



General Faculties Council
Approved Open Session Minutes

Monday, September 22, 2014
1-140, Centennial Centre for Interdisciplinary Science (CCIS)
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Voting Members:

Indira Samarasekera	Chair, President and Chair, Statutory
Katherine Aitchison	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Ahmad Al-Dabbagh	Member, Graduate Student at-Large
Carl Amrhein	Member, Provost and Vice-President (Academic), Statutory
Nathan Andrews	Member, Board of Governors Representative, President, Graduate Students' Association
Ali Assi	Member, Graduate Student at-Large
Lorne Babiuk	Member, Vice-President (Research), Statutory
Marina Banister	Member, Undergraduate Student Member
Gary Barron	Member, Graduate Student at-Large
Gerald Beasley	Member, Vice-Provost and Chief Librarian, Statutory
Qendresa Beka	Member, Graduate Student at-Large
Mike Belosevic	Member, Board of Governors Representative, GFC Appointee
Deborah Burshtyn	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Patrick Cajina	Member, Undergraduate Student Member
Phyllis Clark	Member, Vice-President (Finance and Administration), Statutory
Lisa Collins	Member, Vice-Provost and University Registrar, Statutory
Bill Connor	Member, Dean, Extension (Acting), Statutory
Lesley Cormack	Member, Dean, Arts, Statutory
Roger Croutze	Member, Undergraduate Student Member
Kathleen DeLong	Member, University Library Academic Staff
Travis Dueck	Member, Undergraduate Student Member
Tarek El-Bialy	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Duncan Elliott	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Shannon Erichsen	Member, Non-Academic Staff (Nominated by NASA)
Robin Everall	Member, Vice-Provost and Dean of Students and Additional Appointee
Andrew Fontaine	Member, Undergraduate Student Member
Lise Gotell	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Stephanie Gruhlke	Member, Undergraduate Student Member
Raj Gupta	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Robert Haennel	Member, Dean, Rehabilitation Medicine (Acting), Statutory
John Harris	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Jed Harrison	Member, Chair Representative (Chairs' Council and Chair, Chairs' Council Executive)
Don Hickey	Member, Vice-President (Facilities and Operations), Statutory
Michael Huang	Member, Undergraduate Student Member
James Hwang	Member, Undergraduate Student Member
Cuiying Jian	Member, Graduate Student at-Large

Michal Juhas	Member, Graduate Student at-Large
Kevin Kane	Member, AASUA President and Additional Appointee
James Kehrer	Member, Dean, Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Statutory
Terence (Terry) Kersch	Member, St Joseph's College Representative and Additional Appointee
Katherine Koch	Member, University Library Academic Staff
Greg Kondrak	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
William Lau	Member, Board of Governors Representative, President, Students' Union
Robert Lederer	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Pierre Lemelin	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Bernard Lemire	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Raimar Loebenberg	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Mark Loewen	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
David Lynch	Member, Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Statutory
Yongshen Ma	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Godfrey Man	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Laurie Mereu	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Pierre-Yves Mocquais	Member, Dean, Faculté Saint-Jean, Statutory
Bashir Mohamed	Member, Undergraduate Student Member
Anita Molzahn	Member, Dean, Nursing, Statutory
Colin More	Member, Student Nominated by Graduate Council of Students, Vice-President (Academic), GSA
Madiha Mueen	Member, Graduate Student at-Large
Norma Nocente	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Saeed El Khair Nusri	Member, Graduate Student at-Large
Kathryn Orydzuk	Member, Student Nominated by Undergraduate Council of Students
Steve Patten	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Debra Pozega Osburn	Member, Vice-President (University Relations), Statutory
Ali Qadri	Member, Undergraduate Student Member
Fahim Rahman	Member, Undergraduate Student Member
Colm Renehan	Member, Vice-President (Advancement) (Interim), Statutory
Jeremy Richards	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Sean Robertson	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Carolyn Sale	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Jonathan Schaeffer	Member, Dean, Science, Statutory
Andrew Shaw	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Mazi Shirvani	Member, Vice-Provost and Dean, Graduate Studies and Research, Statutory
Robert Simpson	Member, Vice-President, NASA, and Additional Appointee
Peter Smith	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Marcia Spetch	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Kent Stobart	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Bruce Sutherland	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Guillaume Tardif	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Harsh Thaker	Member, Graduate Student at-Large
Richard Uwiera	Member, APOs/FSOs, FSO (Academic Staff Representative)
Dilini Vethanayagam	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Elizabeth Wallace	Member, University Library Academic Staff
Brianna Wells	Member, Graduate Student at-Large
David Whalen	Member, APO (Academic Staff Representative)
Brayden Whitlock	Member, Graduate Student at-Large

Sheena Wilson Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Kue Young Member, Dean, School of Public Health, Statutory
Richard Zhao Member, Graduate Student at-Large

Presenter(s):

Carl Amrhein Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and Chair, GFC Executive Committee
Gerald Beasley Vice-Provost and Chief Librarian
Mike Belosevic Member, Board of Governors (GFC Nominee)
Garry Bodnar Director of General Faculties Council Services and Secretary to GFC
Phyllis Clark Vice-President (Finance and Administration)
Lisa Collins Vice-Provost and University Registrar
Scott Delinger Information Technology Strategic Initiatives Officer, Office of the Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
Roger Epp Vice-Provost (Academic)
Marion Haggarty-France University Secretary
Robert Luth Associate Vice-Provost (Academic Programs and Instruction) and Chair, GFC Committee on the Learning Environment
Mike MacGregor Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President (Information Technology)
Indira Samarasekera President and Chair, General Faculties Council
Mazi Shirvani Vice-Provost and Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

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.

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

Motion: Cormack/Shirvani

THAT General Faculties Council approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes of March 24, 2014

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

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

Discussion:

A member expressed support for the creation of a database clearly outlining all delegations of authority from General Faculties Council (GFC) to its standing committees and other entities and individuals.

Motion: Shirvani/Lynch

THAT General Faculties Council approve the Minutes of March 24, 2014.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Chair

President and Chair of General Faculties Council (GFC), Dr Indira Samarasekera, noted this was the 395th meeting of GFC. She reported on the following:

- A welcome to all new and returning members of GFC for the Academic Year 2014-2015.
- The status of GFC: She stated that GFC remains an important forum for advancing the academic mission of the University of Alberta and that, as part of an ongoing discussion to keep GFC relevant and effective in this regard, she has proposed to introduce a debate period at GFC. She noted that members of an *ad hoc* working group, comprising several GFC Executive Committee members, will be determining the structure and function of this debate period. She commented, as well, that the report of President's GFC Task Force has been completed and submitted to her Office; she is in the process of reviewing the document and determining 'next steps'.
- The recent 'State of the University Address': She reported that the Address, her last before her tenure as President comes to an end, was live-streamed before a large viewership, and she thanked everyone involved in organizing the event. She noted that it was an ideal time to reflect on where the academy has been and on the future direction of the University of Alberta.
- Recent key changes in the Provincial Government: Dr Samarasekera stated that she is optimistic about the new leader and principal ministers within the Provincial Government, particularly in light of the challenging past decade the University of Alberta has faced. She indicated she remains optimistic about achieving predictable financial stability for provincial post-secondary institutions in the years to come. Further, she noted that she is preparing to meet with Premier Jim Prentice as well as members of his Cabinet, including the Minister of Innovation and Advanced Education, the Honourable Donald Scott.
- University of Alberta accolades: She congratulated several members of the University of Alberta community for recent prestigious accomplishments, awards, and recognition.

During the discussion following these comments, members expressed a number of questions and comments, including, but not limited to: whether members of GFC will be able to submit ideas for the proposed GFC debate period; a suggestion for the GFC Executive Committee to establish a call for questions in relation to the debate period; and a query whether suggestions for topics could be submitted *via* e-mail.

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 thanked members for their continued service towards academic governance at the University of Alberta and welcomed all to the new Academic Year. She noted, in particular, that there are 65 new members of GFC at this time. She thanked members of the GFC Nominating Committee for their continued hard work in ensuring the academic governing bodies over which it has responsibility for member replenishment are appropriately populated. She invited members to encourage colleagues to volunteer to serve within institutional academic governance.

She provided an update regarding Council Chamber, adding that the Provost and Vice-President (Academic), in concert with the Vice-President (Facilities and Operations), have approved a new space for Council Chamber in University Hall. She stated that appropriate space is vital to the effectiveness of collegial governance. She thanked all members who have provided input during consultation surrounding Council Chamber's design. She also thanked the Information Services and Technology (IST) audio-visual technicians who have provided excellent service towards the function of GFC meetings in the current meeting space in the Centennial Centre for Interdisciplinary Science (CCIS).

She reminded members that University Governance exists to support them in their various roles in academic and institutional governance. Further, she announced that long-time Secretary to GFC, Mr Garry Bodnar, will be retiring in 2015 and acknowledged his valuable service to the University of Alberta.

She encouraged members to visit the University Governance website to review GFC's and its Standing Committees' Terms of Reference as well as the *Post-Secondary Learning Act* (PSLA), all of which would serve as a reminder of the scope of GFC's authority. She reminded members that, as participants in academic governance, they represent the whole University and not just their individual Faculties or units.

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 announced the inclusion of several additional names for consideration within Motion II.

Motion I: Collins/Cormack

MOTION I: TO APPOINT/REAPPOINT:

The following President of the Association of Academic Staff of the University of Alberta (AASUA), for a term beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015:

Kevin Kane	President, AASUA
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The following Chairs' Council representative, for a term beginning immediately and ending June 30, 2015:

Jed Harrison	Chair (Chairs' Council Executive)
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The following non-academic staff representative nominated by the Non-Academic Staff Association (NASA), for a term beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2017:

Shannon Erichsen	Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry
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The following academic staff member to represent University Library Academic Staff, for a term beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2017:

Elizabeth Wallace	Libraries
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The following undergraduate student representatives, to serve on GFC for terms beginning May 1, 2014 and ending April 30, 2015:

Michael Huang	Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences
Bashir Mohammed	Faculty of Arts
Cole Goshulak	Faculty of Arts
Marina Banister	Faculty of Arts
Travis Dueck	Faculty of Arts
Tymothy Jaddock	Faculty of Arts
Stephanie Gruhlke	Augustana Faculty
Alexandria Wolfe	Faculty of Education
Andrew Fontaine	Faculty of Engineering
Kevin Jacobson	Faculty of Engineering
Jonathan Cheng	Faculty of Law
Roger Croutze	Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry
Harley Morris	Faculty of Native Studies
Madison Predy	Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation
Faizath Yallou	Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences
Aiman Zeineddine	Faculty of Science
Ali Qadri	Faculty of Science
Dawson Zeng	Faculty of Science
Fahim Rahman	Faculty of Science
James Hwang	Faculty of Science
Lok To	Faculty of Science
Umer Farooq	Faculty of Science
Vivian Kwan	Faculty of Science
Patrick Cajina	Faculté Saint-Jean

The following graduate student representatives, to serve on GFC for terms beginning May 1, 2014 and ending April 30, 2015:

Gary Barron	Faculty of Arts
Brianna Wells	Faculty of Arts
Ahmad Al-Dabbagh	Faculty of Engineering
Cuiying Jian	Faculty of Engineering
Md Mohib-UI-Haque Khan	Faculty of Engineering
Saeed El Khair Nusri	Faculty of Engineering
Harsh Thaker	Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry
Brayden Whitlock	Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry
Ali Assi	School of Public Health
Qendresa Beka	School of Public Health
Madiha Mueen	School of Public Health
Shahriar Rozen	School of Public Health
Michal Juhas	Faculty of Science
Richard Zhao	Faculty of Science

CARRIED

Motion II: Collins/Lau

MOTION II: TO RECEIVE:

The following *ex officio* members, to serve on GFC for terms beginning July 1, 2014 and extending for the duration of their appointments:

Stanford Blade	Dean, Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences
Bill Connor	Acting Dean, Faculty of Extension
Pierre-Yves Mocquais	Dean, Faculté Saint-Jean
Paul Paton	Dean, Faculty of Law
Anita Molzahn	Dean, Faculty of Nursing
Robert Haennel	Acting Dean, Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine
Colm Renehan	Interim Vice-President (Advancement)

The following statutory faculty members who have been elected or re-elected by their Faculty, to serve on GFC for terms beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2017:

Duncan Elliott	Faculty of Engineering
Tarek El-Bialy	Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry
Bernard Lemire	Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry
Andrew Shaw	Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry
Katherine Aitchison	Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry
Richard Fahlman	Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry
Laurie Mereu	Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry
Peter Smith	Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry
Sarah Wall	Faculty of Nursing
Jeremy Richards	Faculty of Science
Allen Good	Faculty of Science
Sheena Wilson	Faculté Saint-Jean

The following statutory faculty member who has been elected by his Faculty, to serve on GFC for a term beginning immediately and ending June 30, 2015:

Raimar Loebenberg	Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences
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The following statutory faculty members who have been elected by their Faculty, to serve on GFC for terms beginning immediately and ending June 30, 2017:

Carolyn Sale	Faculty of Arts
Ben Montpetit	Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry

CARRIED

6. Proposed Revisions to the Terms of Reference for the GFC Committee on the Learning Environment (CLE)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Carl Amrhein, Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and Chair, GFC Executive Committee; Robert Luth, Associate Vice-Provost (Academic Programs and Instruction) and Chair, GFC Committee on the Learning Environment; Gerald Beasley, Vice-Provost and Chief Librarian

Purpose of the Proposal: To revise the Terms of Reference for the GFC Committee on the Learning Environment (CLE) to clearly and formally acknowledge the important role Learning Services units play within the academy and in the fulfillment of the University's Academic Plan; to modify the Committee's composition to provide for more realistic replenishment of this body and to reflect the University's current staff categories; and to accommodate a series of minor/editorial changes to ensure the currency of these Terms.

Discussion:

Dr Amrhein stated that GFC CLE is an important Standing Committee of GFC as it relates to teaching and learning within the academy. He noted that this proposal aims to offer a more inclusive role for Learning Services units within academic governance.

Mr Beasley provided members with a brief summary of the proposal, adding that, while most of the revisions are editorial in nature, there are a few substantive changes, including revisions to membership composition and the addition of a subsection on policy creation.

A member sought clarification surrounding the respective roles of the GFC Academic Planning Committee (APC) and the GFC Executive Committee in relation to the consideration of formal recommendations from GFC CLE, as outlined within the proposed new subsection (c) under Section 3 (Mandate of the Committee).

Motion: Shirvani/Kehrer

THAT General Faculties Council approve proposed revisions to the GFC Committee on the Learning Environment's (CLE's) Terms of Reference, as recommended by the GFC Executive Committee and as set forth in Attachment 1, to take effect upon final approval.

CARRIED

7. Electronic Universal Student Ratings of Instruction (eUSRI) System – Proposed Revisions to Section 111.3 (Teaching and Learning and Teaching Evaluation/Universal Student Ratings of Instruction) of the GFC Policy Manual

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Carl Amrhein, Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and Chair, GFC Executive Committee; Mike MacGregor, Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President (Information Technology); Scott Delinger, Information Technology Strategic Initiatives Officer, Office of the Provost and Vice-President (Academic)

Purpose of the Proposal: The purpose of this proposal was to introduce the use of electronic, rather than current paper-based, delivery of the Universal Student Ratings of Instruction (eUSRIs) via proposed changes to GFC Policy Manual Section 111.3 (Teaching and Learning and Teaching Evaluation/Universal

Student Ratings of Instruction). Upon approval, the eUSRI system will be the only method by which the USRI evaluation tool is delivered at the institution.

Discussion:

Dr Amrhein noted that this proposal has been carefully developed over time and that there has been substantial consultation with a number of University of Alberta stakeholders including the Association of Academic Staff - University of Alberta (AASUA). He stated that the proposal is intended to introduce institution wide the electronic delivery of USRIs.

Dr MacGregor provided members with a summary of the proposal, noting that it is based on data collected during a series of pilots conducted over the past two years. He explained that the data from the pilots reflected that instructors were receiving longer comments in electronic format and that support staff no longer had to transcribe long-form USRI responses. He added that the data did not support several concerns that changing the delivery would impact instructor ratings. He reported that individual student Campus Computing IDs (CCID) are removed during the aggregation of responses and that anonymity is preserved throughout the process.

During the discussion surrounding this proposal, members expressed a number of comments and questions, including, but not limited to: a comment that students would like to see mid-term evaluations; support from the Graduate Students' Association (GSA) for this proposal, with a recommendation to revisit the implementation of eUSRIs for review in the medium future; a suggestion to use the eUSRI format for all courses; clarification surrounding the number of respondents during the pilots; concern that some students lack the technical devices to complete eUSRIs; a suggestion to improve the efforts towards encouraging students to complete eUSRIs, as they are critical to certain academic functions, including annual Faculty Evaluation Committee (FEC) reporting; clarification surrounding the expressed concerns of the AASUA; concern with the possibility of small number of responses; expressions of support for this endeavor; and a suggestion for the Administration to clearly inform instructors when the eUSRIs are available.

Motion: Collins/Orydzuk

THAT General Faculties Council (GFC) approve proposed revisions to Section 111.3 (Teaching and Learning and Teaching Evaluation/Universal Student Ratings of Instruction) of the GFC Policy Manual, as submitted by the Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President (Information Technology) and set forth in Attachment 1, to take effect upon final approval.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

8. Updates from the Provost and Vice-President (Academic)

There were no documents.

Presenter: Carl Amrhein, Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and Chair, GFC Executive Committee

Purpose of the Proposal: For information/discussion.

Discussion:

Dr Amrhein noted that, during the summer, a number of important initiatives in his Office continued to be discussed and developed, and, because of this, he felt it important to provide updates in these key areas at the first General Faculties Council (GFC) meeting of the new Academic Year.

8.1 Reorganization of Digital Learning Program

There were no documents.

Presenter: Robert Luth, Associate Vice-Provost (Academic Programs and Instruction) and Chair, GFC Committee on the Learning Environment

Purpose of the Proposal: For information/discussion.

Discussion:

Dr Luth provided members with a brief history of the University-wide focus in the area of online learning spaces and noted that, aside from a few established pilots including the Dino 101 Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) as well as pilots related to blended courses, an overall institutional strategy for online learning spaces at the University of Alberta still needs to be determined. He stated that this topic will very likely be discussed by the GFC Committee on the Learning Environment (CLE), of which he is Chair, at some point this Academic Year. He noted that any updates with respect to this topic would be communicated to members accordingly.

Members, during the ensuing discussion on this topic, expressed a number of comments and questions, including, but not limited to: concern regarding the deterioration of existing classroom technical capabilities; clarification regarding how such courses can be effectively delivered; and a member's commentary on standardizing delivery protocols across the University in order to save staff and monetary resources.

8.2 Enrolment Management/Admissions Pilot Project

There were no documents.

Presenter: Lisa Collins, Vice-Provost and University Registrar

Purpose of the Proposal: For information/discussion.

Discussion:

Ms Collins provided members with an update regarding the Enrolment Management/Admissions Pilot Project being developed by the Office of the Registrar with the support of the Office of the Provost and Vice-President (Academic), emphasizing that there is an urgent need at this time to strategically manage enrolment at the institution. She stated that, although she has consulted with the Faculties extensively in relation to this project, it is a complicated issue and that the approaches deployed across and amongst the Faculties will need to be adjusted according to a range of factors.

She explained that a key element of the project is to offer applicants a single, firm admission offer in the Spring based on a new system for determining the basis of admission, incorporating Grade 11 as well as Grade 12 grades for high school applicants and, where requested by specific Faculties/programs, incorporating Fall term grades and second-term registrations for post-secondary transfer applicants. She commented that offers of admission to successful highly-qualified applicants will be accompanied with the proffering of on-campus housing options and, eventually, scholarship eligibility information.

A member sought clarification surrounding the consideration of final grades as the basis of admission.

8.3 Graduate Student Professional Development Program

There were no documents.

Presenter: Mazi Shirvani, Vice-Provost and Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Purpose of the Proposal: For information/discussion.

Discussion:

Dr Shirvani provided a summary of the Graduate Student Professional Development Program to members, noting that, as statistics reflect, there are not enough current academic faculty positions for graduate students and post-doctoral fellows (PDFs). He reported that, as such, these graduates and PDFs have moved into other sectors of the economy and that this shift warrants further examination. He explained that, although the topic of professional development is not clearly defined as it relates to graduate students, the University of Alberta has a duty to prepare its students for employment within non-academic sectors in order to set them up for successful and meaningful careers. He stated that an advisory board has been established to create a professional development strategy for graduate students and PDFs and, once a plan is fully drafted, it will be distributed for discussion. He noted that the advisory board will consider several key factors in relation to this large issue, including: skills and competencies; the added value of graduate degrees in non-academic workplaces; whether a culture change is required surrounding the value placed on non-academic careers; and whether there is time for graduate students to add this element of learning to their existing programs.

During the discussion surrounding this project, members provided a number of comments and questions, including, but not limited to: support for this project and encouragement to move quickly on it; that discussions surrounding career choices should occur early within a graduate student's education; clarification surrounding graduate student enrolment in light of the academic sector employment statistics; and whether more detailed data exist in relation to the eventual career paths followed by recent graduates.

9. Information Session on the University Budget 2014/2015 – Preliminary Forecast

There were no documents.

Presenter(s): Carl Amrhein, Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and Chair, GFC Executive Committee; Phyllis Clark, Vice-President (Finance and Administration)

Purpose of the Proposal: For information/discussion.

Discussion:

Dr Amrhein explained to members that the next University of Alberta budget is being drafted under the assumption that there will be a 0% increase to the University's Campus Alberta Grant, as provided by the Provincial Government. That said, he acknowledged that it is still early in the annual budget planning process.

Vice-President Clark invited members to review the 2013-2014 institutional budget as set out within the University of Alberta Comprehensive Institutional Plan (CIP), adding that it contains very detailed information. She then, aided by a PowerPoint presentation, provided members with a detailed report on the 2014-2015 University of Alberta budget, with an emphasis on the institution's consolidated budget; funding and additional revenue sources; recent endowment achievements; and details with respect to institutional expenses. She provided members with an overview of the University's operating, ancillary, research, capital, and special purpose budgets.

Ms Clark explained that there are several projects which tie into the Budget this year, including the ongoing development of the new University of Alberta Budget Model (UABM); the adoption of a new financial

management structure; and the utilization of the new data warehouse. She pledged to continue to keep members updated with regard to these initiatives as more information is obtained.

A member enquired whether the University of Calgary's budget model had been reviewed as part of this undertaking.

10. Response and Update Regarding Recommendations in the Renaissance Committee Final Report

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Carl Amrhein, Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and Chair, GFC Executive Committee; Roger Epp, Vice-Provost (Academic)

Purpose of the Proposal: For information/discussion.

Discussion:

Dr Epp explained that, as part of the first formal response to the Renaissance Committee Final Report, certain recommendations contained within the document have been identified as high priority, while others are subject to negotiation with the staff associations. He stated that one possible item for consideration is the creation of a new class of teacher-lecturer and that this concept could be discussed at an upcoming GFC meeting.

Dr Amrhein commented that there are several additional recommendations from the Renaissance Committee Final Report being discussed and developed and that some of those items may, in the future, come before members of GFC. He suggested that perhaps some of these items could be discussed during the suggested debate period at GFC.

11. Question Period

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

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

11.1Q Question from Past GFC Member Mr Dustin Chelen Regarding Advocacy for Funding Student Services and Engagement *and*

11.1R Response from Acting Dean of Students Robin Overall to Question Raised by Mr Chelen

11.2Q Questions from Past GFC Member Mr Dustin Chelen Regarding the Status of the (Proposed) Student Ambassador Academic Accommodation Policy Suite *and*

11.2R Responses from Acting Dean of Students Robin Overall to Questions Raised by Mr Chelen

11.3Q Question from Past GFC Member Mr Dustin Chelen Regarding Exceptions Under the UAPPOL Student Groups Procedure *and*

11.3R Response from Acting Dean of Students Robin Overall to Question Raised by Mr Chelen

11.4Q Questions from Past GFC Member Mr Dustin Chelen Regarding Metrics Associated with the Provost Fellow's Report on Student Mental Health at the University of Alberta *and*

11.4R Responses from Acting Dean of Students Robin Overall to Questions Raised by Mr Chelen

11.5Q Questions from GFC Member Professor Kathleen Lowrey Regarding the Administration of the Peter Lougheed Leadership College *and*

11.5R Responses from the Office of the President to Questions Raised by Professor Lowrey

Discussion:

The President asked Students' Union Vice-President (Academic) Kathryn Orydzuk if she had any follow-up queries regarding Items 11.1Q/R to 11.4Q/R. Ms Orydzuk replied that she did not.

Mr Bodnar noted that Professor Lowrey had sent her regrets for today's GFC meeting and thanked the Office of the President for the responses to her written questions.

During 'Question Period', members expressed a number of comments and questions, including, but not limited to: whether there are current discussions with the Provincial Government in relation to providing additional financial incentives for students to attend the University of Alberta; whether the University of Alberta Budget Model (UABM) would be coming forward to General Faculties Council (GFC) for discussion in the near future; and a query regarding international tuition rates in relation to market modifiers.

INFORMATION REPORTS

12. GFC Executive Committee Minutes (March 13, April 7, May 20, and June 16, 2014)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Carl Amrhein, Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and Chair, GFC Executive Committee

Discussion:

There was no discussion.

13. Reports of the Board of Governors (March 14, May 9, June 2, and June 20, 2014)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Mike Belosevic, Member, Board of Governors (GFC Nominee)

Discussion:

There was no discussion.

14. E-Mail Reports of the GFC Nominating Committee (April 22 and June 17, 2014)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Garry Bodnar, Director of General Faculties Council Services and Secretary to GFC

Discussion:

There was no discussion.

15. E-Mail Reports of the GFC Replenishment Committee (June 25 and July 10, 2014)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Garry Bodnar, Director of General Faculties Council Services and Secretary to GFC

Discussion:

There was no discussion.

16. Information Items Forwarded to GFC Members Between Meetings

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

- A Note from University Governance! [Message from the University Secretary to GFC and GFC Standing Committee Members] [E-Mailed to Members of July 24, 2014]

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

Discussion:

There was no discussion.

17. Reports

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

- Annual Conduct Statistics Report from Residence Services (September 1, 2013 – May 1, 2014)

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

Discussion:

There was no discussion.

CLOSING SESSION

18. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:15 pm.