



General Faculties Council
 Approved Open Session Minutes

Monday, February 26, 2018
 Council Chamber, 2-100 University Hall
 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Statutory Members:

Ex-Officio:

David Turpin, Chair
 Chris Andersen
 Stanford Blade
 Lisa Collins
 Lesley Cormack
 Steven Dew
 Walter Dixon
 Joseph Doucet
 Kathleen DeLong
 Gitta Kulczycki
 Dennis Kunimoto
 Pierre-Yves Mocquais
 Kerry Mummery
 Paul Paton
 Andrew Sharman
 Jennifer Tupper
 Kue Young
 Deborah Burshtyn
 (delegate)

Elected faculty:

Duncan Elliott
 Nadir Erbilgin
 Bill Foster
 Murray Gingras
 Lesley Harrington
 Eva Lemaire
 Pierre Lemelin
 Rob McMahon
 Al Meldrum
 Roger Moore
 Carla Peck
 Carolyn Sale
 Marc Secanell
 John Seubert
 Kim Solez
 Jorge Sousa
 Sarah Stahlke
 Eleni Stroulia
 Bruce Sutherland
 Brent Swallow

Amy Tse
 Benjamin Tucker
 Dilini Vethanayagam
 Akiko Watanabe
 Ian Winship

Students:
 Firouz Khodayari

Appointed Members:

Joel Agarwal
 Erin Allin
 Marina Banister
 Matthew Barnett
 Darcy Bemister
 Robert Bilak
 Katherine Binhammer
 Michelle Borowitz
 Heather Bruce
 Darren Choi
 Benjamin Denga
 Jonah Dunch
 Shannon Erichsen
 Shawn Flynn
 Kyle Foster
 Kim Frail
 Gautam Gaur
 Osman Hojanepesov
 Irehobhude Iyioha
 Wei Liu
 Sean Oliver
 Michael Sandare
 Babak Soltannia
 Andrews Tawiah
 Amanda Wakaruk
 Bravden Whitlock

REGRETS:

Peter Carver
 Jason Acker
 Solomon Amoateng
 Susan Andrew

Alizeh Ansari
 Daniel Atchison
 Allen Berger
 Daniel Bilyk
 Jeff Birchall
 Linzy Bohn
 Abigail Bridarolli
 Cary Brown
 Sylvia Brown
 Katy Campbell
 Erica Chang
 Li-Kwong Cheah
 Meijun Chen
 Brandon Christensen
 David Cooper
 Pamela Mayne
 Correia
 Heidi Cossey
 André Costopoulos
 Greta Cummings
 Neal Davies
 Genna DiPinto
 Ryan Dunch
 Tarek El-Bialy
 Dean Eurich
 Fraser Forbes
 Adam Gaudry
 Robert Haennel
 Daanish Hamid
 Connor Hastey
 Palindat
 Delane Howie
 Gohar Jamal
 Gaganpreet Jhajj
 Maryam Kebbe
 Mahmoud Kenawi
 Maryse Ndilu Kiese
 Marina Kirillovich
 Alex Kwan
 Amy Li
 Leijun Li
 Monica Lillo

Steven Lin
 Mark Loewen
 Habba Mahal
 Godfrey Man
 Heather McCaw
 Lisa McDermott
 Lynn McMullen
 Laurie Mereu
 Kyle Monda
 Vivian Mushahwar
 Alice Nakamura
 Aleks Nakevski
 Anthony Nguyen
 Smit Patel
 Leonard Ratzlaff
 Jonathan Schaeffer
 Georg Schmolzer
 Shane Scott
 Carrie Smith-Prei
 Lisa Stein
 Jacqui Tam
 James Thibaudeau
 Ilya Ushakov
 LJ Valencia
 Eddie Wang
 Bonnie Watt
 Jonathan White
 Janet Williamson
 Erin Wright
 Ziyu Yang
 Brandon Yip
 Heather Zwicker

STAFF:

Meg Brolley, GFC
 Secretary
 Marion Haggarty-
 France, University
 Secretary
 Heather Richholt,
 scribe

OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Doucet/Dew

THAT General Faculties Council approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes of January 29, 2018

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Sharman/Cormack

THAT General Faculties Council approve the Minutes of January 29, 2018.

CARRIED

3. Report from the President

The Chair congratulated the community on the United Way campaign that raised a record level of donations this year. He thanked Lesley Cormack and Marion Haggarty-France in their roles of co-Chairs in the campaign, and the Chancellor who was the honorary Chair of the campaign.

The Chair announced the appointment of the new Vice President (Research) Dr Matthias Ruth who will be joining the university on May 1st. He thanked Walter Dixon for stepping into this post in the interim.

The Chair indicated that there were no updates to report on the tuition and funding reviews and that the university was awaiting the release of the provincial and federal budgets. He also mentioned the recent approval of degree granting status for Red Deer College and Grande Prairie Regional College.

The Chair noted that the search for the new Principal of the Peter Lougheed Leadership College (PLLC) is underway and posted on the Careers website.

A member pointed out that the Students' Union elections would occur on March 7th and 8th.

4. New Members of GFC

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

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

Motion: Dew/Sousa

MOTION I: TO APPOINT: The following graduate student representative to serve on GFC for a term commencing immediately and ending April 30, 2018: Osmanmyrat Hojanepesov - Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry (Surgery).

CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS

5. Amendments to Section 30.6.5(14) of the Code of Student Behaviour, Sections 11.8.9.4 and 11.8.9.6 of

the Code of Applicant Behaviour, and Sections 87.7 and 87.8 of the Practicum Intervention Policy

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Presenter(s): Steven Penney, Chair, GFC Student Conduct Policy Committee (SCPC)

Purpose of the Proposal: To recommend editorial changes to the Code of Student Behaviour, Code of Applicant Behaviour, and the Practicum Intervention Policy.

Discussion:

Professor Penney noted that, while the proposed changes are editorial in nature including committee and unit name changes, the sections comprise part of the appeal procedures and therefore require approval by GFC and the Board of Governors.

Motion: Doucet/Sharman

THAT General Faculties Council recommend that the Board of Governors approve the proposed amendments to Section 30.6.5(14) of the Code of Student Behaviour, Sections 11.8.9.4 of the Code of Applicant Behaviour, and Section 87.8 of the Practicum Intervention Policy, as recommended by the GFC Student Conduct Policy Committee, to be effective July 1, 2018.

CARRIED

Secretary's Note: The Board has delegated to GFC the authority to approve editorial changes to these documents. As the proposed changes update committee and unit names, they are editorial in nature and the changes can be considered approved by GFC.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. Truth and Reconciliation Commission

There were no documents.

Presenter(s): Chris Andersen, Dean, Faculty of Native Studies

Discussion:

The Chair reported that a Vice-Provost Indigenous Initiatives position had been established. He indicated that Dean Andersen, Faculty of Native Studies, and Shana Dion, Assistant Dean, First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students, had agreed to take on the leadership of the Indigenous Initiatives work while the position profile is established and the search conducted.

Dean Andersen spoke briefly about the need to build coordination among and through university campuses and services. He indicated that further details on various information gathering, initiatives, and specific projects will be communicated as it becomes available. He also noted that there will be a report to GFC on the university responses to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action in the coming months.

7. GFC Executive ad hoc Transition Committee - update

There were no documents.

Presenter(s): Eleni Stroulia, Chair, Transition Committee

Discussion:

Dr Stroulia noted that GFC had approved revised terms of reference for two committees in alignment with the ad hoc committee recommendations: the Campus Law Review Committee (CLRC) which became the Student Conduct Policy Committee (SCPC), and the Facilities Development Committee (FDC).

She added that the transition committee will continue to assist committees with discussions on terms of reference during the month of March, 2018 with a target of revised documents for the University Teaching Awards Committee (UTAC) and the Free-Standing Nominating Committee for consideration by GFC this

academic session. Revised terms for the Undergraduate Awards and Scholarship Committee (UASC), Academic Standards Committee (ASC) and Academic Research and Planning Committee (APRC) have a target of fall 2018.

Dr Stroulia further noted that, motivated by the ad hoc committee's recommendation for increased transparency around GFC and its committees, a project had been initiated in the context of CMPUT401, a course that Dr Stroulia teaches, to develop a portal that will enable users to search the meeting agendas and minutes. She indicated that the student team had been working closely with the governance team to understand the available data and a prototype will be delivered by the end of the term.

8. Update from Nominating Committee (no documents)

There were no documents.

Presenter(s): Eleni Stroulia, Chair, Transition Committee

Discussion:

Dr Stroulia, on behalf of Dr White, Chair of the Nominating Committee, reported that the committee has had an interesting discussion regarding terms of reference for a free standing committee. She noted that the projected timeline for GFC approval was April.

9. Question Period

Discussion:

A member asked how the proposed increase to international student tuition will affect students and how this impacts *For the Public Good*. They also asked if the university could follow the lead of certain Ontario universities to charge domestic tuition rates to international students.

Dr Dew responded that the provincial government has instituted a tuition freeze for domestic tuition; he further indicated that the Campus Alberta Grant provided by the government could not be used to subsidize international students. He further noted that international student tuition covers actual costs and the increase represents an inflationary increase only. He indicated that, while international students are required to have sufficient resources in order to obtain a study permit, the university has in place emergency bursaries and emergency loans for those who suffer unexpected shortfalls. Dr Dew noted that provincial funding with respect to international students is not the same across Canada.

A member enquired about how GFC vacancies are communicated. The Chair responded that this question will be passed along to the Chair of the Nominating Committee.

A member commended the announcement of the Vice-Provost Indigenous Initiatives position and asked if there are any plans to provide support to similar other initiatives such as Diversity. The Chair responded that there is nothing to add at this time.

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 - Current GFC committee vacancies

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

14. Information Items

A.Helping Individuals at Risk and Safe Disclosure and Human Rights Activity Reports 2016-2017

15. Information Forwarded to GFC Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

CLOSING SESSION

16. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.