



UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

General Faculties Council
Undergraduate Awards and Scholarship Committee
Approved Open Session Minutes

Tuesday, September 08, 2015
2-15 South Academic Building (SAB)
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Voting Members:

Amy Tse	Chair, Academic Staff
Clive Hickson	Vice-Chair, Academic Staff, Cross-rep from ASC (UASC TofR)
Marc de Montigny	Member, Academic Staff
Lucie Moussu	Member, Academic Staff
Ali Qadri	Member, Undergraduate Student at-large
John-Paul Zonneveld	Member, Academic Staff

Non-Voting Members:

Fiona Halbert	Member, Team Lead, Student Financial Services, Resource
Mien Jou (Delegate)	Member, Senior Development Officer, Office of Development, Resource
Rob Washburn	Member (Delegate), Dean of Students, Resource

Presenter(s):

Lisa Collins	Vice-Provost and University Registrar
Dustin Edwards	Development Specialist, Student Financial Support
Marion Haggarty-France	University Secretary
Amy Tse	Professor, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry and Chair, GFC UASC

Staff:

Andrea Patrick, Coordinator, GFC UASC

OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Amy Tse, Professor, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry and Chair, GFC UASC

Discussion:

The Chair noted that Item 7: Awards, Bursaries and Advancement: An Overview would be struck from the Agenda, and that an additional Action Item would be considered.

Motion: Hickson/Zonneveld

THAT the GFC Undergraduate Awards and Scholarship Committee approve the Agenda, as amended.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of May 12, 2015

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Amy Tse, Professor, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry and Chair, GFC UASC

Motion: Hickson/Tse

THAT the GFC Undergraduate Awards and Scholarship Committee approve the Minutes of May 12, 2015.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Chair

The Chair welcomed all to the first meeting of GFC UASC for the 2015-16 Academic Year and invited all members to introduce themselves.

4. Comments from the University Secretary for the New Academic Year

There were no documents.

Presenter: Marion Haggarty-France, University Secretary

Discussion:

University Secretary Ms Marion Haggarty-France thanked members for their service towards academic governance and provided members with a brief overview of the Committee's Terms of Reference, as well as University Governance.

ACTION ITEMS

5. Proposed New President's Award for Refugees and Displaced Persons

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Lisa Collins, Vice-Provost and University Registrar

Purpose of the Proposal: To approve a new award.

Discussion:

Vice-Provost and University Registrar Ms Lisa Collins thanked members for their flexibility in considering the proposed new award. She reported that this item was established to acknowledge the impact of the Syrian conflict on university students. She noted that the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (FGSR) had approved the graduate student component of the award, and added that the name of the award has been amended.

Members, during the discussion surrounding this item, expressed a number of questions and concerns, including, but not limited to: whether IDF would be assessed; clarification regarding students' abilities to self-identify in terms of eligibility; whether students would be able to clearly understand the target countries; whether the proposers of this new award have considered offering assistance with immigration; whether

refugees are eligible for this award; that the Conditions of the award may be confusing, especially the usage of the term “student permit”.

Motion: Zonneveld/Hickson

THAT the GFC Undergraduate Awards and Scholarship Committee approve, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the new President’s Award for Refugees and Displaced Persons, as submitted by Student Financial Support and as set forth in Attachment 1, as amended, to be effective immediately.

CARRIED

6. Amendments to Existing Undergraduate Awards and Bursaries for Approval (September 8, 2015)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Dustin Edwards, Development Specialist, Student Financial Support

Purpose of the Proposal: To approve amendments to existing awards, scholarships and bursaries.

Discussion:

During the discussion in relation to this item, members expressed a number of questions and comments, including, but not limited to:

Item 1: Following a lengthy discussion in regards to this item, Mr Edwards agreed to remove it from consideration, pending further clarification.

Item 2: Members discussed credit hours as well as the definition of “part-time”.

Item 3: Members discussed the deadline for application, as well as degrees offered by the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. A member requested clarification surrounding the annual online request stipulation.

Item 5: A member sought clarification regarding the Field of Study, as listed within the scholarship.

Item 6: Following a lengthy discussion in regards to this item, Mr Edwards agreed to remove it from consideration, pending further clarification.

Item 7: A member pointed out that the Funded By and Application sections were missing from the scholarship description. Mr Edwards noted that he would provide the information following the meeting.

Motion: Hickson/Zonneveld

THAT the GFC Undergraduate Awards and Scholarship Committee approve, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, amendments to Existing Undergraduate Student Awards and Bursaries, as submitted by Student Financial Support and as set forth in Attachment 1, as amended, to be effective immediately.

CARRIED

7. New Undergraduate Awards and Bursaries for Approval (September 8, 2015)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Dustin Edwards, Development Specialist, Student Financial Support

Purpose of the Proposal: To approve new undergraduate awards, scholarships and bursaries.

Discussion:

During the discussion in relation to this item, members expressed a number of questions and comments, including, but not limited to:

Item 4: Members discussed whether this award should also be advertised in French, and a discussion ensued in regards to the programs offered at the Campus Saint-Jean and Faculte Saint-Jean. A member sought clarification about the nomination process and another sought clarification about the academic average, as listed within the award.

Item 5: A member suggested that using room numbers may limit the longevity of the award description, and an amendment was proposed for the Conditions of the award.

Item 8: A member enquired about the selection process for this award.

Item 10: Members suggested various amendments to this award and sought clarification in regards to the proper name of the listed Faculty.

Item 15: Members discussed the name of the award.

Item 17: A member enquired about the funding term for this scholarship.

Item 18: Members discussed the Field of Study for this prize.

Item 21: Members suggested an amendment to the Funded By section of this award.

Item 22: A member sought clarification surrounding citizenship eligibility for this award.

Motion: de Montigny/Hickson

THAT the GFC Undergraduate Awards and Scholarship Committee approve, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, new Undergraduate Student Awards and Bursaries, as submitted by Student Financial Support and as set forth in Attachment 1, as amended, to be effective immediately.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

8. Question Period

There were no questions.

INFORMATION REPORTS

9. Items Approved by the GFC Undergraduate Awards and Scholarship Committee by E-mail Ballots (non-debatable)

- Agenda Title: New Undergraduate Awards and Bursaries for Approval (June 9, 2015)

CARRIED MOTION: THAT the GFC Undergraduate Awards and Scholarship Committee approve, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, new Undergraduate Student Awards and Bursaries, as submitted by Student Financial Support and as set forth in Attachment 2, as amended, to be effective immediately.

10. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

- GFC Undergraduate Awards and Scholarship Committee (UASC): E-Mail Vote [Emailed to members on June 9, 2015]

CLOSING SESSION

11. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.