



UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

General Faculties Council
Academic Planning Committee
Approved Open Session Minutes

Wednesday, May 08, 2019
2-31 South Academic Building (SAB)
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Steven Dew, Chair
Jason Acker
Akanksha Bhatnagar
Katy Campbell
Fahed Elian
Shannon Erichsen
Randy Goebel (delegate)
Gitta Kulczycki

Susanne Luhmann
Christopher Mackay
Pirkko Markula
Melissa Padfield
Jerine Pegg
Susan Sommerfeldt
Samantha Tse
Ding Xu

REGRETS:

Roger Moore
Matthias Ruth

Staff:

Meg Brolley, GFC Secretary
Marion Haggarty-France,
University Secretary
Heather Richholt, Scribe

OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

The Chair drew members' attention to the introduction of a consent agenda. He noted that items placed in the consent agenda are routine and non-controversial and are dealt with in a single motion with no discussion. He indicated that members may contact Governance two business days in advance of the meeting to have an item moved to the regular agenda.

Motion: Luhmann/Pegg

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Comments from the Chair

The Chair made a number of comments including: an update on the new Minister of Advanced Education, implications of the government's signal on policy initiatives similar to those in Ontario on freedom of speech on campus and tying funding with performance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda Motion: Elian/Acker

3. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of April 17, 2019

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee approve the Open Session Minutes of April 17, 2019.

CARRIED

4. Proposed Termination of the Bachelor of Physical Education specializations in (1) Cultural and Managerial Study of Sport and Leisure and (2) Activity and Nutrition, Faculty of Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee recommend to General Faculties Council the termination of the Bachelor of Physical Education specializations in (1) Cultural and Managerial Study of Sport and Leisure and (2) Activity and Nutrition, to take effect upon final approval.

CARRIED

5. Proposed Name Change to Graduate Embedded Certificates for: Community Based Research and Evaluation, School Administration Leadership, Data Science, Teaching and Learning in Nursing Education, and Communicable Diseases, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council and as recommended by the GFC Academic Standards Committee, the renaming of the following embedded Graduates Certificates to Graduate Embedded Certificates:

- Graduate Embedded Certificate in Community Based Research and Evaluation
- Graduate Embedded Certificate in School Administration Leadership
- Graduate Embedded Certificate in Data Science
- Graduate Embedded Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Nursing Education
- Graduate Embedded Certificate in Communicable Diseases

as set forth in attachments 1-5, to be effective January 1, 2019.

CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS

6. Proposed Increases to Minimum English Language Proficiency Entrance Requirements for Graduate Programs, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Tracy Raivio, Associate Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Dr Raivio indicated that the proposed changes would align the minimum English language proficiency (ELP) requirements for graduate programs with those for undergraduate programs. She compared the proposed minimums to those of other Canadian universities.

Discussion:

Members discussed the importance of good communication skills for graduate students, implications to applicant numbers of raising the minimum requirement, and that most graduate programs at the university have ELP requirements higher than the FGSR minimums.

Motion: Campbell/Sommerfeldt

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee recommend that General Faculties Council approve the proposed increases to the minimum English Language Proficiency scores as recommended by the GFC Academic Standards Committee, as submitted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, and as set forth in Attachment 1, for implementation for Fall 2020 admissions and to be published in the 2020- 2021 Calendar.

CARRIED

7. Proposed University of Alberta International Strategic Plan

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Steven Dew, Provost and Vice-President (Academic); Cen Huang, Interim Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President (International); Tammy Hopper, Vice-Provost (Programs)

The Chair introduced the International Strategic Plan and noted that it referenced many of the items in the Institutional Strategic Plan, *For the Public Good*.

Discussion:

Members expressed several comments and questions including, but not limited to: links between the document and the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Strategy; targeted inclusion of underrepresented groups of students and staff for international experiences; student consultation; financial barriers and potential supports; research opportunities; the use of the term "internationalization"; Indigenous programming for international students; a framework for implementation and accountability including regular reporting to APC; international work integrated learning placements; work permits; the importance of using a cultural lens for mental wellness initiatives; the role of administrative committees in coordination and operationalization. Based on the comments of the committee, the Chair noted that specific references to the EDI Strategy would be added to the documents as it moved forward to GFC.

Motion: Pegg/Bhatnagar

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee recommend to General Faculties Council the approval of the proposed University of Alberta International Strategic Plan, as proposed by the Provost and Vice-President (Academic), and as contained in Attachment 1, to be effective upon final approval by the Board of Governors.

CARRIED

8. University of Alberta Comprehensive Institutional Plan (CIP) 2019-22

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Wendy Rodgers, Deputy Provost; Logan Mardhani-Bayne, Strategic Development Manager, Office of the Provost and Vice-President (Academic)

The Chair noted that the CIP contained information on institutional goals and objectives organized according to guidelines set by Alberta Advanced Education. He noted that the budget, as reflected in Appendix A, was approved by the Board of Governors in March 2019.

Dr Rodgers noted that the CIP was a 3-year document and was updated every year. She gave an overview of the structure of the document and explained that the appendices to the report included more detail. She noted that each completed year was moved into the annual report.

Dr Mardhani-Bayne noted that the government's priorities of student mental health and sexual violence prevention were reflected in the current report for the first time.

Discussion:

Members discussed the Ministry feedback, the potential for changes to the structure and content due to the change in provincial government, enrollment reporting, and reporting on the EDI Strategy and initiatives.

Motion: Erichsen/Elian

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, recommend that the Board of Governors approve the Comprehensive Institutional Plan 2019-22.

CARRIED

9. Proposal for the Establishment of the Construction Innovation Centre (CIC)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Simaan AbouRizk, Chair, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Faculty of Engineering; Aminah Robinson Fayek, Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering

Dr AbouRizk gave an overview of the proposed Centre and explained its intent to provide an umbrella for current projects, increase the profile of existing expertise, and create opportunity for larger scale projects.

Dr Robinson Fayek explained that the Centre would initially focus on concrete deliverables and expected to expand in the future.

Discussion:

Members expressed several comments and questions including, but not limited to: the important contributions of international graduate students to the Centre and to Civil and Environmental Engineering; interdisciplinary opportunities; the potential for the Centre to encourage collaboration and showcase research and innovation; networking opportunities for students; EDI concerns and opportunities; encouraging relationships between current collaborations and new projects; and building relationships based on opportunity and interest.

Motion: Campbell/Pegg

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee approve, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the proposal to establish the Construction Innovation Centre (CIC), as proposed by the Faculty of Engineering, and as set forth in Attachment 1, to be effective upon final approval.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

10. University of Alberta 2018-19 Annual Report to Government (DRAFT)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Gitta Kulczycki, Vice-President (Finance and Administration); Deborah Williams, Associate Vice-President, Disclosure, Assurance and Institutional Research, Strategic Analysis Office

Ms Williams noted that the 2018/2019 Annual Report was prepared in accordance with guidelines from Alberta Advanced Education and referred to the university's CIP.

Discussion:

There was no discussion.

11. Update - Predictability of International Tuition

There were no documents.

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

The Chair noted that a new tuition model was under development in response to the regulations established with Bill 19: *An Act to Improve the Affordability and Accessibility of Post-Secondary Education* which required the

university to give notice to students of the tuition they would pay for their program at the time of admission. He explained that the model being developed would be based on program fees rather than course registration which would be more difficult to predict. He further explained that the model required approval by the Board of Governors in June so that the university could begin to make offers to students in the fall of 2019 for the 2020-2021 academic year.

Discussion:

There was no discussion.

12. Budget Update

There were no documents.

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

The Chair noted that the provincial government had indicated that it would release a budget in the fall. He noted that the university would proceed as planned with the budget approved by the Board of Governors in March.

13. Question Period

There were no questions.

INFORMATION REPORTS

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

There were no items.

15. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings
- additional information on graduate enrolment headcount and FLEs

CLOSING SESSION

16. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.