



UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

General Faculties Council
Executive Committee
Approved Open Session Minutes

Monday, May 15, 2017
2-31 South Academic Building (SAB)
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Voting Members:

David Turpin	Chair, President and Vice-Chancellor
Heather Bruce	Member, Academic Staff
Lisa Collins	Member, Vice-Provost and University Registrar
Lesley Cormack	Member, Academic Staff
Steven Dew	Member, Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
Duncan Elliott	Member, Academic Staff
Paul Jurasz	Member, Academic Staff
Firouz Khodayari	Member, Vice-President (Academic), Graduate Students' Association
Anita Molzahn	Member, Academic Staff
Shane Scott	Member, Vice-President (Academic), Students' Union
Jonathan White	Member, Academic Staff

Presenter(s):

David Turpin	President and Chair, GFC Executive Committee
Dolorèse Nolette	Director, Centre Collégial de l'Alberta
Marion Haggarty-France	University Secretary
Douglas Stollery	Chancellor

Staff:

Meg Brolley, General Faculties Council (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: Molzahn/Cormack

THAT the GFC Executive Committee approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of April 10, 2017

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Molzahn/Elliott

THAT the GFC Executive Committee approve the Minutes of April 10, 2017.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Chair

The Chair invited members to reflect on the GFC meeting of April 21, 2017; members noted that the Report of the *ad hoc* Committee on Academic Governance Including Delegated Authority was well received by members and that there were no major concerns expressed. The Chair commended the report, adding that it contains critical recommendations for the improvement of GFC.

The Chair reported on the recent MacKinnon review of the Peter Lougheed Leadership College (PLLC) and indicated that the review and the response from Administration would be posted online. He then provided updates on recent meetings with Universities Canada, Worldwide Universities Network (WUN) and the U15. Members discussed the review of the PLLC and suggested that it be brought forward for discussion at GFC.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Proposed New Course Designator of PSSTC for the Préposé aux soins de santé (Health Care Aide) Certificate Program, Centre collegial de l'Alberta, Faculté Saint-Jean

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Dolorèse Nolette

Purpose of the Proposal: To introduce a new course designator, PSSTC, as an identifier of courses in the Préposé aux soins de santé program for the Centre collegial de l'Alberta, Faculté Saint-Jean.

Discussion:

There was no discussion.

Motion: Cormack/Molzahn

THAT the GFC Executive Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the new course designator PSSTC for the Préposé aux soins de santé – Health Care Aide certificate program, Centre collegial de l'Alberta, Faculté Saint-Jean, to take effect upon approval.

CARRIED

5. Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Governance Including Delegated Authority – Transition Plan

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): David Turpin; Marion Haggarty-France

Purpose of the Proposal: To discuss the next steps in establishing a Transition Committee as per recommendations of the Report of the *ad hoc* Committee on Academic Governance Including Delegated Authority.

Discussion:

The Chair noted that the GFC Executive Committee had been tasked by GFC to establish a transition committee to ensure that the recommendations within the *ad hoc* report were addressed. Ms Haggarty France led

members through the list of recommendations and presented draft terms of reference for a GFC Executive *ad hoc* transition committee for discussion. Members agreed to add a student to the committee. The committee then discussed the proposed timelines for the recommendations, what would require GFC approval and what could be addressed operationally.

Motion: Scott/Khodayari

THAT the GFC Executive Committee approve the Terms of Reference of the GFC *ad hoc* Transition Committee as revised.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. Convocation Admission: Proposed Changes

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Douglas Stollery

Purpose of the Proposal: To discuss amending the Convocation Admission.

Discussion:

The Chancellor provided members with an overview of past and current versions of the Convocation Admission and noted that the script was not inclusive of all students. As a secular institution, with values of inclusivity and non-discrimination, he noted that it was important to have this reflected in the admission. The Chancellor noted that the current wording charges "for all who believe, to serve your God"; he provided the committee with proposed wording to replace this which was more inclusive, "to serve your community for the public good", and allowed individuals to define their own community. This has received support from the President's Office, Senate and the Convocation Committee.

The Chancellor also spoke about the Convocation Invocation for the information of the committee noting that the authority to change this wording lies with the Chancellor. He provided the committee with an overview of how this wording had changed over the years and noted that the invocation was a strong religious opening. He presented revised wording that had received the same consultation process as the admission. The revised wording would replace the Invocation, would focus on the celebration of the event and would include the university's motto by starting with the words, "Whatsoever things are true...". The Chancellor indicated that this new language would be used for the upcoming spring convocation ceremonies.

During the discussion, members expressed strong support for the more inclusive wording. The Chair noted that this item would be placed on the next GFC agenda for early consultation; changes to the Convocation Admission would return to GFC for approval in the fall.

ITEMS FROM GFC ACADEMIC PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR GFC AGENDA (for information only)

7. Proposed termination of the Bachelor of Music Liturgical Arts Major and the Bachelor of Music Musical Arts Major, Augustana Faculty

A member asked a question about the data error noted in the outline of issue that recorded students in the program; it was confirmed that the students had been incorrectly recorded in the program.

ACTION ITEMS

8. Draft Agenda for the Next Meeting of General Faculties Council

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): David Turpin

Purpose of the Proposal: To approve the next Agenda for General Faculties Council (GFC).

Discussion:

Members agreed that GFC should receive regular reports on the progress of the transition committee on the recommendations from the ad hoc report.

Motion: Dew/Bruce

THAT the GFC Executive Committee approve, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the Agenda for the June 5, 2017 meeting of General Faculties Council, as amended.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

9. Question Period

There were no questions.

INFORMATION REPORTS

10. Items Approved by the GFC Executive Committee by email ballots

There were no items.

11. Information Items Forwarded to GFC Executive Committee between Meetings

There were no items.

CLOSING SESSION

12. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.