



General Faculties Council
 Approved Open Session Minutes

Monday, November 27, 2017
 Council Chamber, 2-100 University Hall (UNH)
 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Statutory Members:

Ex-Officio:

David Turpin, Chair
 Chris Andersen
 Stanford Blade
 Katy Campbell
 Lisa Collins
 Lesley Cormack
 Greta Cummings
 Kathleen DeLong
 Steven Dew
 Walter Dixon
 Joseph Doucet
 Gitta Kulczycki
 Dennis Kunimoto
 Pierre-Yves Mocquais
 Kerry Mummery
 Paul Paton
 Andrew Sharman
 Jacqui Tam
 Jennifer Tupper
 Heather Zwicker

Elected faculty:

Jason Acker
 Jeff Birchall
 Cary Brown
 Peter Carver
 Ryan Dunch
 Duncan Elliott
 Nadir Erbilgin
 Bill Foster
 Kim Frail
 Lesley Harrington
 Pierre Lemelin
 Pamela Mayne
 Correia
 Rob McMahan
 Lynn McMullen
 Alice Nakamura
 Carla Peck
 Lisa Stein

John Seubert
 Carrie Smith-Prei
 Sarah Stahlke
 Brent Swallow
 Benjamin Tucker
 Dilini Vethanayagam
 Akiko Watanabe
Students:
 Firouz Khodayari
 Shane Scott
 Ilya Ushakov

Appointed Members:

Ruben Araya
 Daniel Atchison
 Matthew Barnett
 Darcy Bemister
 Robert Bilak
 Daniel Bilyk
 Katherine Binhammer
 Linzy Bohn
 Michelle Borowitz
 Heather Bruce
 Meijun Chen
 Darren Choi
 Heidi Cossey
 André Costopoulos
 Jonah Dunch
 Shannon Erichsen
 Shawn Flynn
 Kyle Foster
 Gautam Gaur
 Connor Palindat
 Gohar Jamal
 Amy Li
 Wei Liu
 Sean Oliver
 Michael Sandare
 Babak Soltannia
 Andrews Tawiah

Amanda Wakaruk
 Brayden Whitlock
 Janet Williamson
 Brandon Yip

REGRETS:

Katherine Aitchison
 Solomon Amoateng
 Susan Andrew
 Alizeh Ansari
 Marina Banister
 Allen Berger
 Abigail Bridarolli
 Sylvia Brown
 Erica Chang
 Brandon Christensen
 David Cooper
 Neal Davies
 Benjamin Denga
 Genna DiPinto
 Fraser Forbes
 Tarek El-Bialy
 Dean Eurich
 Adam Gaudry
 Murray Gingras
 Robert Haennel
 Daanish Hamid
 Delane Howie
 Irehobhude Iyioha
 Gaganpreet Jhajj
 Maryam Kebbe
 Mahmoud Kenawi
 Maryse Ndilu Kiese
 Marina Kirillovich
 Alex Kwan
 Eva Lemaire
 Leijun Li
 Monica Lillo
 Steven Lin
 Mark Loewen
 Habba Mahal

Godfrey Man
 Heather McCaw
 Lisa McDermott
 Al Meldrum
 Kyle Monda
 Roger Moore
 Vivian Mushahwar
 Aleks Nakevski
 Anthony Nguyen
 Smit Patel
 Leonard Ratzlaff
 Carolyn Sale
 Jonathan Schaeffer
 Georg Schmolzer
 Marc Secanell
 Kim Solez
 Jorge Sousa
 Eleni Stroulia
 Bruce Sutherland
 James Thibaudeau
 Amy Tse
 Eddie Wang
 LJ Valencia
 Jonathan White
 Erin Wright
 Bonnie Watt
 Ian Winship
 Ziyu Yang
 Kue Young

STAFF:

Meg Brolley, GFC
 Secretary
 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: Sharman/Dew

THAT General Faculties Council approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes of October 30, 2017

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Tupper/Binhammer

THAT General Faculties Council approve the Minutes of October 30, 2017.

CARRIED

3. Report from the President

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): David Turpin, President and Chair, GFC

Discussion:

The Chair provided members with an update on the recent Campus Forum on Financial Sustainability which provided the university's plans towards eliminating the structural deficit, adopting a multi-year budgeting process, and the development of a budget model.

In addition, the Chair reported on continuing advocacy efforts around implementation of the recommendations contained within the Fundamental Science Review.

The Chair reported that a working group has been struck regarding next steps for the Peter Lougheed Leadership College (PLLC) and that additional updates would be reported at the next GFC meeting.

Finally, the Chair noted that the work of implementing the recommendations of the ad hoc Committee on Academic Governance Including Delegated Authority continues, with a number of items reflected on the current GFC agenda.

Following his opening remarks, the Chair took questions in relation to research funding and membership composition of the PLLC Working Group.

4. Update on ad hoc Committee Recommendations - Board / GFC Relations

There were no documents.

Presenter(s): Michael Phair, Chair, Board of Governors; Deborah Burshtyn, Member, GFC ad hoc Committee on Academic Governance Including Delegated Authority

Purpose of the Proposal: For information/discussion.

Discussion:

Dr Burshtyn introduced University of Alberta Board of Governors Chair Michael Phair and referenced the recommendations of the ad hoc Committee on Academic Governance Including Delegated Authority on the importance of inter-body dialogue between GFC and the Board of Governors.

Mr Phair, in his comments, provided an overview of the Board of Governors' mandate over long-range planning and the business affairs of the university, and provided an update to members on the Board's current priorities including the establishment of a Board Working Group to review Board committees and processes, post-secondary funding, and the implementation of Bill 7.

5. New Members of GFC

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

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

Discussion:

There was no discussion.

Motion: Dew/Zwicker

MOTION I: TO APPOINT: The following graduate student representatives, to serve on GFC for terms commencing immediately and ending April 30, 2018:

Linzy Bohn
Faculty Arts/Science (Psychology)

Erica Chang
Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry

Heidi Cossey
Faculty of Engineering

Gautam Gaur
Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. Joint Board / GFC / Senate Summit

There were no documents.

Presenter(s): David Turpin, President and Chair, GFC

Purpose of the Proposal: To discuss the upcoming Board/GFC/Senate Summit planned for January 2018.

Discussion:

The Chair spoke about the scheduled joint Summit of the Board of Governors, GFC and the Senate, and referred to the recommendation in the ad hoc committee report towards regularizing an annual joint meeting. He reported that a working group was being struck to identify a theme for the event and that freedom of expression and responsible dialogue on campus were being considered.

7. Renewal of the Undergraduate Nursing Curriculum, Faculty of Nursing

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Greta Cummings, Dean; Olive Yonge, Vice-Dean; Sandra Davidson, Associate Dean (Undergraduate Programs), Faculty of Nursing

Purpose of the Proposal: To discuss the curriculum renewal project which used a Development Evaluation framework and the resulting changes to the undergraduate nursing program.

Discussion:

Dean Cummings, together with Vice Dean Young and Associate Dean Davidson, provided an overview of the recently approved changes to the undergraduate nursing program which will allow the Faculty to deliver an enhanced undergraduate experience to students by utilizing evidence-based, concept-based teaching which will more closely align classroom, lab and clinical learning experiences. This proposal was considered and approved by the GFC Academic Planning Committee, with delegated authority from GFC, on October 25, 2017, and was brought forward to GFC to inform and to share innovations and best practices.

During the ensuing discussion, members congratulated proposers on the project and enquired about the inclusion of Indigenous health within the program, the revamped admissions criteria, how the program aligns with standards set by local and national health authorities, and the availability of clinical spaces in the community for students.

ACTION ITEMS

8. Proposal to Waive English Language Proficiency Requirement for the Master of Financial Management (MFM) and the Master of Business Administration (MBA) programs delivered in Mandarin by the Alberta School of Business, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Tammy Hopper, Chair, GFC Academic Standards Committee (ASC); Deborah Burshtyn, Vice-Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research; Michael Maier, Associate Dean, Master's Programs, Alberta School of Business

Purpose of the Proposal: To allow the Alberta School of Business to waive the English Language Proficiency (ELP) requirement which will enable them to offer a degree where the language of instruction is in Mandarin without determining the English Language Proficiency (ELP) of the applicants.

Discussion:

Dr Burshtyn provided members with a summary of the proposal to waive ELP requirements for two programs, the Master of Financial Management (MFM) and the Master of Business Administration (MBA), which would be delivered in China in Mandarin. She noted that the GFC Academic Standards Committee (ASC) decided to recommend this item to GFC rather than exercise its delegated authority for several reasons including that the proposal could set a precedent for waiving ELP when delivering international programs.

Dr Maier explained that the program is geared towards senior executives in China who may not speak English and that this approach, intended to maximize learning outcomes, is utilized by several other Canadian and American universities. He added that he continues to work with the Office of the Student Ombuds to ensure students have access to resources in Mandarin related to academic misconduct.

Members, during the discussion, enquired about the delivery of this program off-shore; whether there were plans to deliver programs in languages other than English at the Alberta campuses; the value of offering this program in Mandarin; whether governance structures at Chinese partner institutions are conducive to the delivery and objectives of these programs; implications on accreditation when programs are delivered off-shore; clarification about Mandarin language proficiency assessment being utilized for these programs. Members further noted that this could pose a risk to reputation for the University of Alberta; that an institutional statement on language of delivery may be useful; and, that important information can be lost in translation.

Motion: Doucet/Mocquais

THAT General Faculties Council approve the proposed waiver of the English Language Proficiency requirement for the Master of Financial Management (MFM) and the Master of Business Administration (MBA) programs delivered in Mandarin by the Alberta School of Business, as recommended by the GFC Academic Standards Committee, and as set forth in Attachment 2, to take effect upon approval.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

9. Question Period

10.1 Question from GFC member Dilini Vethanayagam regarding policies on accepting research funding with regards to marijuana

and

10.2 Response from the Provost and Vice-President (Academic)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Discussion:

There were a number of follow-up questions in relation to Item 10.1 and Provost and Vice-President (Academic) Dew noted that the working group established to review institutional factors resulting from the legalization of recreational cannabis includes involvement by the Vice-President (Research). He indicated that the working group is currently looking at other jurisdictions across Canada.

From the floor, a member posed a question about the university's response to the Universities Canada principles on equity, diversity and inclusion.

INFORMATION REPORTS

10. Report of the GFC Executive Committee

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

11. Report of the GFC Academic Planning Committee

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

12. Report of the GFC Academic Standards Committee

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

13. GFC Nominations and Elections (current GFC committee vacancies)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

14. Report of the Board of Governors

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

15. Information Items

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

A. General Appeals Committee (GAC) Annual report to GFC (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017)

B. Annual Report of Residence Discipline Statistics: 2016-2017

C. Student Conduct and Accountability Annual Report

D. Annual Report of the Appeals and Compliance Officer (2016-2017)

16. Information Forwarded to GFC Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

CLOSING SESSION

17. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.