



General Faculties Council
Approved Open Session Minutes

Monday, January 29, 2018
Council Chamber, 2-100 University Hall (UNH)
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Statutory Members:

Ex-Officio:

David Turpin, Chair
Chris Andersen
Allen Berger
Stanford Blade
Katy Campbell
Lisa Collins
Lesley Cormack
Greta Cummings
Kathleen DeLong
Steven Dew
Walter Dixon
Joseph Doucet
Gitta Kulczycki
Dennis Kunimoto
Tyrel Brochu
(delegate)
Andrew Sharman
Jacqui Tam
Deborah Burshtyn
(delegate)

Elected faculty:

Cary Brown
Peter Carver
Ryan Dunch
Bill Foster
Kim Frail
Murray Gingras
Lesley Harrington
Tarek El-Bialy
Duncan Elliott
Nadir Erbilgin
Eva Lemaire
Pierre Lemelin
Mark Loewen
Roger Moore
Carla Peck
Leonard Ratzlaff
Carolyn Sale
Marc Secanell
John Seubert

Carrie Smith-Prei
Jorge Sousa
Lisa Stein
Eleni Stroulia
Bruce Sutherland
Dilini Vethanayagam
Akiko Watanabe
Bonnie Watt
Ian Winship

Students:

Firouz Khodayari

Appointed Members:

Joel Agarwal
Erin Allen
Robert Bilak
Katherine Binhammer
Linzy Bohn
Michelle Borowitz
Heather Bruce
Meijun Chen
Darren Choi
Heidi Cossey
André Costopoulos
Jonah Dunch
Shawn Flynn
Kyle Foster
Connor Hastey
Palindat
Gohar Jamal
Maryse Ndilu Kiese
Marina Kirillovich
Amy Li
Wei Liu
Michael Sandare
Babak Soltannia
Andrews Tawiah
Benjamin Tucker
Janet Williamson

REGRETS:

Jason Acker

Solomon Amoateng
Susan Andrew
Alizeh Ansari
Ruben Araya
Daniel Atchison
Marina Banister
Matthew Barnett
Darcy Bemister
Daniel Bilyk
Jeff Birchall
Abigail Bridarolli
Sylvia Brown
Erica Chang
Li-Kwong Cheah
Brandon Christensen
David Cooper
Pamela Mayne
Correia
Neal Davies
Benjamin Denga
Genna DiPinto
Shannon Erichsen
Dean Eurich
Fraser Forbes
Adam Gaudry
Gautam Gaur
Murray Gingras
Robert Haennel
Daanish Hamid
Delane Howie
Irehobhude Iyioha
Gaganpreet Jhajj
Maryam Kebbe
Mahmoud Kenawi
Alex Kwan
Leijun Li
Monica Lillo
Steven Lin
Habba Mahal
Godfrey Man
Lisa McDermott
Rob McMahan

Lynn McMullen
Al Meldrum
Laurie Mereu
Pierre-Yves Mocquais
Kyle Monda
Kerry Mummery
Vivian Mushahwar
Alice Nakamura
Aleks Nakevski
Anthony Nguyen
Sean Oliver
Connor Palindat
Smit Patel
Paul Paton
Jonathan Schaeffer
Georg Schmolzer
Shane Scott
Kim Solez
Sarah Stahlke
Brent Swallow
James Thibaudeau
Amy Tse
Jennifer Tupper
Ilya Ushakov
LJ Valencia
Amanda Wakaruk
Eddie Wang
Jonathan White
Brayden Whitlock
Erin Wright
Ziyu Yang
Brandon Yip
Kue Young

STAFF:

Meg Brolley, GFC
Secretary
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: Kunimoto/Dew

THAT General Faculties Council approve the Agenda.
CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes of November 27, 2017

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Cormack/Sharman

THAT General Faculties Council approve the Minutes of November 27, 2017.
CARRIED

3. Report from the President

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): David Turpin, President and Chair, General Faculties Council

Discussion:

The Chair welcomed members back to the first meeting of the new year and thanked all those who attended the joint Summit on January 26.

He noted that there were no announcements yet from government on the tuition and funding reviews and the Campus Alberta grant for the upcoming year. He indicated that he would be meeting with U15 colleagues in Ottawa later in the week around federal government support for the fundamental science review.

Brad Hamdon provided an update on Bill 27 which imposes obligations on public agencies, including the university, regarding conflicts of interest. He noted that the university already has much of this in place and indicated that work was ongoing to address gaps and meet government deadlines; members would hear more about this in the coming months.

The Chair then acknowledged the grand opening last week of the Michael Phair School, named in honour of the university's current Board Chair and former city councillor.

4. New Members of GFC

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Purpose of the Proposal: To appoint new members of General Faculties Council.

Motion: Dew/Loewen

MOTION I: TO APPOINT: The following undergraduate student representatives, to serve on GFC for terms commencing immediately and ending April 30, 2018: Joel Agarwal, Faculty of Science Erin Allen, Faculty of Arts

CARRIED

EARLY CONSULTATION

5. Experiential Learning

Presenter(s): Sarah Forgie, Vice-Provost (Learning Initiatives)

Purpose of the Proposal: To gather feedback from members of General Faculties Council before pursuing initiatives in support of Objective 7, For the Public Good to: *“Increase graduate and undergraduate students’ access to and participation in a broad range of curricular experiential learning opportunities that are well-integrated with program goals and enrich their academic experience.”*

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Discussion:

Members commented on the diversity of experiences between Faculties, how experiential learning is integral to some programs, and how it looks different in every Faculty. It was recognized that it would therefore be difficult to have a single definition. Members also discussed: how to value communication, networking and personal skills rather than only technical skills; whether experiential learning should be embedded/recognized as course work; how to make access to international experiences as equitable as possible when cost could be a barrier; the role of student groups in providing experiences; how it should be a place where fundamental learning meets practical experience; the need to reflect on the experience as part of the learning; and recognition of prior learning. Regarding engagement with departments, Dr Forgie noted that the Deans have been asked to identify champions of different types of experiential learning.

The Chair thanked members for their comments and invited them to contact Dr Forgie directly with further comments and suggestions.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. Board of Governors/GFC/Senate Summit Debrief

Presenter(s): David Turpin, President and Chair, General Faculties Council

The Chair noted that the joint Summit held on January 26 was very successful and that there was very good attendance from GFC members. He reminded members that the joint Summit was amongst the recommendations of the ad hoc committee. He noted that an evaluation had been sent out to participants and encouraged all to complete it.

Discussion:

Members commented that: it was a great afternoon and a learning experience; the choice of topic was timely and the format of an unfolding case study was very effective in demonstrating the complexity of the issue; the Summits was very well organized; the mix of people at the tables allowed for varied perspectives and viewpoints; and that it was beneficial to meet members of other bodies and learn about their work and initiatives.

The Chair concluded that the summit provided participants with a better understanding of the complexities of such issues. He noted that these issues can arise at any moment and that it useful to discuss it before something happens. He thanked the steering group and planning group for their contributions to the success of the summit.

7. Comprehensive Institutional Plan (CIP): Update

Presenter(s): Steven Dew, Provost and Vice-President (Academic); Gitta Kulczycki, Vice-President (Finance and Administration); Andrew Sharman, Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Dr Dew provided an overview of the components and structure of the Comprehensive Institutional Plan (CIP) including the budget and capital plan, and noted that it is built around the government's five priorities: accessibility, affordability, quality, coordination, and accountability. He further spoke about its alignment with the university's goals and objectives from *For the Public Good*.

Ms Kulczycki provided an overview of the budget noting the context, planning parameters, reduction targets and budget source and risk levels. Mr Sharman reviewed the capital plan; he noted the complexity and the age of the building inventory, the emphasis on strategic repurposing and renewal of facilities, and the unprecedented level of projected deferred maintenance. He further noted that ancillary buildings are considered separately from and receive no government support. Mr Sharman referred to the major projects continuing for 2108-19: Dentistry – Pharmacy Building; East Campus Village 9 and Lister 5.

Discussion:

Members discussed: the lack of movement from government on the land trust; how funding is divided between the academic mission and other activities; clarification on investment income; whether budget cuts will reduce accessibility for students; and, coordination within the institution and within the provincial post-secondary system.

8. Peter Lougheed Leadership College - Update

Presenter(s): David Turpin, President and Chair, General Faculties Council

Purpose of the Proposal: The purpose of the draft document is to give GFC the opportunity to provide feedback on recommendations for the future direction of PLLC.

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

The Chair noted the opportunity for the Peter Lougheed Leadership College (PLLC) to evolve into an umbrella leadership institution and allow the university to build a leadership brand. He referred to the recommendations provided which map out a strategy for the PLLC going forward.

Discussion:

There was a discussion on the cost of residence; it was noted that the requests for 2018-19 far exceed the available spaces. It was also noted that the new principal will look at ways to ensure that the space is being used effectively and also the availability of forum space for students. A member supported the recommendations and requested a graduate student be included on the selection committee. Regarding the certificate, it was noted that it would continue but changes could be proposed in the future.

9. Question Period

Presenter(s): David Turpin, President and Chair, General Faculties Council

9.1 Question from GFC member Kyle Foster regarding GFC standing committee composition and

9.1 Response from the President, and Chair of General Faculties Council

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Discussion:

There were no further questions.

INFORMATION REPORTS

10. Report of the GFC Executive Committee

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

11. Report of the GFC Academic Planning Committee

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

12. Report of the GFC Academic Standards Committee

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

13. GFC Nominations and Elections

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

14. Report of the Board of Governors

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

15. Information Items

A. Museums Annual Report

B. Undergraduate Enrolment Report

16. Information Forwarded to GFC Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

CLOSING SESSION

17. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.