General Faculties Council
Approved Open Session Minutes

Monday, February 24, 2020
Council Chamber, 2-100 University Hall (UNH)
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

ATTENDEES:
Statutory Members: Richard Schulz
Ex-Officio: John Seubert
David Turpin, Chair
Eleni Stroulia
Chris Andersen
Alan Underhill
Dale Askey
Dilini Vethanayagam
Lesley Cormack
Akiko Watanabe
Joseph Doucet
Lyne Wiltse
Brenda Hemmelgarn
Minn-Nyoung Yoon
Shanthi Johnson
Gitta Kulczycki
Melina Kalcounis-
Diane Kunyk (delegate)
Ruepell
Brooke Milne
Gitto Kulczycki
Pierre-Yves Mocquais
Diane Kunyk (delegate)
Kerry Mummery
Melissa Padfield
Matthias Ruth
Wendy Rodgers (delegate)
Kelly Spencer
(designate)
Jennifer Tupper
Elected Faculty: Jason Acker
Richard Schulz
Cathy Adams
John Seubert
Bill Foster
Eleni Stroulia
Heather Coleman
Alan Underhill
Gary Eitzen
Dilini Vethanayagam
Anastasia Elias
Akiko Watanabe
Duncan Elliott
Lyne Wiltse
Nadim Hemmelgarn
Minn-Nyoung Yoon
Appointed Members: Dylan Ashley
Students: Jared Larsen
Appointed Members: Akanksha Bhatnagar
Richard Schulz
Katherine Binhammer
John Seubert
Meijun Chen
Eleni Stroulia
André Costopoulos
Alan Underhill
Fahed Elian
Dilini Vethanayagam
Shawn Flynn
Akiko Watanabe
Kevin Kane
Lyne Wiltse
Janice Kung
Minn-Nyoung Yoon
Christopher Lupke
Gitta Kulczycki
Habba Mahal
Diane Kunyk (delegate)
Milad Nazarahari
André Costopoulos
Alesha Reed
Fahed Elian
Lindy Schaffrick
Shawn Flynn
Andrei Tabirca
Kevin Kane
Frederick Tappenden
Janice Kung
Janet Williamson
Christopher Lupke
Meijun Chen
Habba Mahal
Richard Schulz
Milad Nazarahari

REGRETS:
Ayman Adwan
Richard Schulz
Joel Agarwal
John Seubert
W. Ted Allison
Eleni Stroulia
J Nelson Amaral
Lyne Wiltse
Adarsh Badesha
Matthew Barnett
Nicholas Beier
Stanford Blade
Amlan Bose
Yiming Chen
Melinda Chisholm
Greta Cummings
Neal Davies
Piet Defraeye
Steven Dew
Natalie Diether
David Draper
Tarek El-Bialy
Shannon Erichsen
Fay Fletcher
Fraser Forbes
Mary Forhan
Michael Frishkopf
Paul Gareau
Ian Gatera
Tahra Haddouche
Robert Haennel
Jill Hall
Olivia Harris
Shannon Erichsen
Osman Hojanepesov
Basil Hubbard
Peter Hurd
Paul Gareau
Abigail Isaac
Shawn Flynn
Peter Johnson
Samantha Tse
Simran Kaur Dhillon
Kristof Van Assche
Nat Kav
Jonathan White
Wade King
Ian Winship
Alana Krahn
Anita Kaur
Shahed Taghian
Dehaghani
Demetres
Tryptopolous
Amy Tse
Good Schmolzer
Dehaghani
Demetres
Tryphonopolous
Amy Tse
Good Schmolzer

Staff:
Marion Haggarty-France,
University Secretary
Brad Hamdon, General
Counsel
Yimmie Sonuga, GFC
Secretary
Heather Richholt, Scribe

Observers:
Anne Bailey
Kate Peters
Keisha Marsh
Norma Rodenburg
Derek Roy-Brenneis
Andrea Smith
OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of the Agenda
Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): David Turpin, President and Vice-Chancellor

Motion: Kalcounis-Rueppell/Doucet

THAT General Faculties Council approve the Agenda.  CARRIED

2. Comments from the Chair (no documents)

Presenter(s): David Turpin, President and Vice-Chancellor

Discussion:
The Chair made note of the upcoming approval pathway for the university's budget and the implications of the provincial budget set to be tabled later in the week.

The Chair announced that the Provost had indicated he was willing to stand for another term. He noted that a Provost's Advisory Review Committee would be struck, confirmed the deadline for applications to be on the committee and the eligibility criteria.

The Vice-Chair of the Nominating Committee gave an update on the work underway to address student vacancies and noted that GFC would receive a motion for its approval at the March 30th meeting.

The Chair spoke to the departure of the Dean of Arts, Dr Lesley Cormack, who would be leaving the university at the end of June as a result of her appointment as the Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of British Columbia - Okanagan.

The Chair pointed to the Museums Annual Report, Item 14C, and noted that Janine Andrews had announced her retirement as the Executive Director of University of Alberta Museums. He acknowledged and thanked her for her years of service and excellent reporting to GFC.

CONSENT AGENDA
Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Consent Agenda Mover and Seconder: Mocquais/Doucet

3. A. Approval of the Minutes of November 25, 2019
   - as amended further to the January 27, 2020 meeting

THAT General Faculties Council approve the open session minutes of November 25, 2019.  CARRIED

B. Approval of the Minutes of January 27, 2020

THAT General Faculties Council approve the open session minutes of January 27, 2020.  CARRIED

4. New Members of GFC
TO RECEIVE:
The following statutory faculty member who has been elected by their Faculty, to serve on GFC for term of office beginning February 4, 2020 and ending June 30, 2022:

Peter Hurd, Faculty of Science

CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS

5. An Ethics Framework for Student Learning Analytics
Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Mike MacGregor, Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President (Information Services & Technology)

Discussion:
Dr MacGregor expressed thanks to everyone for their feedback on the framework and especially to the Vice-Presidents (Academic) of the Students' Union and the Graduate Students' Association.

Motion: Bhatnagar/Moore

THAT the General Faculties Council endorses the Code of Practice for Student Learning Analytics at the University of Alberta, as set forth in attachment 1.

CARRIED

6. Proposed Addition to the Code of Student Behaviour Regarding Weapons on Campus
Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Marcel Roth, Director, University of Alberta Protective Services

Discussion:
Mr Roth explained that the Code of Student Behaviour (COSB) applied to students of the university while they were on campus or at any university related event. He noted that the proposed addition to the COSB was meant for specific complaints of weapons which would require an elevated response. He also noted that the advice of the GFC Student Conduct Policy Committee had been incorporated in the definition of weapon.

Members asked questions and expressed opinions including, but not limited to: exceptions for student biathletes; the rules for student residences; University of Alberta Protective Services (UAPS) responses to complaints on campus; ancient weapons in collections on campus; knives as weapons and how the COSB already has provision to address "creating a condition which endangers or potentially endangers or threatens" another person.

Motion: Doucet/Kulczycki

THAT the General Faculties Council recommend that the Board of Governors approve the proposed addition to the Code of Student Behaviour, as recommended by the GFC Student Conduct Policy Committee, as submitted by University of Alberta Protective Services, to take effect July 1, 2020.

CARRIED

7. University Mandate
Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.
Presenter(s): David Turpin, President and Vice-Chancellor

Discussion:
The Chair noted that the Ministry of Advanced Education had instructed the university to provide a revised mandate according to a provided template. He explained that the reformatted mandate coming forward for approval was a transfer of existing information into the new template with a few editorial revisions as outlined in the documents.

Motion I: Mocquais/Padfield

THAT the General Faculties Council recommend that the Board of Governors approve the reformatted University Mandate Statement, as set out in Attachment 2, for submission to the Minister of Advanced Education for final approval.

CARRIED

Motion II: Mocquais/Padfield

THAT the General Faculties Council recommend that the Board of Governors rescind the previous University Mandate Statement, approved by the Minister of Advanced Education and Technology on July 17, 2009, following ministerial approval of the new statement.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

8. Report of the Senate ad hoc Committee on Honorary Degrees (no documents)

Presenter(s): Douglas Stollery, Chancellor

Discussion:
Mr Stollery spoke about the report of the Senate’s ad hoc Committee on Honorary Degrees, which was struck in response to a strategy outlined in the 2017 University of Alberta Senate's Strategic Plan to enhance the honorary degree nomination, selection, and conferral processes to ensure best practices. He outlined the membership of the committee and noted that the report was presented to the Senate in May 2019. Implementation of the recommendations was well underway. He identified two recommendations that he thought would be of interest to GFC:

1. Controversy - Information from additional vetting processes using publicly available information sources would be reviewed by the Chancellor as Chair, and relevant details would be shared with the Senate's Honorary Degree Selection Committee during the nomination review process. In the case of potential controversy, the committee would use its best judgement and consider the values of the university. The honorary degree scheduling process would also be expanded to include confidential consultation with Deans, Vice-Presidents and Vice-Provosts.

2. Revocation - The committee used the Order of Canada's process as a guide and made clear that it was a very significant step to revoke an honorary degree and this should be an extremely rare occurrence. Causes to consider would be a serious criminal offense or an ethical violation of magnitude that were a matter of public record. Steps to follow would include notice and an opportunity to return the degree, a confidential and independent inquiry, approval by 2/3 of the selection committee and the majority of Senate.

Members asked questions and expressed comments, including but not limited to: university autonomy; outside influences; university values; the potential to revoke an honorary degree of a deceased person; that the nomination process is confidential; the representation of the Senate’s Honorary Degree Committee; the Senate's statutory authority to award honorary degrees; and the potential secondment of staff from the University Library and University Relations to assist with research in the vetting process.
9. **Question Period**  
There were no questions.

**INFORMATION REPORTS**

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

10. **Report of the GFC Executive Committee**

11. **Report of the GFC Academic Planning Committee**

12. **Report of the GFC Academic Standards Committee**

13. **GFC Nominations and Elections**

14. **Information Items**  
   A. Annual Report on Undergraduate Enrolment 2019-20  
   B. Helping Individuals at Risk (HIAR) and Office of Safe Disclosure and Human Rights (OSDHR) Annual Reports 2018-2019  
   C. University of Alberta Museums Annual Report: July 2018 - June 2019

15. **Information Forwarded to GFC Members Between Meetings**  
   - FYI: Dean of Arts, Dr. Lesley Cormack

**CLOSING SESSION**

16. **Adjournment**  
The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.