

General Faculties Council  
Academic Planning Committee  
Approved Minutes

Wednesday, February 23, 2011  
3-15 University Hall  
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

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**ATTENDEES:**

Carl Amrhein (Chair), Lorne Babiuk, Phyllis Clark, Nick Dehod, Roy Coulthard, Deanna Williamson, Joanna Harrington, Christina Rinaldi, Loren Kline, Susan Barker, Emerson Csorba, Gerry Kendal, Garry Bodnar (Coordinator), Deborah Holloway (Scribe)

**PRESENTERS AND GUESTS:**

Carl Amrhein, Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and Chair, GFC Academic Planning Committee  
Lorne Babiuk, Vice-President (Research)

**OBSERVER:**

Von Whiting, Senior Administrative Officer, Office of the Provost and Vice-President (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 February 9, 2011

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Kline/Coulthard

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee approve the Minutes of February 9, 2011.
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**CARRIED**

3. Comments from the Chair

The Chair provided comments of interest to members.

**ACTION ITEMS**

4. Academic Plan – Dare to Deliver 2011-2015

*Presenters:* Carl Amrhein, Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and Chair, GFC Academic Planning Committee; and Lorne Babiuk, Vice-President (Research)

*Purpose of the Proposal:* To obtain final approval of the attached document which will serve as the University of Alberta's Academic Plan from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2015.

*Discussion:*

Ms Clark assumed the Chair for this item.

Dr Amrhein introduced the item, requesting questions and comments from members. During the ensuing discussion, Dr Amrhein and Dr Babiuk agreed to accept the following suggestions as friendly amendments:

- Throughout the document, the phrase "research and creative activities" appears frequently. It was recommended that the phrase be reversed to "creative activities and research" at least once in the document.
- It was noted that the title of the sustainability companion document as shown on page 15 is incorrect and should read "Integrating Sustainability in the Academic Experience."
- On page 5 of 15, at the top of the page, a new bullet would be added under the existing "Research Culture" bullet to read "Learning Culture" in order to acknowledge the active learning/teaching/instructional culture that already exists at the University of Alberta.

Motion: Amrhein/Babiuk

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee recommend to General Faculties Council the new University of Alberta Academic Plan, Dare to Deliver 2011-2015, as submitted by the Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and the Vice-President (Research) (and as set forth in Attachment 1), to take effect on July 1, 2011, as amended.
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**CARRIED**

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### 5. Budget Update

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

*Purpose of the Proposal:* For information/discussion.

*Discussion:*

The Chair noted that the Institutional Budget is embedded, as Chapter 7, in the Comprehensive Institutional Plan (CIP), adding that the CIP will come before GFC APC at its specially-called meeting of February 28, 2011 for recommendation to the Board of Governors. He outlined the Chapters of the CIP where revisions had been concentrated: the Executive Summary; and Chapters 3 and 8. The Chair suggested that if GFC APC members have questions regarding the revised document they wish addressed prior to the Committee's February 28 meeting, they should be addressed to Mr Bodnar, GFC APC Coordinator, with a copy to the member of the Senior Administration the member feels would be most likely to address the matter.

In response to a member's suggestion that a short, two- to three-page summary document of the CIP be developed, the Chair noted that due to the length of the CIP, approximately 185 pages in its entirety, the current Executive Summary would, necessarily, have to serve as the summary document.

### 6. Question Period

In response to a question from a member regarding the level of government support provided to the post-secondary education sectors in other Provinces, the Chair and Ms Clark provided an overview of their understanding of the varying situations across the country.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

There were no items.

8. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

**CLOSING SESSION**

9. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:40 pm.