



UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

General Faculties Council
Academic Planning Committee
Approved Open Session Minutes

Wednesday, June 05, 2019
3-07 South Academic Building (SAB)
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Steven Dew
Jason Acker
Akanksha Bhatnagar
Fahed Elian
Shannon Erichsen
Gitta Kulczycki
Roger Moore
Melissa Padfield

Matthias Ruth
Susan Sommerfeldt
Samantha Tse
Ding Xu

REGRETS:

Katy Campbell
Susanne Luhmann

Christopher Mackay
Pirkko Markula
Jerine Pegg

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.

Motion: Ruth/Moore

That the GFC Academic Planning Committee approve the agenda.
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CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS

2. 2020-2021 Tuition Fee Proposal for Incoming International Students

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

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

Dr Dew stepped out of the Chair and Dr Moore assumed the role.

Dr Dew presented the proposed tuition rates related to the new program based tuition model for incoming fall 2020 international students. He explained the rationale and background and noted that this proposal was in response to the changes in legislation from Bill 19: *An Act to Improve the Affordability and Accessibility of Post-Secondary Education*.

Dr Dew noted that government expected international students to cover the costs of their education and presented members with the data used to make the calculations presented in the proposal. Dr Dew noted Engineering had higher fees as it has a higher credit requirement and is an expensive program to deliver. He

also noted that Business is calculated as a three year program as students enter after completing a year of university study.

Dr Dew indicated that, due to the variable course requirements, course-based Masters would be assessed on the basis of a fee index. He further noted that the tuition for thesis-based Master and PhD programs remain close to current levels and would be applied annually so the full amount assessed for the program would be dependent upon time to completion.

Dr Dew noted that professional programs such as Law, Medicine, and Rehabilitation Medicine, were not covered in this proposal because they have very few international students and the timeline to have their funding in place was less urgent. He noted that proposals for those programs would come forward in the fall.

Discussion:

Members expressed several comments and questions including, but not limited to: expected changes to current full load equivalent (FLE) numbers; recruitment challenges for programs with higher tuition rates; specific recruitment impact on Faculté Saint-Jean and Augustana Faculty; how increased funds could allow for targeting funding to support Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity (EDI) initiatives; updates to the Office of the Registrar's online Cost Calculator; offshore and cost-recovery programs were not included in the legislation; higher International tuition rates at comparator universities such as University of British Columbia and University of Toronto; implications for PhD minimum funding proposal; how this model would not affect exchange student agreements since they pay tuition at their home university; research costs and funding for PhD students; policy on approved leaves and exceptional circumstances in regards to tuition fees and time limits for graduate students; communication to current students regarding grandparenting of current, course based tuition; implications to the new budget model; increased funding for student services; and news about how other Alberta institutions are responding to the legislation. An early communication plan for current students was encouraged.

Motion: Dew/Acker

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee, with delegated authority from the General Faculties Council, recommend that the Board of Governors approve tuition fees, as set forth in Attachment 1, to take effect for the Fall 2020 intake of new international students.

1 opposed (Bhatnagar)
CARRIED

Dr Moore stepped out of the Chair and Dr Dew resumed the role.

CLOSING SESSION

Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.