



UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

General Faculties Council
Academic Planning Committee
Approved Open Session Minutes

Wednesday, April 22, 2015
2-31 South Academic Building (SAB)
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Voting Members:

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| Olive Yonge | Chair, Interim Provost and Vice-President (Academic) |
| Nathan Andrews | Member, President of the Graduate Students' Association |
| Phyllis Clark | Member, Vice-President (Finance and Administration) |
| Lise Gotell | Member, Academic Staff, Member of GFC |
| Loren Kline | Member, Academic (A1.0) Staff-at-large |
| William Lau | Member, President of the Students' Union |
| John Law | Member, Academic Staff, Member of GFC |
| Pierre-Yves Mocquais | Member, Dean Representative |
| Jeremy Richards | Member, Academic Staff, Member of GFC |
| Pamela Sewers | Member, NASA Member-at-large |

Non-Voting Members:

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

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| Phyllis Clark | Vice-President (Finance and Administration) |
| Roger Epp | Deputy Provost |
| Pat Jansen | Associate Vice-President, Planning and Project Delivery (Facilities and Operations) |
| Olive Yonge | Interim Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and Chair, GFC Academic Planning Committee |

Staff:

Marion Haggarty-France, Acting 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.

Presenter: Olive Yonge, Interim Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and Chair, GFC Academic Planning Committee

Motion: Kline/Andrews

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of February 25, 2015

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Olive Yonge, Interim Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and Chair, GFC Academic Planning Committee

Motion: Law/Andrews

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee approve the Minutes of February 25, 2015.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Chair

The Chair commented on a number of relevant issues to members, and invited members to introduce themselves.

ACTION ITEMS

4. University of Alberta 2015 Comprehensive Institutional Plan (CIP)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Olive Yonge, Interim Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and Chair, GFC Academic Planning Committee; Pat Jansen, Associate Vice-President, Planning and Project Delivery (Facilities and Operations); Phyllis Clark, Vice-President (Finance and Administration)

Purpose of the Proposal: To correct a Facilities and Operations oversight whereby the Edmonton Clinic Diagnostic Centre (ECDC) Translational Lab was not included in the 2015 Comprehensive Institutional Plan (CIP). Government of Alberta deadline for receipt of the Comprehensive Institutional Plan (CIP) is May 1, 2015.

Discussion:

The Chair provided members with an update in regards to the prior approval process of the 2015 Comprehensive Institutional Plan (CIP), and the need to include this important capital project within the previously approved CIP.

Mr Jansen explained to members that within the portfolio of Facilities and Operations, capital initiatives are included both in an institutional-specific document as well as the CIP, adding that this list of capital projects is constantly being discussed with the Provincial Government. He reported that in this instance, the timing of the list and that of the CIP were not aligned, which resulted in the exclusion of the Edmonton Clinic Diagnostic Centre (ECDC) Translational Lab as well as the deletion of the 87th Avenue pedway.

He provided members with details in relation to the proposed ECDC Translational Lab, noting that logistical and financial details have yet to be determined, but that as this project represents a significant initiative at the University of Alberta, that it needs to be represented within the CIP.

During the ensuing discussion in relation to this item, members expressed a number of comments and questions, including, but not limited to: whether the deletion of the pedway and the lab are interrelated; clarification as to why the pedway is not going forward; whether it is typical to include initiatives in the CIP without logistical or financial details.

Motion: Clark/Mocquais

Abstention: Lau

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee recommend to the Board of Governors the 'revised ' 2015 University of Alberta Comprehensive Institutional Plan (CIP), as provided by the President's Executive Committee (PEC) and as set forth in Attachment 3 and, concurrently, recommend to the Board of Governors the rescission of the CIP 2015, as approved on March 13, 2015, all to take effect upon final approval.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. University of Alberta North: Reorganization and Dissolution of the Canadian Circumpolar Institute

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Roger Epp, Deputy Provost

Purpose of the Proposal: This document affirms the University's considerable expertise, experience and activity in the North as a matter of core institutional identity and investment. It proposes a new secretariat (administrative unit), University of Alberta North (UA North), in place of the Canadian Circumpolar Institute (CCI). CCI, under the oversight of the Vice-President (Research), is an interdisciplinary academic centre that promotes and supports northern and polar research, serving faculty, students, residents of circumpolar regions, government, industry and the general public. The new administrative unit would be closely linked to the University's senior leadership, advance strategic relationships, support the full scope of northern initiatives in a more integrated way, convene cross-Faculty research expertise to pursue major opportunities, and build a national and international profile equivalent to our strengths.

Discussion:

Dr Epp provided members with a summary of the proposal to dissolve the Canadian Circumpolar Institute (CCI) in favor of the creation of a new administrative secretariat, which would be closely linked to the University's senior leadership, in affirmation of the academy's history, expertise, and activities in the North. He noted that the new administrative secretariat would be called University of Alberta North (UA North).

He reported that UA North was developed based on extensive consultation across the academy, and clarified that it is not simply a recreation of the CCI. He stated that this new approach includes a focus on cross-Faculty engagement, to develop relationships, to place students in the North and to foster additional collaboration with Yukon College, and to experiment with different learning models. He stated that working with and in the North is part of the University's core identity, and that the academy has a long history of presence and collaboration in the North.

He provided members with additional details in regard to the proposed administrative secretariat, including efforts to collaborate with the City of Edmonton in this endeavor, to strengthen the impact of shared connections. He added that the program hopes to acquire ice core samples and coring equipment currently held by the Canadian government, in an attempt to utilize academic and scientific strengths at the University of Alberta.

Members, during the discussion in relation to this proposal, expressed a number of comments and questions, including, but not limited to: a suggestion that the proposed name sounds too much like University of Alberta North Campus; a suggestion to rename the secretariat 'U of A Circumpolar' to add emphasis to geographical inclusivity; clarification regarding the differences between the CCI and the proposed secretariat; that using the word 'North' in the name seems geographically restrictive but that the University of Alberta is a northern university; a suggestion to name the secretariat 'University of Alberta Boreal'; clarification surrounding the proposed secretariat and the former CCI, in terms of which Vice-Presidential portfolio will be hosting the unit; a suggestion to somehow incorporate the acronym 'ICE' into the name; that U of A North is not a confusing title; support for this endeavor; a suggestion to add politics and policy to the list of related areas; clarification regarding risks involved in this endeavor; support for this initiative as well as support for maintaining existing relationships; whether the incoming Provost and President-Elect are supportive of this proposal; whether there are additional details in relation to this initiative which need further examination; a suggestion to start small and let the project gain momentum before expanding; clarification about the source of funding; support for student research and travel; clarification about how the U of A North will build upon CCI's focus on student involvement; whether the student involvement opportunities will be available to all students; clarification regarding the next steps for this initiative.

6. Budget Update

There were no documents.

Presenter(s): Olive Yonge, Interim Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and Chair, GFC Academic Planning Committee ; Phyllis Clark, Vice-President (Finance and Administration)

Purpose of the Proposal: For discussion/information.

Discussion:

Ms Clark provided members with an update in regards to the 2015 University of Alberta Budget, noting that the institution was assessed a 1.4% cut. She reported that the signal for next years' allocation is a continued decrease in funding. She stated that consultation surrounding tuition rates is ongoing. She reported on the status of inadequate lights-on funding for the institution, Access to the Future Fund, and the Federal Budget.

During the discussion in relation to this item, members provided a number of comments and questions, including, but not limited to: clarification about the total amount of the Access to the Future Fund; clarification about the impact of the Federal Budget on the University of Alberta; clarification surrounding the Federal Budget in terms of potential industry-based post-secondary initiatives.

7. Question Period

There were no questions.

INFORMATION REPORTS

8. Items Approved by the GFC Academic Planning Committee by E-Mail Ballots

There were no items.

9. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

CLOSING SESSION

10. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.