VPs, Deans, statutory students or elected faculty members]:

The following Chair of Chairs’ Council, for a term beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014:

Kathleen Weiss Chair, Department of Drama (Faculty of Arts)

The following President of the Association of Academic Staff of the University of Alberta (AASUA), for a term beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014:

Kevin Kane President, AASUA

The following academic staff member to represent University Library Academic Staff, for a term beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2016:

Kathleen DeLong Libraries

CARRIED

Motion II: Kelly/Cormack

MOTION II: TO RECEIVE [This motion may be proposed by any member of GFC]:

The following *ex officio* members, to serve on GFC for a term beginning July 1, 2013 and extending for the duration of their appointment:

Joanne Profetto-McGrath	Acting Dean, Nursing
Robert Haennel	Acting Dean, Rehabilitation Medicine
Joseph Doucet	Dean, Business
Kue Young	Dean, School of Public Health
Anna Altmann	Interim Director, Library and Information Studies

The following statutory faculty members who have been elected or re-elected by their Faculty to serve on GFC for terms beginning immediately and ending June 30, 2016:

Yongsheng Ma	Faculty of Engineering
Mark Loewen	Faculty of Engineering
Raj Gupta	Faculty of Engineering
Tarek El-Bialy	Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry
Dilini Vethanayagam	Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry
Kent Stobart	Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry
Godfrey Man	Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry
Deborah Burshtyn	Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry
Rhada Chari	Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry
Bruce Sutherland	Faculty of Science
Greg Kondrak	Faculty of Science
Marcia Spetch	Faculty of Science

CARRIED

6. Letter of Expectation 2013 (University of Alberta Section)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenters: Martin Ferguson-Pell, Acting Provost and Vice-President (Academic); Debra Pozega Osburn, Vice-President (University Relations)

Purpose of the Proposal: To review and provide advice on the draft University of Alberta section of the Letter of Expectation with Enterprise and Advanced Education. This section, along with the Comprehensive Academic and Research Institutions (CARI) section, the Campus Alberta section and the Government of Alberta section, will form the Letter of Expectation (LOE) between the University of Alberta and the Ministry of Enterprise and Advanced Education (EAE).

Discussion:

Aided by a PowerPoint presentation, Dr Ferguson-Pell provided members with a brief outline of the

contents of the Letter of Expectation (LOE) between the Ministry of Enterprise and Advanced Education (EAE) and the University of Alberta, explaining that the three sections that comprise the LOE, are first, the Comprehensive Academic and Research Intensive (CARI) institutions section, second, the Campus Alberta section, and finally, the section specific to the University of Alberta. He added that the document requires alignment with the University of Alberta's other guiding documents, including *Dare to Deliver*, *Dare to Discover*, and the Comprehensive Institutional Plan (CIP), and that during the draft phase, comprehensive consultation was sought regarding the revisions to the LOE, from both input from key groups at the University of Alberta as well as comments posted on the Colloquy blog and Ideascale.

He reminded members that following their feedback and formal recommendation of the document, the LOE would be submitted to EAE on Friday, September 19, 2013, and that it would be given back to the institution for consideration at the Board of Governors meeting of October 18, 2013.

Dr Pozega Osburn added that the level of community engagement in drafting the LOE was comprehensive, including 13,000-14,000 online views of the LOE, 116 specific comments gathered from Ideascale and Colloquy, and substantial attendance and online participation at the Brown Bag Forum.

During the lengthy ensuing discussion surrounding the LOE, members expressed several comments and questions, including, but not limited to: clarification about the definition of "professor" on the second page of the document; that the document seems defensive in tone; how feedback on the previous Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been incorporated into drafting the LOE; clarification about certain editorial changes including the title and deleted paragraph on page one; clarification about the difference between the MOU and the LOE; clarification about amendments to a previous section on student participation in governance; clarification about the process of Board of Governors approval of the LOE.

Following a brief discussion about amendments made to the document at the GFC Academic Planning Committee (APC) meeting of September 11, 2013, as well as confirmation of the appropriate governance procedure, Mr Kusmu made a 'Motion to Amend' the LOE.

Motion to Amend: Kusmu/Chelen

THAT General Faculties Council amend page 3 of the University of Alberta section of the Letter of Expectation (LOE) 2013 to include the words "increased student engagement" within the last bullet point of the document.

DEFEATED

Mr Bodnar clarified that, as *per* GFC's procedural rules, Motions with a five or less vote difference require an automatic re-vote, with the results of the second vote being final.

Motion to Amend (Second Vote): Kusmu/Chelen

THAT General Faculties Council amend page 3 of the University of Alberta section of the Letter of Expectation (LOE) 2013 to include the words "increased student engagement" within the last bullet point of the document.

DEFEATED

Motion: Doucet/Profetto-McGrath

THAT General Faculties Council recommend to the Board of Governors the University of Alberta section of the Letter of Expectation (LOE) 2013 (to be provided to the Ministry of Enterprise and Advanced Education)

(EAE)), as submitted by the Offices of the Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and the Vice-President (University Relations), to take effect upon signing by the Minister of EAE and the Chair of the Board of Governors for the University of Alberta.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. Leadership Initiative

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenters: Indira Samarasekera, President and Chair, General Faculties Council; Peter Meekison, Program Advisor, Leadership Initiative, and Distinguished University Professor Emeritus

Purpose of the Proposal: On September 13, 2013, the University of Alberta will announce the development of a cross-institutional Leadership Initiative, in partnership with the Banff Centre and with the strong support of key community leaders. The planning for the initiative will build upon and bring together already-existing academic and co-curricular programming designed to inspire, educate, and mentor aspiring student leaders across all fields of endeavour. How precisely the programming for the initiative develops in the future will depend heavily on the vision and input of the academic community.

Discussion:

Dr Samarasekera introduced former University of Alberta Vice-President (Academic) Dr Peter Meekison to GFC members and welcomed him to Council.

Dr Meekison, during his detailed description of the origins and aims of the 'Leadership Initiative', explained that the original idea to create a program to educate the leaders of tomorrow stemmed from a Deans' Retreat held a few years ago and, at that time, the Dean of Students generated a report on leadership; there was, however, no formal follow-up to that report. He explained that the idea resurfaced following the death of former Alberta Premier Peter Lougheed, when his family approached the University of Alberta to provide to the institution the gift of his name to, possibly, an initiative in this area. He noted that, following this proposal from the Lougheed family, the University explored accepting this honour and that this had pre-dated the University's current budget climate.

He explained that when he was asked to become involved in the project, it was an easy decision, based on his positive experiences as a faculty member at the University of Alberta, combined with the outstanding legacy of Premier Lougheed for both the Province of Alberta as well as for the University of Alberta. He noted that he was further inspired by the contents of *Dare to Discover* as he felt the seeds of an initiative with regard to leadership were contained within it. He stated that he, thus, became officially involved with the project in the Spring of 2013.

Dr Meekison reported that during his early consultations surrounding this project, he met with the Deans as well as students involved in a leadership pilot project within the Alberta School of Business—the students shared with him that their best experience from that program had been their ability to learn from one another. He added that the Deans voiced concerns regarding financing and that it was clear that the project would be required to be self-financed.

He concluded by stating that the creation of the 'leadership college' would act as a catalyst for student leadership and partnerships as well as a unique educational opportunity that would immerse students within a transformational educational experience and that this represents an enormous opportunity for the institution. He added that the project has been recently introduced into the public domain to generate

appropriate and thoughtful discussion on its future.

Dr Samarasekera commented that, despite being inundated with requests to use Premier Lougheed's name following his passing, the Lougheed family had chosen the University of Alberta in partnership with the Banff Centre to bear his name—this came as a great honour to the institutions. She stated that Premier Lougheed often reminisced about his time at the University of Alberta and enjoyed appearing personally to award each year those scholarships offered in his name. She cautioned, however, that this proposal is in its formative stages and will require discussion and input from the community, including GFC, in order to be properly developed.

Members expressed comments and questions in relation to this proposal, including, but not limited to: an expression of opposition to the idea of a leadership college, due to what was perceived as the singular and passé theme of leadership; that a leadership college would be a misuse of funds; that funds could be raised to develop curricula across all Faculties that would benefit all students as opposed to just a few; clarification about the role of the Office of Advancement in selectively fundraising for this initiative; that expecting faculty to teach students of the leadership college will negatively impact the greater student population; whether there is evidence to support the claim that a leadership college would strengthen the entire University of Alberta community and student population; that money should be applied to existing leadership initiatives; that assurance is needed that this initiative will not cost any additional money; clarification on if, and when, the Board of Governors will be voting on this proposal; concerns about the use of land to build the residential building associated with a leadership college; that some faculty members are skeptical about funding as well as the residential aspect of the proposal; that there needs to be a clear definition of 'leadership' before this project goes forward; clarification about how the leadership college would link to citizenship and engagement; clarification about the diversity of opinions offered by the Deans during early consultation; that the various themes within the proposed description of this initiative have different meanings in different Faculties; clarification about how fair access to students will be managed; clarification with regard to the status of students who are not accepted into the program; concerns that certain students will not be able to afford the residential experience; concerns that some students may not want to live in residence; and commentary there are not enough important details surrounding the project for it to progress in a meaningful way at this time.

Dr Samarasekera thanked members for their feedback and questions and stated she and her colleagues would bring the proposal back once more details were available and following more extensive community engagement.

8. Information Session on the University Budget 2013/2014 Preliminary Forecast

There were no documents.

Presenters: Martin Ferguson-Pell, Acting Provost and Vice-President (Academic); Phyllis Clark, Vice-President (Finance and Administration)

Purpose of the Proposal: For information/discussion.

Discussion:

In conjunction with a PowerPoint presentation, Acting Provost and Vice-President (Academic) Ferguson-Pell briefed members on the University Budget 2013-2014, highlighting revenue generation, management of expenditures, and mitigation strategies. He noted that the impact of the Voluntary Severance Program (VSP) for continuing academic staff was not yet known.

Vice-President (Finance and Administration) Clark added that there will be cuts across the institution, but

they should not be considered horizontal and that they are dependent on benchmarking and performance. She stated that she expects these new figures to be represented by an approximate 7% cut to Faculties and 10% to 12% cut to central administrative units.

Members expressed a number of questions and comments in relation to this update, including, but not limited to: clarification about the previous announcement that there would not be any more horizontal cuts; clarification about the quantity and distribution of student scholarships; clarification about the impact of the Association of Academic Staff - University of Alberta (AASUA) grievance concerning the VSP; and whether there is a plan to communicate the negative effects of the budget on institutional employment and academic programs to the Alberta public.

Dr Samarasekera thanked members for their comments. She also cautioned student leaders to obtain accurate information before approaching the media on some of these issues, as they impact the resources and reputation of the institution.

9. Question Period

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

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

9.1Q Question from GFC Member Mr Dustin Chelen (Students' Union Vice-President (Academic)) Regarding the Student Mental Health Initiatives Review
and

9.1R Response from Acting Provost and Vice-President Martin Ferguson-Pell to Question Raised by Mr Chelen

9.2Q Question from GFC Member Mr Dustin Chelen (Students' Union Vice-President (Academic)) Regarding Digital Learning Initiatives Funding Usage
and

9.2R Response from President Indira Samarasekera to Question Raised by Mr Chelen

9.3Q Question from GFC Member Mr Dustin Chelen (Students' Union Vice-President (Academic)) Regarding Teaching and Learning Resources and the Establishment of a Centralized "Teaching and Research Unit"
and

9.3R Response from President Indira Samarasekera to Question Raised by Mr Chelen

9.4Q Question from GFC Member Mr Dustin Chelen (Students' Union Vice-President (Academic)) Regarding GFC and Student Involvement in Digital Learning Discussions
and

9.4R Response from Acting Provost and Vice-President Martin Ferguson-Pell to Question Raised by Mr Chelen

9.5Q Question from GFC Member Mr Dustin Chelen (Students' Union Vice-President (Academic)) Regarding Student Involvement in the Open Educational Resources Pilot
and

9.5R Response from Acting Provost and Vice-President Martin Ferguson-Pell to Question Raised by Mr Chelen

9.6Q Question from GFC Member Mr Dustin Chelen (Students' Union Vice-President (Academic))

Regarding 'Student Connect'
and

9.6R Response from Vice-Provost and University Registrar Lisa Collins to Question Raised by Mr Chelen

9.7Q Question from GFC Member Mr Dustin Chelen (Students' Union Vice-President (Academic))
Regarding the Release of Budget Letters from the Ministry of Enterprise and Advanced Education (EAE)
and

9.7R Response from President Indira Samarasekera to Question Raised by Mr Chelen

9.8Q Question from GFC Member Mr Dustin Chelen (Students' Union Vice-President (Academic))
Regarding Advocacy for a Predictable Funding Model
and

9.8R Response from Vice-President (Finance and Administration) Phyllis Clark to Question Raised by Mr Chelen

9.9Q Question from GFC Member Mr Petros Kusmu (Students' Union President) Regarding the Status of a
Downtown Arts Centre and Engagement Surrounding Planning
and

9.9R Response from Vice-President (Facilities and Operations) Don Hickey on behalf of President Indira Samarasekera to Question Raised by Mr Kusmu

Discussion:

Regarding Item 9.4Q, Mr Chelen enquired how student members would be selected to participate in this initiative. Dr Ferguson-Pell replied that the Students' Union (SU) and the Graduate Students' Association (GSA) should identify potentially-qualified students to participate, but that they must possess a specialty in digital learning strategies, and clarified that this would not be a policy-making body.

Regarding Item 9.6R, Ms Collins made note of a typographical error in her response.

Regarding Item 9.7Q, Mr Chelen enquired how a member of GFC might request the documentation referenced in this question from the Board of Governors' Chair, and Ms Haggarty-France, University Secretary, replied that the Board Chair will release the documentation in question at what he deems the appropriate time.

Regarding Item 9.8R, Mr Chelen thanked Ms Clark for her response.

Regarding Item 9.9R, Mr Kusmu enquired if students had been consulted in relation to this project, and Mr Hickey replied that, if the project moves forward, there will be extensive consultation with all key stakeholders.

Mr Lau enquired how the international student fee differentials might impact the international student experience at the University, and Ms Clark replied that no decisions have yet been made regarding the issue of differential fees.

A student member enquired about the status of students who may not be able to attend GFC due to scheduled classes. Ms Haggarty-France replied that, for the benefit of the wider University community, GFC and GFC standing committee meeting schedules are published widely with substantial notice. She suggested the member contact her for further assistance, if required.

INFORMATION REPORTS

10. GFC Executive Committee Minutes of April 26, 2013 and May 6, 2013

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

There was no discussion.

11. Report of the Board of Governors of May 10, June 3, and June 21, 2013

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

There was no discussion.

12. E-Mail Reports of the GFC Nominating Committee (June 19 and August 2, 2013)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

There was no discussion.

13. E-Mail Report of the GFC Replenishment Committee (July 12, 2013)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

There was no discussion.

14. Information Items Forwarded to GFC Members Between Meetings

- 2013-14 General Faculties Council (GFC) and GFC Standing Committee Meeting Schedules [E-Mailed to Members on September 3, 2013]

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

There was no discussion.

15. Reports

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

There were no reports.

CLOSING SESSION

16. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:25 pm.