



General Faculties Council
General Faculties Council
Approved Open Session Minutes

Monday, June 05, 2017
Council Chambers
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Voting Members:

David Turpin	Chair, President and Vice-Chancellor, Statutory
Jason Acker	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Katherine Aitchison	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Susan Andrew	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Ruben Araya	Member, Graduate Student at-Large
Larry Kostiuk (Delegate)	Member, Vice-President (Research), Statutory
Marina Banister	Member, Board of Governors Representative, President, Students' Union
Matthew Barnett	Member, Board of Governors Representative, NASA Appointee
Gerald Beasley	Member, Vice-Provost and Chief Librarian, Statutory
Darcy Bemister	Member, Graduate Student
Allen Berger	Member, Dean, Augustana, Statutory
Stanford Blade	Member, Dean, Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences, Statutory
Michelle Borowitz	Member, Graduate Student
Sylvia Brown	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Katy Campbell	Member, Dean, Extension, Statutory
Peter Carver	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Meijun Chen	Member, Undergraduate Student
Darren Choi	Member, Undergraduate Student
Lesley Cormack	Member, Dean, Arts, Statutory
André Costopoulos	Member, Vice-Provost and Dean of Students
Benjamin Denga	Member, Graduate Student
Steven Dew	Member, Provost and Vice-President (Academic), Statutory
Joseph Doucet	Member, Dean, Business, Statutory
Ryan Dunch	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Jonah Dunch	Member, Undergraduate Student
Shannon Erichsen	Member, Non-Academic Staff (Nominated by NASA)
Richard N Fedorak	Member, Dean, Medicine and Dentistry, Statutory
Kyle Foster	Member, Graduate Student
Kim Frail	Member, University Library Academic Staff
Adam Gaudry	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Murray Gingras	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Daanish Hamid	Member, Undergraduate Student
Lesley Harrington	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Srosh Hassan	Member, Undergraduate Student
Delane Howie	Member, Undergraduate Student
Paul Jurasz	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Maryam Kebbe	Member, Graduate Student
Firouz Khodayari	Member, Student Nominated by Graduate Students' Association, VP Academic

Maryse Ndilu Kiese	Member, Graduate Student
Gitta Kulczycki	Member, Vice-President (Finance & Administration), Statutory
Pierre Lemelin	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Monica Lillo	Member, Undergraduate Student
Wei Liu	Member, Non-Academic Staff (Nominated by NASA)
Mark Loewen	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Pierre-Yves Mocquais	Member, Dean, Faculté Saint-Jean & Executive Officer of Campus Saint-Jean, Statutory
Anita Molzahn	Member, Dean, Nursing, Statutory
Sean Oliver	Member, Undergraduate Student
Paul Paton	Member, Dean, Law, Statutory
Leonard Ratzlaff	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Bill Foster	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Jonathan Schaeffer	Member, Dean, Science, Statutory
Shane Scott	Member, Student Nominated by Students' Union, VP (Academic)
Marc Secanell	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Babak Soltannia	Member, Board of Governors Representative, President, Graduate Students' Association
Jorge Sousa	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Lisa Stein	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Eleni Stroulia	Member, Statutory Academic Staff,
Bruce Sutherland	Member, Statutory Academic Staff,
Brent Swallow	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Jacqui Tam	Member, Vice-President (University Relations), Statutory
Andrews Tawiah	Member, Graduate Student
James Thibaudeau	Member, Undergraduate Student
Amy Tse	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Ilya Ushakov	Member, Student Nominated by Students' Union, VP (Student Life)
Dilini Vethanayagam	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Amanda Wakaruk	Member, University Library Academic Staff
Elizabeth Wallace	Member, University Library Academic Staff
Bonnie Watt	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Jonathan White	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Brayden Whitlock	Member, Graduate Student
Matt Kostelecky	Member, St. Joseph's College Representative
Heather Zwicker	Member, Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, Statutory

Presenter(s):

David Turpin	President and Chair, General Faculties Council (GFC)
Allen Berger	Dean, Augustana Faculty
Douglas Stollery	Chancellor

Staff:

Meg Brolley, GFC Secretary and Manager of GFC Services
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: Dew/Beasley

THAT General Faculties Council approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes of April 21, 2017

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Dew/Cormack

THAT General Faculties Council approve the Minutes of April 21, 2017.

CARRIED

3. Report from the President

In addition to welcoming new student members to GFC, the Chair welcomed Ms Jacqui Tam as the new Vice-President (University Relations).

The Chair thanked all departing faculty members on GFC for their service, and bid farewell to Dr Lorne Babiuk, Vice-President (Research), who steps down from his role on June 30, 2017. He acknowledged the service provided by several longstanding members of GFC, including GFC nominee to the Board Jeremy Richards and Dean Anita Molzahn, and Vice-Provost and University Librarian Gerald Beasley on the occasion of their last GFC meeting.

The Chair reported that the Provost and Vice-President (Academic) is working with the other provosts of Alberta CARI institutions to put forward a position to the provincial government for their review of Agencies, Boards and Commissions and institutional roles and mandates.

He provided an update on the recent electrical malfunction in the aquatics research facility which resulted in the death of over 9,000 fish, and noted that deferred maintenance continues to be a challenge for the university.

The Chair reported on the recent signing of an MOU with the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation which will facilitate a framework for other activities at the university in response to the TRC Calls for Action.

The Chair also reported on the development of a lobbying strategy in support of the Naylor Report, the approval of the *ad hoc* Transition Committee Terms of Reference by the GFC Executive Committee, the GFC meeting schedule for 2017-2018, and noted that the MacKinnon review the Peter Lougheed Leadership College (PLLC) and the Report of the GFC Committee on Learning Environment on Teaching and Learning and Teaching Evaluation and the Use of the Universal Student Ratings of Instruction (USRI) as an Evaluation would be brought to GFC in the fall for discussion.

ACTION ITEMS

4. New Members of GFC [Note: A motion to appoint may be proposed only by a statutory member of GFC. A motion to receive may be proposed by any member of GFC.]

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): David Turpin

Purpose of the Proposal: To appoint, re-appoint and receive new members of General Faculties Council.

Discussion:

There was no discussion.

Motion I: Mocquais/Molzahn

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

The following President of the Association of Academic Staff of the University of Alberta (AASUA), for a term beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018:

Heather Bruce

President, AASUA

CARRIED

Motion II: Loewen/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 terms beginning July 1, 2017 and extending for the duration of their appointments:

Heather Zwicker

Vice-Provost and Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

The following graduate student representatives, to serve on GFC for terms commencing May 1, 2017 and ending April 30, 2018:

Darcy Bemister

Michelle Borowitz

Maryse Kiese

Benjamin Denga

Ruben Araya

Solomon Amoateng

Maryam Kebbe

Brayden Whitlock

Andrews Tawiah

Kyle Foster

The following statutory faculty members who has been elected/re-elected by their Faculty, to serve on GFC for term of office beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2020:

Lynn McMullen

Nadir Erbilgin

Carolyn Sale

Bill Foster

Eva Lemaire
Sarah Stahlke

CARRIED

5. Proposed termination of the Bachelor of Music Liturgical Arts Major and the Bachelor of Music Musical Arts Major, Augustana Faculty

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Allen Berger, Dean, Augustana Faculty

Purpose of the Proposal: Recommendation of the (proposed) Termination of the Augustana BMus Liturgical Arts Major and the BMus Musical Arts Major to the Board of Governors.

Discussion:

Dean Berger reported that no students have been registered in either of the Liturgical Arts or Musical Arts BMus majors since September 2006. He further explained that the Faculty would now focus on the remaining majors.

There was no further discussion.

Motion: Berger/Mocquais

THAT General Faculties Council recommend that the Board of Governors approve the termination of the Augustana Bachelor of Music Liturgical Arts Major and the Bachelor of Music Musical Arts Major as set forth in Attachment 1, and as proposed by Augustana Faculty, to take effect upon final approval.

CARRIED

EARLY CONSULTATION

6. Convocation Admission: Proposed Changes

There were no documents.

Presenter(s): Douglas Stollery, Chancellor

Purpose of the Proposal: For information/discussion.

Discussion:

Chancellor Stollery reported that the wording of the Convocation Admission would benefit from review and revision to reflect the institutional values of inclusivity and non-discrimination at the University of Alberta. He added that the proposed revisions currently being considered are inclusive and entail a call to serve the community for all students, regardless of religious belief.

Members discussed the proposed revisions and suggested voting to approve the revisions. The Chair replied that the item came forward for early consultation and would be presented for approval at the September 2017 meeting of GFC.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. Question Period

7.1 Question from GFC Member Dilini Vethanayagam regarding NIH grants administration and

7.1 Response from the Research Services Office, Vice-President (Research)

7.2 Question from GFC Member Jorge Sousa regarding racist acts targeting the university community and

7.2 Response from the Office of the President

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): David Turpin

Discussion:

GFC member Dr Dilini Vethanayagam, in relation to her submitted question, noted that the pre-submission grant process seems more labour-intensive than it should be and suggested that similar research-related reports come forward to GFC in the future for discussion.

In response to GFC member Dr Jorge Sousa's submitted question, the Chair emphasized that the University of Alberta has no tolerance for racism or other acts of hatred including those directed towards Indigenous faculty, staff, and students; and that further, it is the responsibility of all members of the community to respond to such acts as often the most effective response is immediate and local.

Dr Sousa noted that it is important to recognize that some individuals and groups are more vulnerable than others and that it may be necessary for others to raise these concerns.

There were no further questions.

INFORMATION REPORTS

8. Report of the GFC Executive Committee (May 15, 2017)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

9. Report of the GFC Academic Planning Committee (April 19, May 10, 2017)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

10. Report of the GFC Academic Standards Committee (February 27, April 20, and May 18, 2017)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

11. Report of the GFC Nominating Committee (Current list of vacancies)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

12. Report of the GFC Committee on the Learning Environment (2016/17)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

13. Report of the Board of Governors (March 17 and May 12, 2017)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

14. Information Forwarded to GFC Members Between Meetings

- Report of the GFC Committee on Learning Environment on Teaching and Learning and Teaching Evaluation and the Use of the Universal Student Ratings of Instruction (USRI) as an Evaluation Tool (for discussion at GFC September 2017)

15. Information Items - 2017/18 dates for GFC and GFC Standing Committee meetings

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

CLOSING SESSION

16. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m