



General Faculties Council
Approved Open Session Minutes

Monday, September 26, 2016
University of Alberta Council Chamber, 2-100 University Hall
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Voting Members:

David Turpin	Chair, President and Vice-Chancellor, University of Alberta, Statutory
Katherine Aitchison	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Ahmad Al-Dabbagh	Member, Graduate Student at-Large
Chris Andersen	Member, Dean, Native Studies (Interim)
Susan Andrew	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Larry Kostiuk (Delegate)	Member, Vice-President (Research), Statutory
Marina Banister	Member, Student Nominated by UG Council of Students
Howard Bashaw	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Darcy Bemister	Member, Graduate Student at-Large
Faiza Billo	Member, Board of Governors Representative, NASA Appointee
Sylvia Brown	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Heather Bruce	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Alicia Cappello	Member, Graduate Student at-Large
Peter Carver	Member, Statutory Academic Staff, Law
Phyllis Clark	Member, Vice-President (Finance & Administration), Statutory
Lisa Collins	Member, Vice-Provost and University Registrar, Statutory
David Cooper	Member, Board of Governors Representative and AASUA Appointee
Lesley Cormack	Member, Dean, Arts, Statutory
André Costopoulos	Member, Vice-Provost and Dean of Students
Benjamin Denga	Member, Graduate Student at-Large
Steven Dew	Member, Provost and Vice-President (Academic), Statutory
Joseph Doucet	Member, Dean, Business, Statutory
Ryan Dunch	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Francesca El Ghossein	Member, Student Nominated by UG Council of Students, V-P (Student Life)
Tarek El-Bialy	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Duncan Elliott	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Shannon Erichsen	Member, Non-Academic Staff (Nominated by NASA)
Dean Eurich	Member, Statutory Academic Staff, School of Public Health
Richard N Fedorak	Member, Dean, Medicine and Dentistry (Interim)
Sarah Ficko	Member, Board of Governors Representative, President, Graduate Students' Association
Kyle Foster	Member, Graduate Student at-Large
Adam Gaudry	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Lesley Harrington	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Shumaila Hemani	Member, Graduate Student at-Large
Calvin Howard	Member, Undergraduate Student Member
Paul Jurasz	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Maryam Kebbe	Member, Graduate Student at-Large
Cerina Lee	Member, Graduate Student at-Large

Pierre Lemelin	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Bernard Lemire	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Leijun Li	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Monica Lillo	Member, Undergraduate Student Member
Wei Liu	Member, Non-Academic Staff (Nominated by NASA)
Mark Loewen	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Godfrey Man	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Pierre-Yves Mocquais	Member, Dean, Faculté Saint-Jean & Executive Officer of Campus Saint-Jean, Statutory
Anita Molzahn	Member, Dean, Nursing, Statutory
Kerry Mummery	Member, Dean, Physical Education & Recreation, Statutory
Dorsa Nahid	Member, Undergraduate Student Member
Maryse Ndilu Kiese	Member, Graduate Student at-Large
Carla Peck	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Fahim Rahman	Member, Board of Governors Representative, President, UA Students' Union
Bahador Rashidi	Member, Graduate Student at-Large
Leonard Ratzlaff	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Carolyn Sale	Member, AASUA President and Additional Appointee
Jonathan Schaeffer	Member, Dean, Science
Marc Secanell	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Andrew Sharman	Member, Vice-President (Facilities and Operations), Statutory
Peter Smith	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Carrie Smith-Prei	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Jorge Sousa	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Eleni Stroulia	Member, Statutory Academic Staff, Science
Bruce Sutherland	Member, Statutory Academic Staff, Science
Brent Swallow	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Jacqui Tam	Member, Vice-President (University Relations), Statutory
Amy Tse	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Benjamin Tucker	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
LJ Valencia	Member, Undergraduate Student Member
Sasha Van der Klein	Member, Student Nominated by GSA Council of Students
Dilini Vethanayagam	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Elizabeth Wallace	Member, University Library Academic Staff
Jason R. Wang	Member, Undergraduate Student Member
Amanda Wakaruk	Member, Libraries
Akiko Watanabe	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Bonnie Watt	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Jonathan White	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Brayden Whitlock	Member, Graduate Student at-Large
Sheena Wilson	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Erin Wright	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Kue Young	Member, Dean, School of Public Health, Statutory
Denise Young	Member, St. Joseph's College Representative, Appointee to GFC
Heather Zwicker	Member, Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (Interim)

Presenter(s):

David Turpin	President and Chair, General Faculties Council (GFC)
Steven Dew	Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
Nataraj (Nat) Kav	Vice-Provost (Programs) and Chair, GFC Academic Standards Committee
Dean Zaragoza	Executive Director, Health Sciences Council
Sarah Ficko	President, Graduate Students' Association
Fahim Rahman	President, University of Alberta Students' Union

Francis Whiskeyjack
Phyllis Clark
Jonathan White

Elder and Cultural Resource, Edmonton Public Schools
Vice-President (Finance and Administration)
Professor, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry and Chair, GFC Nominating
Committee

Staff:

Meg Brolley, GFC Secretary and Manager of GFC Services
Marion Haggarty-France, University Secretary
Andrea Patrick, Scribe

OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Banister/Cormack

THAT General Faculties Council approve the Agenda.
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CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes of May 30, 2016

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Dew/EI Bialy

THAT General Faculties Council approve the Minutes of May 30, 2016.

CARRIED

3. Report from the President

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Discussion:

The President and Chair, David H Turpin, welcomed all to the 406th meeting of General Faculties Council (GFC) and to the 2016-2017 academic year, and provided the following comments:

- He began by denouncing the recent racist posters placed across North Campus, adding that the University of Alberta is a space that is open to all people and takes pride in the strength of its diverse community. He stated that he was proud of the campus community's swift response to the incident in a show of solidarity.
- He also reported on two recent funding announcements which awarded the University \$82.5 million in Strategic Initiative Funding from the federal government towards campus infrastructure, and the \$75 million Canada First Research Excellence Fund grant to establish the Future Energy Systems Research Institute.
- The Chair invited members to visit the Sweetgrass bear statue in Quad, as well as the Treaty Bear at Augustana Campus (both by artist, Stewart Steinhauer). He noted that the University of Alberta will continue to work towards respectful and meaningful reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.
- The Chair reported on transitions in the Vice-President Portfolios of Facilities and Operations, Finance and Administration, University Relations; and in the decanal portfolios of Students, Engineering, and Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.

- He congratulated Vice President (Research), Dr Lorne Babiuk, for receiving the 2016 World Agriculture Prize Laureate award.
- Finally, the Chair invited Vice President (Facilities and Operations), Mr Andrew Sharman, to provide an update to members on the decommissioning of the Slowpoke Reactor in the Dentistry/Pharmacy building.

The Chair concluded his remarks by reminding members of the beginning of the United Way campaign.

4. Smudging Ceremony

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): David Turpin; Francis Whiskeyjack

Purpose of the Proposal: The University of Alberta is taking steps to ensure campuses are inclusive and culturally responsive by integrating First Nations, Metis and Inuit perspectives into programming and practice. Being able to practice smudging and other traditional ceremonies can contribute to a sense of belonging and positive relations with Aboriginal communities. This practice, which involved burning of traditional medicinal herbs, has been identified as a valuable learning celebration for our community

Discussion:

The Chair welcomed Elder Francis Whiskeyjack to General Faculties Council (GFC) and noted that holding this ceremony at the first GFC meeting of the new academic year was a meaningful exercise for the academy.

Elder Whiskeyjack provided an overview of the traditional ceremony and invited all interested members to come forward to smudge.

Following the smudge, the Chair invited members to visit the Office of Aboriginal Student Services for related information.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. For the Public Good - Update

There were no documents.

Presenter(s): David Turpin; Steven Dew

Purpose of the Proposal: To provide members with an update in regards to the implementation of *For the Public Good*.

Discussion:

Provost and Vice-President, Steven Dew, noted that *For the Public Good* had been unanimously approved by the Board of Governors in June. Since that time, he reported, members of Senior Administration including all Deans and Vice-Presidents had met several times to discuss the implementation of the newly adopted plan.

The Chair explained that the initial process would include not only prioritization of endeavours related to the five pillars of the plan (Build, Experience, Excel, Engage, Sustain), but will also establish measures of accountability, reporting processes, and the assignment of leads to specific initiatives. He emphasized that these activities will align with Unit plans across the institution.

6. Goals from the Students Union (SU) 2016-2017 and the Graduate Students' Association (GSA) Strategic Work Plan 2016-2017

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Fahim Rahman; Sarah Ficko

Purpose of the Proposal: To provide GFC with an update in regards to the strategic goals of the Students' Union (SU) and Graduate Students' Association (GSA) for this academic year.

Discussion:

SU President, Fahim Rahman, provided a summary of the core pillars of the SU Executive for the 2016-2017 academic year: Respecting Student Agency and Autonomy; Building Foundation for Success; Aligning with Student Needs. Following his presentation, a member sought clarification surrounding the SU's efforts towards affordable textbooks.

President of the GSA, Sarah Ficko, reported on the GSA Board Strategic Work Plan for 2016-2017. In addition to the broadened consultation process during the development of the Strategic Work Plan, she highlighted the details of the themes of Advocate, Engage, Negotiate, Support and Sustain within the Plan. A member enquired about the high percentage of graduate students accessing the Campus Food Bank.

7. Information Session on the University Budget 2016/17
 - Preliminary Forecast
 - Tuition

There were no documents.

Presenter(s): Phyllis Clark; Steven Dew

Purpose of the Proposal: To provide GFC with the annual September budget update.

Discussion:

Vice President (Finance and Administration), Phyllis Clark, provided members with a budget update. She noted a commitment to enhance the communications process surrounding the University budget in response to concerns that the previous process was not sufficiently understandable to members of the community.

Ms Clark reviewed the budget assumptions including expenses and revenue and other considerations such as the economic downturn in Alberta, various reviews by the Provincial Government, and University fiscal estimates. She noted that there will be continued advocacy for sustainable, predictable funding from the Provincial Government and acknowledged its extraordinary past support.

During the discussion, a member sought clarification as to whether additional efficiencies have been identified. Dr Turpin, in response to a question, noted that there has been no decision in regards to whether the institution would adopt a responsibility-centred management system.

Finally, a member acknowledged the coming retirement of Ms Clark from the University and thanked Ms Clark for her service to Council. Members engaged in a round of applause.

8. Update from the Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
 - Consultation Process for Centre for Writers

There were no documents.

Presenter(s): Steven Dew

Purpose of the Proposal: For information/discussion.

Discussion:

Dr Dew provided an update in regards to the consultation process for reviewing the state of scholarly writing support at the academy. He emphasized that the review will include wide consultation from all members of the community. He stated that Vice-Provost and Dean of Students, André Costopoulos, and Deputy Provost, Wendy Rodgers, would lead the process. He noted that a final report would be available by spring 2017.

ACTION ITEMS

9. New Members of GFC

[Note: A motion to appoint may be proposed only by a statutory member of GFC. A motion to receive may be proposed by any member of GFC.]

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): David Turpin

Purpose of the Proposal: To appoint, re-appoint or receive new members of General Faculties Council.

Discussion:

GFC Secretary, Meg Brolley, provided members with an additional name for consideration.

Motion: Molzahn/Doucet

MOTION I: TO APPOINT/RE-APPOINT [This motion may be proposed only by statutory members of GFC – VPs, Deans, statutory students or elected faculty members]:

The following President of the Association of Academic Staff of the University of Alberta (AASUA), for a term beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017:

Carolyn Sale, President, AASUA

The following Chairs' Council representative, for a term beginning immediately and ending June 30, 2017:

Susan Gilmour (Chairs' Council and Chairs' Executive)

The following academic staff member to represent University Library Academic Staff, for a term beginning immediately and ending June 30, 2019:

Amanda Wakaruk, Academic Staff (University Libraries)

The following representative of St Joseph's College, for a term beginning July 1, 2016 and extending for the duration of her appointment:

Denise Young, Interim Academic Dean (St. Joseph's College)

CARRIED

Motion: Rahman/Billo

MOTION II: TO RECEIVE [This motion may be proposed by any member of GFC]:

The following ex officio member, to serve on GFC for a term of office beginning July 1, 2016 and extending for the duration of her re-appointment:

Lesley Cormack Dean, Faculty of Arts

The following ex officio member, to serve on GFC for a term of office beginning July 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016:

Kathleen DeLong, Acting Vice-Provost and Chief Librarian

The following ex officio members, to serve on GFC for a term of office beginning September 1, 2016 and extending for the duration of their appointments:

Andrew Sharman, Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)
Jacqui Tam, Interim Vice-President (University Relations)

The following ex officio member, to serve on GFC for a term of office beginning November 1, 2016 and extending for the duration of her appointment:

Gitta Kulczycki, Vice-President (Finance and Administration)

The following statutory faculty members who has been elected/re-elected by their Faculty, to serve on GFC for term of office beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2019:

Heather Bruce, Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences
Brent Swallow, Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences
Ryan Dunch, Faculty of Arts
Lesley Harrington, Faculty of Arts
Carrie Smith-Prei, Faculty of Arts
Benjamin Tucker, Faculty of Arts
Kathleen Weiss, Faculty of Arts
Leijun Li, Faculty of Engineering
Mark Loewen, Faculty of Engineering
Marc Secanell, Faculty of Engineering
Peter Carver, Faculty of Law
Pierre Lemelin, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry
Erin Wright, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry
Godfrey Man, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry
Laurie Mereu, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry
Kim Solez, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry
Amy Tse, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry
Dilini Vethanayagam, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry
Jonathan White, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry
Adam Gaudry, Faculty of Native Studies
Dean Eurich, Faculty of Public Health
Bruce Sutherland, Faculty of Science

The following statutory graduate student member nominated by the Graduate Students' Association (GSA) to serve on GFC for a term beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2016.

Sasha van der Klein Vice-President (Labour), GSA

CARRIED

10. Proposed Changes to the University Bloodborne Pathogens Regulation in the University of Alberta Calendar including renaming to University Infectious Diseases Regulation

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Steven Dew; Nataraj (Nat) Kav; Dean Zaragoza

Purpose of the Proposal: To revise the existing regulation to align with current practice in infection control and prevention of bloodborne pathogens.

Discussion:

Dr Dew explained that this proposal contains updates regarding compliance with existing Alberta Health Services (AHS) regulations as well as contents of the *University Calendar*, all related to protecting learners in clinical settings.

During the ensuing discussion, a member enquired about zoonotic diseases in relation to this proposal.

Motion: Molzahn/Kostiuk

THAT General Faculties Council, on the recommendation of the GFC Academic Standards Committee, recommend that the Board of Governors approve the proposed revisions to the University Bloodborne Pathogens Regulation contained in the University Calendar, including the renaming to University Infectious Diseases Regulation, as set forth in Appendix 1, to take effect in 2017/1018.

CARRIED

11. Proposed Terms of Reference for the Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Governance Including Delegated Authority

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): David Turpin

Purpose of the Proposal: To approve Terms of Reference for the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Academic Governance Including Delegated Authority that was established by General Faculties Council on May 30, 2016.

Discussion:

The Chair reported that members of GFC had requested a process for reviewing GFC and its delegations of authority at the May 30, 2016 meeting. He noted that draft Terms of Reference for the *Ad Hoc* Committee were circulated widely during the summer months.

A member suggested a friendly amendment to the 'Purpose' section of the attachment.

The Chair stated that the *Ad Hoc* Committee could now begin its work towards a final report to GFC by April 30, 2017.

Motion: Molzahn/Cormack

THAT General Faculties Council approve the proposed Terms of Reference for the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Academic Governance including Delegated Authority as set forth in Attachment 1.

CARRIED

12. Proposed Membership for the Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Governance Including Delegated Authority

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): David Turpin

Purpose of the Proposal: To approve membership for the General Faculties Council Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Governance including Delegated Authority.

Discussion:

The Chair reported that following a call for input from the community, a list of proposed members of the Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Governance Including Delegated Authority had been organized. He added that the list of potential members was strong and thanked the individuals for their willingness to serve on the Committee.

Emphasizing the importance of the aim of the Ad Hoc Committee, the Chair explained that changes to governance at large institutions do not happen often and that when they do, the changes often last for decades.

There was no further discussion.

Motion: Molzahn/Mocquais

THAT General Faculties Council approve the proposed membership for the Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Governance including Delegated Authority as set forth in Attachment 1.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

13. Question Period

There were no documents.

Presenter(s): David Turpin

Discussion:

During Question Period, members engaged in a discussion regarding efforts towards ensuring faculty renewal. In response, the Chair indicated that advocacy efforts for faculty renewal programs continue, but that there is no easy solution. He reported that this is an identified area within *For the Public Good*.

Members also engaged in discussion surrounding the consultation process of the working group reviewing the Centre for Writers. Dr Dew assured members that students would be part of the consultation process.

There were no further questions.

INFORMATION REPORTS

14. Report of the GFC Executive Committee (June 21, September 12, 2016)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

15. Report of the GFC Academic Planning Committee (June 22, 2016)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

16. Report of the GFC Academic Standards Committee (June 16, September 15, 2016)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

17. Report of the GFC Nominating Committee (August 8, August 16, September 20, 2016, Dean Selection Committees)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Discussion:

The Chair of the GFC Nominating Committee, Jonathan White, provided a verbal reminder of current vacancies.

18. Report of the GFC Replenishment Committee (July 8, September 14, 2016)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

19. Report of the Board of Governors (June 17, 2016)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

20. Information Items

There were no items.

21. Information Forwarded to GFC Members Between Meetings

-For Comment - draft Terms of Reference of ad hoc committee for comment and suggested membership (July 8, 2016)

CLOSING SESSION

22. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m.