



General Faculties Council
Undergraduate Awards and Bursaries Committee
Approved Open Session Minutes

Tuesday, April 07, 2020
Virtual Meeting by Video/Phone
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Frank Robinson
Angela Bayduza
Melinda Chisholm
Gary Eitzen
Abbie Murison
Paul Myers

non-voting:
Wendy Doughty
Fiona Halbert
Jennifer Jennax
Yimmie Sonuga

REGRETS:

Marion Haggarty-France
Tristan Sinnatamby
Ciara Wright

Staff:
Heather Richholt, Coordinator

OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Frank Robinson, Chair of GFC UABC

Motion: Myers/Murison

THAT the GFC Undergraduate Awards and Bursaries Committee approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of February 11, 2020

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Frank Robinson, Chair of GFC UABC

Motion: Myers/Gary

THAT the GFC Undergraduate Awards and Bursaries Committee approve the open session minutes of February 11, 2020.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Chair

Presenter(s): Frank Robinson, Chair of GFC UABC

Discussion:

The Chair thanked members for attending virtually and acknowledged that this was a difficult time for the university community.

ACTION ITEMS

4. New Annually Funded Financial Supports for Approval

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Fiona Halbert, Assistant Registrar, Student Financial Support; Allen Wolfe, Specialist, Student Financial Support, Office of the Registrar; Shari Klassen, Specialist, Student Financial Support, Office of the Registrar

Purpose of the Proposal: To approve new annually funded undergraduate awards and bursaries.

Discussion:

Members discussed the importance of keeping the terms general enough to allow administrators the latitude to distribute funds where they are most needed.

Motion: Myers/Eitzen

THAT the GFC Undergraduate Awards and Bursaries Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the following new annually funded Undergraduate Awards and Bursaries, as submitted by Student Financial Support and as set forth in Attachment 1, as amended, to be effective immediately:

- University of Alberta Health Crisis Bursary
- Vikes for Tykes Bursary
- Radhe Gupta / Rohit Group International Award
- Rotating and Turbomachinery Society Alberta Scholarship
- Gwiizii ts'at gwitâatsâh (We Will Make it Better)
- Trent Brown Golden Bears Football Award
- UAlberta North Student Experiential Learning Award
- RSM Canada Scholarship in Accounting
- Postsecondary Studies in French as a Second Language Award

CARRIED

5. New Endowed Financial Supports for Approval

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Fiona Halbert, Assistant Registrar, Student Financial Support; Allen Wolfe, Specialist, Student Financial Support, Office of the Registrar; Shari Klassen, Specialist, Student Financial Support, Office of the Registrar

Purpose of the Proposal: To approve new endowed undergraduate awards and bursaries.

Discussion:

Members asked about the definitions of "student athlete" and "varsity athlete", and discussed U SPORTS restrictions.

Motion: Murison/Bayduza

THAT the GFC Undergraduate Awards and Bursaries Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the following new endowed Undergraduate Awards and Bursaries, as submitted by Student Financial Support and as set forth in Attachment 1, as amended, to be effective immediately:

- Rosemary Holsworth Scholarship in Medicine
- Medicine Class of 1978 Bursary

- Dr Robert S Thornberry Memorial Bursary
- Honourable John A Agrios Distinguished Student Achievement Scholarship in Law
- The Right Honourable Beverley McLachlin Moot Award
- The Edmonton Manual Award in Medicine

CARRIED

6. Amended Financial Supports for Approval

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Fiona Halbert, Assistant Registrar, Student Financial Support; Allen Wolfe, Specialist, Student Financial Support, Office of the Registrar; Shari Klassen, Specialist, Student Financial Support, Office of the Registrar

Purpose of the Proposal: To approve amended undergraduate awards and bursaries.

Discussion:

Members discussed the use of "clinical skills" as an award criteria, and the elimination of the university's field hockey team.

Motion: Myers/Murison

THAT the GFC Undergraduate Awards and Bursaries Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the following amended Undergraduate Awards and Bursaries, as submitted by Student Financial Support, and as set forth in Attachment 1, as amended, to be effective immediately:

- Ruth and Jim Herman Augustana Bursary
- Robert and Jean Fraser Award for Future Leaders in Global Health
- Carol Wilson Pendas Award
- Dru Marshall Pendas Scholarship
- Battle River Implements Ltd Award

CARRIED

7. Amended Hybrid Financial Supports for Approval

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Fiona Halbert, Assistant Registrar, Student Financial Support; Allen Wolfe, Specialist, Student Financial Support, Office of the Registrar; Shari Klassen, Specialist, Student Financial Support, Office of the Registrar

Purpose of the Proposal: To approve amendments to the terms of 114 hybrid financial supports.

Discussion:

There was no discussion.

Motion: Myers/Bayduza

THAT the GFC Undergraduate Awards and Bursaries Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the proposed changes to the list of 114 amended Hybrid Undergraduate Awards and Bursaries, as submitted by Student Financial Support and as set forth in Attachment 1, to be effective immediately.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

8. Draft Annual Report to GFC

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Frank Robinson, Chair of GFC UABC; Heather Richholt, Assistant Secretary to GFC

Discussion:

Members discussed the draft annual report and information to highlight, including: the committee's perspective on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) related to proposed awards criteria; the revisions to policy and procedure related to the work of the committee; cancelled meetings; membership; and financial information related to fundraising and approved financial supports.

9. Question Period (no documents)

Presenter(s): Frank Robinson, Chair of GFC UABC

Discussion:

Members discussed the challenges faced by students with regard to the COVID 19 pandemic. Ms Halbert noted that sixty thousand dollars in emergency bursaries had been distributed to date, and that she would give the committee an update at the May meeting.

INFORMATION REPORTS

10. Items Approved by the GFC Undergraduate Awards and Bursaries Committee by E-mail Ballots (non-debatable)

There were no items.

11. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

CLOSING SESSION

12. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.