



UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

General Faculties Council
Executive Committee
Approved Open Session Minutes

Monday, May 14, 2018
2-31 South Academic Building (SAB)
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Steven Dew, Acting Chair
Beth Richardson (delegate)
Akanksha Bhatnagar
Lisa Collins
Lesley Cormack
Bill Foster
Al Meldrum

Brent Swallow

REGRETS:

David Turpin
Sylvia Brown
Delane Howie
Eleni Stroulia
Jonathan White

STAFF:

Meg Brolley, Committee
Coordinator
Marion Haggarty-France,
University Secretary
Cheryl Trepanier, Scribe

OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Collins/Meldrum

THAT the GFC Executive Committee approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of April 9, 2018

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Foster/Swallow

THAT the GFC Executive Committee approve the Minutes of April 9, 2018.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Chair

The Chair welcomed new members Akanksha Bhatnagar from the Students Union and Beth Richardson who was a delegate for Masoud Aliramezani from the Graduate Students' Association to the first meeting of their terms.

The Chair provided an update on various government initiatives including the release of a new Alberta Credential Framework for degrees, certificates, diplomas, and apprenticeships; the tuition framework; and the funding model framework. He also provided a brief update on changes to the roles and mandates policy framework, the six sector framework that articulates what activity institutions do, that would include MacEwan and Mount Royal establishing GFCs, and changes related to Red Deer and Grande Prairie Regional Colleges.

The Chair also noted that the April 11 meeting of the Board of Governors included discussions on the approach to unbudgeted revenue from the provincial government.

The Chair reminded members that due to convocation, the next meeting would be held at 10 am, rather than the usual 2 pm timeslot.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Proposed New Course Designator of NORSE (Old Norse) in the Faculty of Arts

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Rebecca Nagel, Associate Dean (Student Programs), Faculty of Arts

Purpose of the Proposal: To introduce a course designator NORSE for the Old Norse language courses taught currently as SCAND 551 and 552. This change will identify the course as a language course rather than a lecture course in English translation in Scandinavian Studies (as the SCAND designator indicates) and provide a direct identification between the course content and the course designator. In this way, it will be consistent with the other language courses in Scandinavian Studies, which have their own course designators (NORW, SWED, and DANSK).

Discussion:

Dr Nagel indicated that this change would make it more obvious to students looking for *language other than English* classes. Dr Nagel confirmed that the change would be published in the 2019/2020 University of Alberta Calendar.

Motion: Foster/Cormack

THAT the GFC Executive Committee approve, with delegated authority from the General Faculties Council, a new course designator for Old Norse language courses, NORSE, to take effect for Fall term 2018

CARRIED

5. Proposed Changes to Composition of Faculty Council, Alberta School of Business

Presenter(s): Kyle Murray, Vice Dean, Alberta School of Business

Purpose of the Proposal: Recently the Vice Dean and the Human Resources Manager within the School were de-designated from the AASUA union. As a result, under GFC policy 55.5.4, these positions no longer held a role as defined under the policy. This motion proposes to add these members as ex-officio voting members. The proposed changes update a number of titles and/or descriptions to reflect current nomenclature. A number of positions have been removed as ex-officio members since they no longer require special status as they are already considered members of Council by virtue of their category of employment as defined under UAPPOL. Finally the proposed changes remove positions as ex-officio members that no longer exist within the School.

Discussion:

In response to a question, Dr Murray clarified that no changes were being proposed regarding the selection criteria of members.

Motion: Swallow/Collins

THAT the GFC Executive Committee approve, under delegated authority from the General Faculties Council, proposed changes to the composition of Council of the Alberta School of Business as set forth in Attachment 1, submitted by the Alberta School of Business, to take effect upon final approval.

CARRIED

6 Proposed Parchment for Freestanding Certificates

Presenter(s): Corinne Callihoo, Assistant Registrar, Convocation and Ceremonies, Office of the Registrar; Lisa Collins, Vice-Provost and University Registrar

Purpose of the Proposal: In the past, Faculties have issued their own parchments for Freestanding Certificates. Approving an official parchment for Freestanding Certificates will allow for consistency in the design of these certificates and to protect the integrity and ceremonial importance of a University of Alberta parchment. Including the signatures of the Dean as well as the University Registrar on this proposed parchment reflects alignment with the UAPPOL Parchment Procedure and distinguishes it from the official institutional parchment of a degree program, which includes signatures of the Chancellor, President, Chair of the Board, and Registrar.

All other university certificate parchments include the signatures of the Dean and Registrar only. The proposed parchment aligns freestanding certificate parchments with all other university certificate parchments which include the signatures of the Dean and Registrar only.

Discussion:

The committee discussed or commented on: what certificates currently being offered, certificates in Extended Education, embedded certificates, and that these are not awarded during regular convocation ceremonies. The Chair noted that there may be changes coming forward on some certificates in response to the new Credentials Framework.

Motion: Foster/Swallow

THAT the GFC Executive Committee, under delegated authority from GFC, approve the design of the parchment for Freestanding Certificates, as proposed by the Office of the Vice-Provost and University Registrar and as contained in attachment 3, to be effective upon final approval

CARRIED

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

7. Proposal for the Termination of the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Arts (Honors) in: Italian Studies; Russian Language and Literature; Ukrainian Folklore; Ukrainian Language and Literature; French and Italian; German and Scandinavian; Italian and Spanish; Russian and Ukrainian, Faculty of Arts
8. Proposal for the Termination of the Bachelor of Arts Individualized Major and Minor, Faculty of Arts
9. Proposal for the Termination of the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Arts (Honors), and the Certificate in Middle Eastern and African Studies (MEAS), Faculty of Arts
10. Proposal for the Termination of the Bachelor of Music routes of Music History, School Music, and World Music, Faculty of Arts
11. Centres and Institutes Committee (CIC) Annual Report 2016-2017

ACTION ITEMS

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

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Steven Dew, Acting Chair, GFC Executive Committee

Discussion:

The committee, noting the light agenda, discussed possible consultation/discussion items to add to the agenda.

Motion: Cormack/Meldrum

THAT the GFC Executive Committee approve, subject to additional discussion or early consultation items, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the Agenda for the May 28, 2018 meeting of General Faculties Council.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

13. Question Period

A member asked whether there would be current Bachelor degrees that did not comply with the new Alberta Credentials Framework and whether these programs would be grandfathered. The Chair responded that it was expected that all Bachelor degrees would align with the framework but that further work would need to be conducted to ensure all certificates were in compliance.

A member asked a question about the Centres and Institutes Committee Report that noted a reduction in the number of centres and institutes. The Chair indicated that a lot of work had been conducted to eliminate those centres and institutes that were moribund or not supported.

INFORMATION REPORTS

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

There were no items.

15. Information Items Forwarded to GFC Executive Committee between Meetings

There were no items.

CLOSING SESSION

16. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:10 pm.