



General Faculties Council
 Academic Planning Committee
 Approved Open Session Minutes

Wednesday, October 21, 2015
 2-31 South Academic Building (SAB)
 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Voting Members:

Steven Dew	Chair, Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
Lorne Babiuk	Member, Vice-President (Research)
Scott Campbell	Member, Undergraduate Student at-Large
Phyllis Clark	Member, Vice-President (Finance and Administration)
Florence Glanfield	Member, Department Chair at-large
Navneet Khinda	Member, President of the Students' Union
Loren Kline	Member, Academic (A1.0) Staff-at-large
Pierre-Yves Mocquais	Member, Dean Representative
Colin More	Member, President of the Graduate Students' Association
Steve Patten	Member, Academic Staff, Member of GFC
Pamela Sewers	Member, NASA Member-at-large
Brayden Whitlock	Member, Graduate Student-at-Large

Non-Voting Members:

Lisa Collins	Member, Vice-Provost and University Registrar
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Presenter(s):

Steven Dew	Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and Chair, GFC Academic Planning Committee
James Kehrer	Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences
Terri Schindel	Associate Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Staff:

Meg Brolley, Coordinator, GFC Academic Planning Committee
 Andrea Patrick, Scribe

OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Kline/More

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee approve the Agenda.
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CARRIED

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of September 23, 2015

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: More/Khinda

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve the Minutes of September 23, 2015.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Chair

The Chair noted that no surprises are expected in the Provincial Budget. He reported that the Provincial Government has signaled interest in Capital Projects, as well as initiatives towards Indigenous peoples. Regarding the institutional strategic plan, Dr Dew noted that he anticipated that the discussion paper would be ready for release as early as next week. He explained that the paper will be available online for comment, and that several forums will be planned across the campuses to elicit feedback.

In response to a question about lights-on funding from the Province, the Chair noted that the University has received a letter of support for the remaining two buildings requiring funding.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Proposal for a Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program, Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): James Kehrer, Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences; Terri Schindel, Associate Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Purpose of the Proposal: To offer the proposed (new) undergraduate Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program.

Discussion:

Dr Kehrer reported that the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) is a clinical undergraduate degree which would replace the current BSc in Pharmacy degree. He stated that the University currently offers a PharmD program to practising pharmacists. He noted that the Association of Faculties of Pharmacy of Canada and the Deans of Pharmacy made an agreement in 2010 to offer the new PharmD degree by 2020, and that five out of 10 Canadian institutions currently offer the PharmD.

He further noted that a proposal for a PharmD designed as a five year program was approved internally at the University in 2009, but that the Provincial Government did not subsequently approve the program. He added that in 2011, the next iteration of the proposal, designed for practising pharmacists, was approved.

Dr Kehrer explained that during the development of this proposal, there was extensive consultation with internal and external stakeholders including students and faculty members. He also noted extensive consultation with the Provincial Government, which was supportive.

The Chair commented that this proposal was approved at the GFC Academic Standards Committee (ASC) meeting of September 17, 2015.

In response to a question on why the program contained only one elective course, Dr Kehrer noted that students entering the program had already completed at least two years of pre-Pharmacy liberal arts-based education. Professor Schindel also noted that direct suggestions had been made by students to ensure that courses were directly related to their future practice. It was confirmed that the PharmD curriculum is closely dictated by accreditation requirements.

In regards to the course numbers, Professor Schindel clarified that the Faculty had worked closely with the Office of the Registrar to select 500 level undergraduate course numbers.

Motion: Mocquais/Kline

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee approve, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the proposed Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD), as submitted by the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, and as set forth in Attachment 1, to be effective upon approval.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. Question Period

There were no questions.

INFORMATION REPORTS

6. Items Approved by the GFC Academic Planning Committee by e-mail Ballots

There were no items.

7. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

CLOSING SESSION

8. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.