



UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

General Faculties Council
Executive Committee
Approved Open Session Minutes

Monday, October 16, 2017
2-31 South Academic Building (SAB)
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

David Turpin, Chair
Lisa Collins
Lesley Cormack
Steven Dew
Bill Foster
Firouz Khodayari
Al Meldrum
Shane Scott

Eleni Stroulia
Brent Swallow

REGRETS:

Sylvia Brown
Delane Howie
Jonathan White

STAFF:

Meg Brolley, Coordinator
Marion Haggarty-France,
University Secretary

OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Stroulia/Dew

THAT the GFC Executive Committee approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of September 11, 2017

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

A member requested that the minutes be amended to reflect that the GSA provided a response regarding tuition calculations.

Motion: Cormack/Meldrum

THAT the GFC Executive Committee approve the Minutes of September 11, 2017, as amended.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Chair

The Chair updated the committee on current activities by the U15 and Universities Canada around advocating for the importance of the Naylor Report recommendations. He indicated that these groups were working to move the rhetoric of the discussions from priorities to sequencing investments. The Chair also provided an update on the development of the new budget model, and on the budget process.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Proposed Revisions to Standing Committee Terms of Reference GFC Campus Law Review Committee (CLRC) including a name change to GFC Student Conduct Policy Committee (SCPC)

Presenter(s): Steven Penney, Chair, GFC Campus Law Review Committee

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Mr Penney provided an overview of the proposed terms of reference and the rationale for the proposed name change for the committee. He noted that the ad hoc committee report confirmed that the committee worked with a well-defined role and mandate and substantive changes were not recommended.

Motion: Collins/Stroulia

THAT the GFC Executive Committee recommend that General Faculties Council approve the proposed changes to the GFC Campus Law Review Terms of Reference including a name change to GFC Student Conduct Policy Committee (SCPC) as set forth in Attachment 1, to take effect upon approval.

CARRIED

5. Proposed Revisions to Standing Committee Terms of Reference - GFC Facilities Development Committee (FDC)

Presenter(s): Wendy Rodgers, Chair, GFC Facilities Development Committee

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Dr Rodgers provided an overview of the changes to the committee terms of reference.

Motion: Dew/Cormack

THAT the GFC Executive Committee recommend that General Faculties Council approve the proposed changes to the GFC Facilities Development Committee Terms of Reference as set forth in Attachment 1, to take effect upon approval.

CARRIED

6. Report of the GFC Executive ad hoc Transition Committee

Presenter(s): Eleni Stroulia, Chair of the GFC Executive ad hoc transition committee

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Dr Stroulia updated the committee on the status of the implementation of the ad hoc committee recommendations.

She also presented the recommendations coming from the transition committee on next steps related to a free-standing nominating committee and to the Council on Student Affairs (COSA). The committee discussed the proposed composition of the working group on COSA, Ms Brolley noted that, due to other commitments, Dr Robinson indicated that he would be willing to serve as a resource to the working group rather than as a member. The committee agreed that this working group be composed as follows: Tammy Hopper, Vice-Provost (Academic Programs) as Chair; Shane Scott, VP Academic of the Students' Union; Firouz Khodayari, VP Academic of the Graduate Students' Association; André Costopoulos, Vice-Provost and Dean of Students; Lisa Collins, Vice-Provost and University Registrar.

Motion: Scott/Cormack

THAT the GFC Executive Committee direct the GFC Nominating Committee to refine the draft terms of reference from the ad hoc committee report, including membership, for a free-standing Nominating Committee. The proposal should include a transitioning strategy to dismantle the current GFC Executive Committee/Nominating Committee structure and a method of replenishing the new committee.

CARRIED

Motion: Cormack/Scott

THAT the GFC Executive Committee establish a working group to develop a proposal to reform the Council on Student Affairs (COSA) with a mandate to advise on GFC related items.

CARRIED

7. 2018-2019 Academic Schedule

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

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Ms Collins gave an overview of the academic schedule.

Motion: Collins/Stroulia

THAT the GFC Executive Committee approve, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the Academic Schedule for 2018-2019 (submitted by the Vice-Provost and University Registrar and as set forth in Attachment 4) and, in doing so, empower the Registrar to make any editorial changes as needed as long as the changes do not have the force of policy, to be effective upon final approval.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

8. Debrief - GFC Meeting of September 25, 2017 (no documents)

Presenter(s): David Turpin, Chair, General Faculties Council

The Chair commented on the increased level of engagement by members of GFC at the September meeting and the full agenda for that meeting.

The committee suggested a number of strategies to handle full agendas: closer attention to the ordering of items, moving items which were not time-sensitive to subsequent meetings, setting time limits for discussion after which the item would be deferred to the next agenda, and lengthening meetings as necessary.

Members also considered the GFC discussion on the Committee on the Learning Environment report on teaching evaluation which was tabled for continuation at the October meeting and provided input on focus for the next discussion.

9. Waiver of Advertising Requirements: Report to General Faculties Council

Presenter(s): Steven Dew, Provost and Vice-President (Academic)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file. There was no discussion.

10. Peter Loughheed Leadership College (PLLC) - Next Steps

Presenter(s): David Turpin, President and Chair, GFC Executive Committee

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Dr Turpin noted that the establishment of the Peter Lougheed Leadership College (PLLC) as an administrative unit had been quite controversial at GFC and referenced the certificate which subsequently came forward to GFC for approval.

He spoke about the potential for the PLLC to be used as an umbrella to capture other leadership activities happening at the university such as the Global Academic Leadership Development Program, Executive Education, faculty and staff professional development activities. He noted that, as the term of the current principal, the Honorable Kim Campbell, will end in June 2018 and provincial funding for this initiative will expire in 2025, it is timely to look at the PLLC's mandate, direction, sustainability, and use this to inform the future direction of PLLC and the characteristics needed in a new principal.

Dr Turpin noted that a small working group would be established to provide some strategic ideas and that feedback from campus stakeholders including deans and GFC would be sought. He reported that the Academic Planning Committee had a good discussion on this item at its meeting last week.

During the discussion, members discussed the advantages of creating synergies across the university through collaboration, the use of common resources, and the sustainability of PLLC. The committee provided advice on asking GFC to provide strategic advice and potential outcomes for PLLC.

EARLY CONSULTATION

11. Board of Governors / GFC Summit

Presenter(s): David Turpin, President and Chair, General Faculties Council

The Chair noted that a recommendation coming from the ad hoc committee report was to regularize a meeting of the Board of Governors and GFC on an annual basis. He suggested that this summit be extended to include Senate, also covered in legislation, which would provide a balance in numbers and increase the communication and awareness amongst these bodies; there was general agreement to this suggestion.

The committee discussed possible themes for discussion and how such discussion could build trust and understanding between members. The Chair suggested that respectful conversations on campus would provide a topic which was relevant to all bodies and of importance to the university. The Chair suggested that members think about this item and further discussion would occur at the next meeting.

ITEMS FROM GFC ACADEMIC PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR GFC AGENDA (for information only)

12. Proposed Changes to the Admission of Aboriginal Students Calendar Section and updates to Faculty sections

13. Annual Report on Undergraduate Student Financial Support

ACTION ITEMS

14. Draft Agenda for the Next Meeting of General Faculties Council

Presenter(s): David Turpin, Chair, GFC Executive Committee

Discussion:

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file. Members agreed that discussion on the Board/GFC Summit be deferred to the November meeting of GFC and suggested moving an item to earlier in the agenda.

Motion: Dew/Stroulia

THAT the GFC Executive Committee approve, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the Agenda as amended for the October 30, 2017 meeting of General Faculties Council.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

15. Question Period

INFORMATION REPORTS

16. Items Approved by the GFC Executive Committee by email ballots

There were no items.

17. Information Items Forwarded to GFC Executive Committee between Meetings

There were no items.

CLOSING SESSION

18. Adjournment

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