



UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

General Faculties Council
Academic Planning Committee
Approved Open Session Minutes

Wednesday, December 13, 2017
2-31 South Academic Building (SAB)
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Steven Dew, Chair
Roger Moore, Vice-Chair
Jason Acker
Shane Scott (Delegate)
Darcy Bemister
Shannon Erichsen
Florence Glanfield
Larry Kostiuik (Delegate)
Gitta Kulczycki

Christopher Mackay
Jerine Pegg
Babak Soltannia
Sarah Stahlke
Eleni Stroulia

REGRETS:
Benjamin Angus
Katy Campbell

Lisa Collins

STAFF:

Meg Brolley, Coordinator
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: Acker/Moore

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of November 29, 2017

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Moore/Stahlke

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee approve the Minutes of November 29, 2017.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Chair

The Chair reported that government had extended the tuition freeze for another year. He noted that there would be backfill funding provided for the upcoming year for domestic tuition and mandatory non-instructional fees, the exact amount is yet to be determined. He reported that the committee will see a proposal for an inflationary increase to international tuition in the new year for recommendation to the Board of Governors; consultation will take place in accordance with regular practice before the proposal comes forward. A member noted that the Graduate Students Association is not in favour of using the API calculation for tuition increases and noted that the University of Calgary has frozen international tuition and provides minimum funding packages for graduate students.

In addition, the Chair spoke about the government directive to universities to submit a discretionary spending restraint plan by the end of the week as per their deadline. Ms Kulczycki noted that the response will articulate what the university is doing in response to budget and cost pressures and the plan going forward.

The Chair provided updates in relation to Bill 27 (Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 2017) and Bill 30 (An Act to Protect the Health and Well-Being of Working Albertans).

ACTION ITEMS

4. Proposed Éducation à la petite enfance-Niveau II Certificate Program, Centre collegial de l'Alberta, Campus Saint-Jean

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Paulin Mulatris, Associate Dean, Campus Saint-Jean; Dolorèse Nolette, Assistant Dean and Director, Centre collégial de l'Alberta, Campus Saint-Jean

Purpose of the Proposal: To seek approval for the Éducation à la petite enfance-Niveau II certificate program at the Centre collegial de l'Alberta (CCA).

Discussion:

The Chair noted that Items 4 and 5 would be considered together.

Ms Nolette reported that the proposals as outlined in Items 4 and 5 are interrelated and address a need within in the Francophone community for a French-language college-level program geared towards childcare and early learning.

During the discussion, members sought clarification in regards to funding sources, enrolment and the dual-credit initiative to encourage high school students to enroll in this program.

A member pointed out that they were unable to support this proposal citing the lack of specific reference to Indigenous culture within the programming.

Motion: Moore/Scott

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the proposed Éducation à la petite enfance-Niveau II Certificate Program, as submitted by the Centre collegial de l'Alberta, Campus Saint-Jean and as set forth in Attachment 1, to take effect September 2018.

CARRIED

5. Proposed Éducation à la petite enfance-Superviseur Diploma Program, Centre collegial de l'Alberta, Campus Saint-Jean

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Paulin Mulatris, Associate Dean, Campus Saint-Jean; Dolorèse Nolette, Assistant Dean and Director, Centre collégial de l'Alberta, Campus Saint-Jean

Purpose of the Proposal: To seek approval for the Éducation à la petite enfance-Superviseur diploma program at the Centre collegial de l'Alberta (CCA)

Discussion:

See Item 4.

Motion: Acker/Erichsen

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the proposed Éducation à la petite enfance-Superviseur Diploma Program, as submitted by the Centre collegial de l'Alberta, Campus Saint-Jean and as set forth in Attachment 1, to take effect September 2018.

CARRIED

6. Proposed Program Name Change, Faculty of Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation, as submitted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Deborah Burshtyn, Vice Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research; Normand Boule, Associate Dean, Graduate, Faculty of Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation

Purpose of the Proposal: To better define and describe the teaching and research activities within the degrees. To align the graduate degrees with the new name of the Faculty of Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation.

Discussion:

Dr Burshtyn provided a summary of this proposal, noting that it will align graduate degrees with the newly revised Faculty name (Faculty of Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation). Dr Burshtyn noted that the section of the proposal on the reissuing of parchments with the new Faculty name would be removed pending further consultation.

Dr Boule reported that students were consulted on this proposal and expressed support for it.

Members sought clarification about when the degree names would change and consultation with students on reissuing of parchments.

Motion: Glanfield/Acker

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee approve, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the proposed Name Change in the MA, MSc, MCoach and PhD degree programs in "Physical Education and Recreation" to "Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation", offered through the Faculty of Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation, as set forth in Attachment 1-5, as amended, and as submitted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, to take effect July 1, 2018.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. Budget Update

There were no documents.

Presenter(s): Steven Dew, Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and Chair, GFC APC; Gitta Kulczycki, Vice-President (Finance and Administration)

Purpose of the Proposal: For discussion/information.

Discussion:

The Chair reported that he has been engaged in meetings with units to review budget plans which will inform resource planning for 2018-2019.

He provided members with a reminder about the joint APC/Board of Governors CIP Briefing on February 9, 2018.

8. Update on the Comprehensive Institutional Plan (CIP)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Wendy Rodgers, Deputy Provost

Purpose of the Proposal: For discussion/information.

Discussion:

Dr Rodgers provided members with a working document outlining goals, priority initiatives and expected outcomes. She reported that, unlike last year's version, the Comprehensive Institutional Plan (CIP) this year would be presented as one combined document. She noted that the document format is set out by government and will address the government's five core principles: Accessibility, Affordability, Quality, Accountability and Coordination.

During the discussion, members discussed the format of the document and acronyms used within the draft document.

9. GFC Academic Planning Committee (APC) Terms of Reference - International

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

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

Purpose of the Proposal: To discuss the proposed change to add "International" to the terms of reference for the GFC Academic Planning Committee.

Discussion:

The Chair noted that one of the recommendations of the ad hoc Committee on Academic Governance including Delegated Authority was to add the area of 'International' to APC's terms of reference. He provided an overview of current activities including international academic programs such as dual degrees and shared credentials, and international tuition and fees which are considered by APC. He also noted that there is a President's Committee on International Strategy and Provost's Committee on International Initiatives. He then invited members to discuss how this area could be added to APC's terms of reference.

Ms Haggarty-France clarified that the ad hoc Committee had envisioned that APC could play a role in strategic decision-making based on international priorities. The addition of research to APC's terms of reference is additional justification for including international in the committee's mandate.

Members discussed the scope of the committee's reach in regards to international initiatives. It was suggested that the findings of the Unit Review for University of Alberta International (UAI) could be helpful in this discussion. Questions were raised about UAI's involvement in academic programming, and the approval mechanism of MOU's with other institutions. A member suggested that the terms of reference could be general in regards to the purview over international initiatives such as the review of major international activities, policies and initiatives.

A member suggested that APC's terms of reference could include Indigenous initiatives, noting that the area is not covered within other governance bodies and also applies to programming and research at the university.

Members discussed the role of GFC in reviewing international initiatives and it was noted that APC could produce an annual report in regards to international initiatives.

The Chair thanked members for their discussion and noted that the item would be brought back for further deliberation.

10. Question Period

There were no questions.

INFORMATION REPORTS

11. Graduate Degree Specializations approved by the Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research - for information

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

12. Items Approved by GFC Academic Planning Committee by e-mail Ballots

There were no items.

13. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

CLOSING SESSION

14. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.