



General Faculties Council
Approved Open Session Minutes

Monday, September 24, 2018
Council Chamber, 2-100 University Hall (UNH)
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Statutory Members:

Ex-Officio:

David Turpin, Chair
Chris Andersen
Laura Beard (delegate)
Stanford Blade
Deborah Burshtyn
Katy Campbell
Greta Cummings
Steven Dew
Joseph Doucet
Shanthi Johnson
Gitta Kulczycki
Kerry Mummery
Melissa Padfield
(delegate)
Paul Paton
Andrew Sharman
Jacqui Tam
Jennifer Tupper
Helen Vallianatos
(delegate)

Elected Faculty:

W. Ted Allison
Jeff Birchall
Piet Defraeye
Ryan Dunch
Duncan Elliott
Nadir Erbilgin
Mary Forhan
Bill Foster
Michael Frishkopf
Adam Gaudry
Lesley Harrington
Basil Hubbard
Eva Lemaire
Pierre Lemelin
Mark Loewen
Susanne Luhmann
Pirkko Markula
Rob McMahon
Lynn McMullen

Sean McMurtry
Al Meldrum
Laurie Mereu
Sue-Ann Mok
Alice Nakamura
Shannon O'Byrne
Christina Rinaldi
Richard Schulz
John Seubert
Carrie Smith
Susan Sommerfeldt
Jorge Sousa
Lisa Stein
Eleni Stroulia
Bruce Sutherland
Brent Swallow
Benjamin Tucker
Dilini Vethanayagam
Jonathan White
Lynne Wiltse
Ian Winship

Students:

Masoud Aliramezani
Reed Larsen
Sasha van der Klein

Appointed Members:

Joel Agarwal
Erin Allin
Bishoi Aziz
Matthew Barnett
Akanksha Bhatnagar
Robert Bilak
Amlan Bose
Andre Bourgeois
Tiffany Bruce
Meijun Chen
Julia Craig
Natalie Diether
Shannon Erichsen
Levi Flaman
Shawn Flynn

Gautam Gaur
Tahra Haddouche
Albert Hu
Kevin Kane
Maryam Kebbe
Janice Kung
Braulio Marfil-Garza
Mpoee Mogale
Sabitha Rajaruban
Shuaa Rizvi
Dustin Sandler
Luke Statt
Nathan Sunday
Amanda Wakaruk
Janet Williamson
Allan Yilun Wu
Ding Xu

REGRETS:

Jason Acker
Miray Aizouki
Saleema Allana
Dale Askey
Vahid Ayan
Allen Berger
Katherine Binhammer
Abigail Bridarolli
Yiming Chen
David Chung
Lisa Collins
David Cooper
Lesley Cormack
André Costopoulos
Neal Davies
Victoria deJong
Genna DiPinto
Tarek El-Bialy
Dean Eurich
Fraser Forbes
Robert Haennel
Osman Hojanepesov
Ryan Holowaty

Mariam Hosseiny
John Hussein
Taher Jafferjee
Hyejun Kim
Brandi Kobes
Leijun Li
Cindy Liang
Heather McCaw
Pierre-Yves Mocquais
Carmel Montgomery
Roger Moore
Vivian Mushahwar
Syed Mustafa
Matthias Ruth
Carolyn Sale
Jonathan Schaeffer
Georg Schmolzer
Marc Secanell
Kim Solez
Andrei Tabirca
Amy Tse
Rachel Wang
Akiko Watanabe
Erin Wright
Janet Yao

Staff:

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

Observers:

Kathleen Brough
Adam Lachacz
Janice Miller-Young
Jonathan Olfert
Norma Rodenburg

CEREMONY (SMUDGING)

Following a smudging ceremony by Elder Francis Whiskeyjack, the Chair welcomed members to the first meeting of the 2018-2019 session.

OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Flaman/Dew

THAT General Faculties Council approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes of May 28, 2018

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Sharman/Dew

THAT General Faculties Council approve the Minutes of May 28, 2018.

CARRIED

3. Report from the President

- Brand Audit

- Update on Board Working Group

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

The Chair announced that the first three signature areas endorsed by the Signature Areas Development Panel were: Precision Health, Energy Systems, and Research at the Intersections of Gender.

The Chair noted that the university would continue to advocate with the provincial government on: participation rates, affordability and the low levels of non-repayable financial aid, and innovation and research. He also noted that the university was waiting for information on the reviews of tuition and the funding model.

The Chair noted that the university would continue to advocate for further implementation of the recommendations of the fundamental science review with the federal government.

The Chair informed members that discussions around the development of the budget model continue. He mentioned that for the budget surplus from last year would be handled in an in-year variance and would be allocated on a one-time basis to areas of strategic need.

The Chair noted that the university's research revenue last year was almost \$500,000, a record year for research grants. He also highlighted some notable research achievements and awards received by members of the university community.

The Chair mentioned a number of priorities that would be coming to GFC and its committees for discussion this year:

- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Strategic Plan
- Experiential Learning
- Cannabis
- University of Alberta branding

- o Budget model and budget updates
- o Community engagement consultation

Jacqui Tam, Vice President (University Relations), spoke briefly about the brand audit which was the first phase of work on *For the Public Good's* Objective 6 and urged members to participate.

The Chair of the Board of Governors, Michael Phair, was invited to speak about the findings of the Board Working Group. Mr Phair outlined the Working Group's recommendations and noted that the Board was currently working on implementation of committee restructuring recommendations.

ACTION ITEMS

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/Sharman

MOTION I: TO APPOINT/RE-APPOINT:

The following academic staff member to represent University Library Academic Staff, for a term beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2021:

Janice Kung - University Libraries

The following graduate student representatives at-large to serve on GFC for terms commencing September 1, 2018 and ending April 30, 2019:

Meijun Chen - Faculty of Arts (Music)

Braulio Marfil-Garza - Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry (Surgery)

CARRIED

Motion: Flaman/Larsen

MOTION II: TO RECEIVE:

The following *ex officio* member, to serve on GFC for a term of office beginning September 1, 2018 and extending for the duration of the appointment:

Dennis Kunimoto Acting Dean, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry

The following statutory faculty member/s who has been elected/re-elected by their Faculty, to serve on GFC for term of office beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2021:

Faculty of Arts - Piet Defraeye

Faculty of Arts - Michael Frishkopf

Faculty of Arts - Susanne Luhmann

Faculty of Business - Akiko Watanabe

Faculty of Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation - Pirkko Markula

Faculty of Law - Shannon O'Byrne

Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry - Basil Hubbard

Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry - Sean McMurtry
Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry - Sue-Ann Mok
Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry - Richard Schulz
Faculty of Nursing - Susan Sommerfeldt
Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine - Mary Forhan

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. A. Goals from the Students' Union (SU) 2018-2019

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Reed Larsen, President, Students' Union

Mr Larsen provided members with a summary of the strategic goals planned for 2018-2019.

Discussion:

During the discussion members expressed several comments and questions, including but not limited to: the benefits and challenges of using Open Educational Resources (OERs); grants available for OERs and the SU's OER Advocacy group chaired by the SU's Vice-President (Academic).

B. Graduate Students' Association (GSA) Board Strategic Work Plan 2018-2019

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Sasha van der Klein, President, Graduate Students' Association

Ms van de Klein provided members with a summary of the strategic goals planned for 2018-2019.

Discussion:

During the discussion members expressed several comments and questions, including but not limited to: the varied entry points for international students; food insecurity; the growing costs of living in Northern Alberta; how to communicate living expenses and challenges to international students before they arrive; and minimum funding packages for international graduate students.

6. Update on Implementation of *ad hoc* Committee Recommendations

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Eleni Stroulia, Chair, GFC Executive *ad hoc* Transition Committee

Dr Stroulia gave an overview of the implementation of the *ad hoc* Committee's 48 recommendations to date including the status of the revision of GFC Committees' Terms of Reference and the establishment of the free-standing Nominating Committee and the disbandment of the Replenishment Committee. Dr Stroulia also noted that the Council on Student Affairs (COSA) was on the agenda for GFC's early consultation.

Discussion:

Members asked about changes that may be required at the department and faculty levels. Dr Stroulia noted that Faculty Councils would be considered in the future.

7. Budget Update (no documents)

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

Dr Dew and Ms Kulczycki gave an update on the budget including an itemization of the allocation of the previous year's budget surplus. Ms Kulczycki noted that the guidelines for the three-year budget plan including revenue assumptions and projected expenditures would be released at a later date.

Discussion:

Members asked questions and expressed opinions about international student tuition; student protests; and the method for deciding how to distribute funds among faculties.

8. Alberta Credentials Framework

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Steven Dew, Provost and Vice-President (Academic); Tammy Hopper, Vice-Provost (Programs)

Discussion:

Dr Dew and Dr Hopper spoke about the new Alberta Credentials Framework and the steps that the university would take to ensure compliance.

Members asked about embedded certificates and were assured that they would not be affected by the framework. Members also asked about the work that would have to be done in the departments toward compliance.

9. Report of the Cannabis Working Group

Presenter(s): Andrew Leitch, Director, ERM Programs, Risk Management Services

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Discussion:

Mr Leitch spoke about the final report of the Cannabis Working Group and the continued work that would be done on a campus Clean Air Strategy.

During the discussion members expressed several comments and questions, including but not limited to: safety, lighting and accessibility of designated smoking areas; the use of medical cannabis; cannabis as a banned substance for athletes on campus; enforcement and the role of Protective Services; mechanisms in place to report impairment of professors or students; the Clean Air Strategy as it pertains to inhaled substances; smudging ceremonies; and the differences in policy between the university and the city.

EARLY CONSULTATION

10. Council on Student Affairs (COSA) - Terms of Reference

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Tammy Hopper, Vice-Provost (Programs); Akanksha Bhatnagar, Vice-President (Academic), SU, Students' Union; Masoud Aliramezani, Vice-President (Academic), Graduate Students' Association

The Chair noted that due to time constraints, this item would be moved to the next GFC Agenda.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

11. Question Period

11.1 Question from Joel Agarwal, GFC undergraduate student member, regarding casual work hours for student employees

and

11.1 Response from Vice-President (Finance and Administration)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

There were no further questions.

INFORMATION REPORTS

12. Report of the GFC Executive Committee

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

13. Report of the GFC Academic Planning Committee

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

14. Report of the GFC Academic Standards Committee

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

15. Reports of GFC Replenishment and Nominating Committee (distributed between meetings)

- Joint Report of GFC Replenishment Committee and GFC Nominating Committee, June 18, 2018

- Reports of GFC Nominating Committee, May 23, June 19, August 15, 2018

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Discussion:

Dr White, Chair of the GFC Nominating Committee, provided an overview of vacancies and asked members to consider serving on one of the GFC Standing Committees.

16. Report of the Board of Governors

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

17. Information Items

- GFC membership list 2018/19

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

18. Information Forwarded to GFC members between meetings

There were no items.

CLOSING SESSION

19. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.