



General Faculties Council
Facilities Development Committee
Approved Open Session Minutes

Thursday, March 24, 2016
2-31 South Academic Building (SAB)
1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

ATTENDEES:

Voting Members:

Wendy Rodgers	Chair, Provost and Vice-President (Academic), Deputy Provost
Elisabeth Le	Vice-Chair, Academic Staff
Debbie Feisst	Member, Academic Staff at-Large
Cheryl Harwardt	Member, Academic Staff
Pat Jansen (Delegate)	Member, Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)
Suzanne Poirier	Member, Support Staff
Fahim Rahman	Member, Students' Union Vice-President (Academic) or Delegate
Harsh Thaker	Member, Graduate Students' Association Vice-President (Academic) or Delegate
Zizhao (Finn) Wang	Member, Undergraduate Student Member at-large

Non-Voting Members:

Ben Louie	Member, University Architect, Resource
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Presenter(s):

Wendy Rodgers	Deputy Provost and Chair, GFC Facilities Development Committee (FDC)
Pat Jansen	Associate Vice-President, Planning and Project Delivery (Facilities and Operations)

Staff:

Andrea Patrick, Coordinator, GFC Facilities Development Committee

OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Le/Harwardt

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of January 28, 2016

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Harwardt/Rahman

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve the Minutes of January 28, 2016.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Chair

The Chair announced that the Federal Budget 2016 includes opportunities for capital support for research infrastructure, and that the University of Alberta has been advocating the Province for partnerships in pursuit of this available funding.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Review of Delegated Authority – GFC Facilities Development Committee (FDC)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Wendy Rodgers, Deputy Provost and Chair, GFC Facilities Development Committee (FDC)

Purpose of the Proposal: To review the GFC Facilities Development Committee's current delegated authority from General Faculties Council to ensure that it remains current and appropriate, and to provide recommendations to General Faculties Council by way of the GFC Executive Committee on the renewal of, or revisions to, that delegated authority.

Discussion:

The Chair reported that at the January 25, 2016 meeting of General Faculties Council, members approved a motion to review the delegation of its authorities to all of its current Standing Committees, and by June 30, 2016 vote on whether to renew or revise these delegated authorities. In addition, Council approved a motion to be guided in the review of the governance and operations of GFC by the June 2013 report "A Reflection on the State of Academic Governance at the University of Alberta".

The Chair invited members to discuss the Committee Terms of Reference, as well as the two specific delegations from both GFC as well as the Board of Governors: the approval of general space programs and the approval of proposals concerning the design and use of all new facilities and the repurposing of existing facilities in consideration of the academic scope of these spaces. She also acknowledged that the Board of Governors, at their meeting of December 14, 2012, affirmed these delegations of authority to the GFC Facilities Development Committee (FDC).

During the discussion surrounding its mandate and Terms of Reference, members expressed unanimous support for the Committee's two specific areas of delegated authority, noting that the Committee has a small but specialized scope, and that members provide useful, strategic feedback on these projects at the institution.

There was further discussion surrounding the Committee's relationship with the GFC Academic Planning Committee (APC), and acknowledgement of the importance of cross-representation between the Chair of

GFC FDC as well as the academic staff member currently cross-appointed on both APC and FDC. In addition, members discussed the lack of policy items originating from FDC to APC or GFC, and many noted that there had not been any policy issues to recommend in recent years.

A member suggested adding budget considerations to the mandate of the Committee; however, it was noted by the Chair that this falls solidly under the purview of the Board of Governors at this time.

Finally, members expressed interest in reviewing the reporting mechanisms between FDC and GFC, as well as FDC and APC, towards increased awareness and inter-Committee functionality.

Members expressed reluctance towards making large changes to its scope at this time, and provided affirmation that the current delegations of authority are indeed appropriate.

There was no further discussion.

5. Projects Update from Facilities and Operations

There were no documents.

Presenter(s): Pat Jansen, Associate Vice-President, Planning and Project Delivery (Facilities and Operations)

Purpose of the Proposal: For information and discussion.

Discussion:

Mr Jansen provided members with a number of updates in regards to ongoing projects at the University of Alberta, including:

Two additional residences in the planning stage
Work at the Devonian Botanic Garden (DBG) will commence
Updates regarding lab renewals
The grand opening of Wahkohtowin Lodge at Augustana Faculty

A member sought clarification in regards to the funding source of the Wahkohtowin Lodge.

6. Question Period

There were no questions.

INFORMATION REPORTS

7. Items Approved by the GFC Facilities Development Committee by E-Mail Ballots

There were no items.

8. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

CLOSING SESSION

9. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.