



UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

General Faculties Council
Academic Planning Committee
Open Session Minutes

Wednesday, June 22, 2022
SAB 2-31 with Remote Option by Zoom
2:00 PM – 3:26PM

ATTENDEES:

Steven Dew, Chair
Chris Beasley
Sandeep Agrawal
Peter Berg
Heather Bruce
Walter Dixon (delegate)
Shannon Erichsen

Anas Fassih
Todd Gilchrist
Vadim Kravchinsky
Jacqueline Leighton
Runjuan Liu
Abner Monteiro

non-voting:
Kate Peters

REGRETS:

Chris Andersen
Jelena Holovati
Brad Hamdon
Melissa Padfield
Sanhita Pal
Yan Yuan

Staff:

Heather Richholt, Assistant
Secretary to GFC

OPENING SESSION

The Chair began by acknowledging the territory:

Before we begin, I would like to acknowledge that the University of Alberta resides on Treaty 6 territory and the homeland of the Métis. To acknowledge the territory is to recognize the longer history of these lands and signifies our commitment to working in Good Relations with First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples as we engage in our institutional work.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Steven Dew, Provost and Vice-President (Academic), and Chair of GFC Academic Planning Committee (APC)

Discussion: The Chair requested a slight change in the agenda to move the discussion items concerning the budget ahead of the action item.

The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee approve the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

2. Comments from the Chair (no documents)

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

Discussion: The Chair thanked departing members APC for their service, informed members about the approvals of the Indigenous Strategic Plan and the International Tuition Proposal and the proposed review of the structure

of the Tuition Budget Advisory Committee. The Chair also noted this would be his last meeting chairing APC as Provost and informed members that Verna Liu had been named as Interim Provost for a two-year term.

CONSENT AGENDA

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

The consent agenda motion was moved and seconded

3. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of May 18 and May 26, 2022

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee approve the open session minutes of May 18 and May 26, 2022 CARRIED
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4. Proposed Suspension of the BSc Pharmacy and the Bridging Program for BSc Pharmacy Students, Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee recommend that the Board of Governors approve the suspension of the Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy program, for implementation July 1, 2023. CARRIED
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THAT the GFC Programs Committee recommend that the Board of Governors approve the suspension of the Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm D) Bridging Program for BSc in Pharmacy Students, for implementation July 1, 2023. CARRIED
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DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. Budget Model 2.0

Materials and Presentation before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Todd Gilchrist, Vice-President (University Services and Finance); Steven Dew, Provost and Vice-President (Academic)

Discussion: The Chair explained the function of the model in budget planning for academic units across the University and provided background on the introduction of the first iteration of the budget model, known informally as Budget 1.0, in the 2019-2020 academic year. He described the circumstances that subsequently led to the need to revise the model including fiscal pressures, academic restructuring, space optimization, the introduction of a growth strategy, and centralisation of administrative services. The Chair informed APC of the decision to defer the implementation of the new model until the 2023-2024 academic year to give the new Provost and APC more time to contemplate the model and the impacts of the rollout.

The Chair invited the Committee to provide feedback on the principles that underpin the model and committed to sharing the information with the new Provost. The committee discussed student life and the student experience, the funding of college administration; perceptions of "taxation" to support centralised services; and the principles of fairness, transparency, accountability and equity.

7. Budget Update (standing item)

Presenter(s): Steven Dew, Provost and Vice-President (Academic); Todd Gilchrist, Vice-President (University Services and Finance)

Discussion: There was no discussion.

ACTION ITEMS

8. Proposal from the Faculty of Science to create the Glycomics Institute of Alberta (GIA)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Lara Mahal, Canada Excellence Research Chair in Glycomics, Chemistry

Purpose of the Proposal: To bring forward the proposal from the Faculty of Science to create the Glycomics Institute of Alberta (GIA) for discussion and approval by APC under the authority of the UAPPOL Academic Centres and Institutes Establishment Procedure.

Discussion: L. Mahal explained the numerous implications of research on glycoscience for different disciplines and the aspiration that this new research centre would bring together researchers in the University and facilitate intraprovincial collaboration. The proponent presented the vision for the Institute as a centre for education, collaboration and enhanced communication to connect people and assets and the governance model including the source of funding for the next five years.

Members discussed the long term source of funding given that the Canada Excellence Research Chair is not renewable and how the Institute will continue to attract researchers and incentivise their participation.

The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the creation of the Glycomics Institute of Alberta, effective upon approval.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

9. Question Period

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

Discussion: Members thanked the Provost for the indelible mark his work will leave on the University and expressed admiration for the respectful, collegial and intelligent leadership in turbulent times. The graduate student representative expressed gratitude for the support and expressed a hope that the work that the Provost is currently supporting would continue. The Provost responded with thanks and expressed optimism for the future of the University. He encouraged members of APC to take time over the summer.

INFORMATION REPORTS

There were no requests from members to discuss the information items listed below.

10. Graduate Student Enrolment Report 2020-2021

11. Annual Report of the Graduate Scholarship Committee (2021-2022)

12. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

- University of Alberta Mail - HOLD_ Special Meeting APC - May 26 2-4PM

CLOSING SESSION

13. Adjournment

- Next Meeting of APC: September 7, 2022

- Next Meeting of GFC: September 21, 2022