

General Faculties Council
Academic Planning Committee
Approved Minutes

Wednesday, January 26, 2011
3-15 University Hall
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

ATTENDEES:

Carl Amrhein (Chair), Renée Elio (Delegate), Philip Stack (Delegate) (to 2:20 pm), Phyllis Clark (from 2:20 pm), Nick Dehod, Roy Coulthard, Deanna Williamson, Ernie Ingles, Joanna Harrington, Christina Rinaldi, Loren Kline, Bob Luth, Heather Green, Marc Arnal, Susan Barker, Chris Skappak, Emerson Csorba, Gerry Kendal, Fay Fletcher, Garry Bodnar (Coordinator), Deborah Holloway (Scribe)

PRESENTERS AND GUESTS:

Carl Amrhein, Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and Chair, GFC Academic Planning Committee
Renée Elio, Associate Vice-President (Research)
Marion Haggarty-France, University Secretary
Dru Marshall, Deputy Provost
André Plourde, Associate Dean (Research), Faculty of Arts, and Professor, Department of Economics
Tom Scott, Vice-Dean, Alberta School of Business
Philip Stack, Associate Vice-President (Risk Management Services)

OBSERVER

Colleen Skidmore, Vice-Provost (Academic)

OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Members agreed to the Agenda as circulated.

2. Approval of the Minutes of December 15, 2010

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Kline/Harrington

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee approve the Minutes of December 15, 2010.
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CARRIED

3. Comments from the Chair

In response to a query posed by a member during the December 15, 2010 meeting of GFC APC regarding whether there was a new name for Edmonton Clinic North (ECN), the Chair reported that the new name is

the Edmonton Clinic Health Academy (ECHA) and that the name change was managed under the Functional Naming of Physical Entities Procedure within U of A Policies and Procedures Online (UAPPOL).

ACTION ITEMS

4. Dissolution of the Faculty of Business' Cultural Industries Research Centre (CIRC)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Tom Scott, Vice-Dean, Alberta School of Business

Purpose of the Proposal: To close down an academic centre in the School of Business that has ceased to function.

Discussion:

Dr Scott introduced the item, noting that activities in the Centre had diminished, the Academic Director of the Centre had retired, and the Centre is no longer linked to the School's strategic initiatives.

Motion: Skappak/Luth

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee approve, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the proposed termination of the Alberta School of Business' existing Cultural Industries Research Centre (CIRC), as requested by the Dean of the School of Business (set forth in Attachment 1), to take effect immediately.
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CARRIED

5. Proposal for the Establishment of the Canadian Building Energy End-Use Data and Analysis Centre (CBEEDAC)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: André Plourde, Associate Dean (Research), Faculty of Arts, and Professor, Department of Economics

Purpose of the Proposal: The formal establishment of the Canadian Building Energy End-Use Data and Analysis Centre (CBEEDAC), to be housed at the University of Alberta primarily in the Department of Economics (Faculty of Arts). The Centre would provide financial support to student research assistants involved in CBEEDAC's research program. The Centre would also bring together a number of faculty members (especially from the Department of Economics) who share research interests in energy economics and policy, and in the interface between energy and the environment. CBEEDAC would also be a centre of expertise on data relating to energy use in the commercial, institutional, and residential sectors (these sectors are sometimes identified jointly as "the built environment").

Discussion:

Dr Plourde presented the item, noting that CBEEDAC has operated at the University of Alberta continuously since 2002, receiving annual funding from Natural Resources Canada (NRCan). It has been determined that it is appropriate to seek formal approval that CBEEDAC be recognized as an Academic Centre in accordance with the Policy on Centres and Institutes and related Procedure, as set out within U of A Policies and Procedures Online (UAPPOL)

Motion: Kline/Harrington

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee approve, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the proposal submitted by the Faculty of Arts for the formal establishment of the Canadian Building Energy End-Use Data and Analysis Centre (CBEEDAC) (to be housed primarily in the Department of Economics (Faculty of Arts) at the University of Alberta), as set forth in Attachment 1, effective upon approval by GFC APC.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. Academic Chapter of the Comprehensive Institutional Plan (CIP)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenters: Carl Amrhein, Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and Chair, GFC Academic Planning Committee; Dru Marshall, Deputy Provost; Renée Elio, Associate Vice-President (Research); and Marion Haggarty-France, University Secretary

Purpose of the Proposal: To engage GFC APC in discussion about the draft Academic Chapter of the Comprehensive Institutional Plan (CIP) which is scheduled to be submitted to the Provincial Government's Advanced Education and Technology (AET) Ministry in March, 2011.

The Academic Chapter of the CIP contains the Access Plan and the Research Plan for the institution.

Discussion:

The Chair introduced the item, noting that the Comprehensive Institutional Plan (CIP) will be a single document for submission to the Provincial Government that will include the Institutional Access Plan (IAP) (which will now be the Academic Chapter of the CIP), the Institutional Research Plan (IRP), the University's Budget, the University's Capital Plan, and the University Plan, all of which were submitted individually in the past to the Government.

Ms Haggarty-France described the governance route for the CIP, noting that GFC APC's Terms of Reference allows it to deal with academic, financial, and planning issues, and will therefore be asked to consider a recommendation for approval to the Board Finance and Property Committee (BFPC) and the Board Learning and Discovery Committee (BLDC), with final approval being within the purview of the Board of Governors.

Dr Marshall addressed the content of the Academic Chapter, noting that revisions to some sections were underway, enrolment targets were being determined, and a metric chapter would be included in the final document. She stressed that information contained in the Academic Chapter had been submitted directly by the Faculties.

Following a number of suggestions regarding the addition of possible academic programming and whether some programs already noted in the Chapter could be construed by the Provincial Government as duplicates of programs existing elsewhere within Campus Alberta, the Chair reiterated that all elements of academic enterprise described in the Chapter were submitted by Faculties as activities for which they have the capacity to develop and which the University of Alberta supports in principle. He added that it would not be appropriate for Senior Administration to suggest programming to or on behalf of the Faculties.

During the ensuing discussion, the presenters addressed questions and comments expressed by members concerning the following matters: whether, as a result of new programming initiatives outlined in the CIP, existing fee structures would be revised; a suggestion to explicitly refer to the University of Alberta Libraries in the description of the University as a 'flagship' institution; a request to describe Campus Saint-Jean as the French-language side of Campus Alberta; concerns regarding language in the Access Strategy section; whether student-led activities would be included; and the history and role of Unit Reviews at the University of Alberta.

Dr Marshall and Dr Elio also received from members a number of editorial comments and suggestions.

7. Centres and Institutes Committee (CIC) – Office of the Provost and Vice-President (Academic): 2009-2010 Annual Report

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Dru Marshall, Deputy Provost

Purpose of the Proposal: To provide the 2009-2010 Centres and Institutes Committee (CIC) Annual Report for information to the Executive Planning Committee (EPC), the GFC Academic Planning Committee (APC), and the Board Audit Committee (BAC).

Discussion:

Dr Marshall introduced the report, noting significant changes had been adopted regarding the oversight of potential and existing centres and institutes, ensuring that there is not a proliferation of these entities and that the overlapping of interests is minimized. The Chair added that the ability to enter into legal agreements and to make financial commitments represents potential risk to and for the University, therefore making CIC's oversight in these areas critical.

During the ensuing discussion, the presenters addressed questions and comments expressed by members concerning the following matters: time-limited centres; centres shown on the current list that may no longer be operational; the boundary conditions to ensure centres and institutes do not take on the attributes of a Department; whether these entities will be re-examined for alignment with the new Academic Plan; and the University's participation in the national Networks of Centres of Excellence.

8. Budget Update

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

Purpose of the Proposal: For discussion/information.

Discussion:

The Chair reported that nothing substantially new had been added to the University's understanding of the Provincial Budget. He reported that the President has been seeking clarity regarding the University's funding for the foreseeable future, particularly regarding advice received that the University should be "planning for 0% increases." Currently, we expect a 0% increase for 2011-2012; however, should the \$12.5 million committed to "lights on funding" for certain new buildings on campus not be realized, the forecast would be a decrease of -2.5%. Varying signals have been received for budget years beyond 2011-2012.

9. Academic Plan Update

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

Purpose of the Proposal: For discussion/information.

Discussion:

The Chair reported that the title of the new Academic Plan will be *Dare to Deliver: 2011 – 2015* which is consistent with the “Dare to Discover” convention. The Plan was considered and endorsed by the Executive Planning Committee (EPC) and will begin to move through its final consultative and governance approval processes.

10. Copyright – Update

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

Purpose of the Proposal: For discussion/information.

Discussion:

The Chair provided an update to members regarding the status of the agreement with Access Copyright to manage copyright for the University of Alberta and the rest of Canada’s post-secondary sector which expired on December 31, 2010. Access Copyright has proposed to the Copyright Board of Canada a new tariff within the license agreement that includes financial and other terms that impact indemnification and introduce audit and oversight activities. The University is supporting the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada’s (AUCC’s) work to protect and assert the post-secondary sector’s needs and rights regarding the Access Copyright issue. Pending a decision by the Copyright Board of Canada tribunal, the University has entered into an interim agreement with Access Copyright that maintains the *status quo* to the extent possible. The indemnity provisions are maintained in the interim agreement. Dr Amrhein also noted that many of the licensing agreements in the electronic domain include their own copyright agreements. Therefore, the University is now assessing how much double coverage is in place, noting this information will be helpful in informing decisions regarding copyright management.

11. Question Period

There were no questions.

INFORMATION ITEMS

12. Items Approved by the Committee by E-Mail Ballots

There were no items.

13. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

Access to the Institutional Research Plan (IRP) (E-Mailed to Members on December 8, 2010)

CLOSING SESSION

14. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:45 pm.