



UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

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

Tuesday, October 06, 2020
Zoom Virtual Meeting
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Frank Robinson, Chair
Samar Barazesh
Abbie Murison
Paul Myers

non-voting:
Fiona Halbert
Jennifer Jennax
Kate Peters

REGRETS:

Wendy Doughty
Gary Eitzen
Brad Hamdon
Olivia Harris
Ariana Valacco

Staff:

Heather Richholt, Coordinator

OPENING SESSION**1. Approval of the Agenda**

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Frank Robinson, Chair of UABC

Motion: Murison/Myers

THAT the GFC Undergraduate Awards and Bursaries Committee approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of September 8, 2020

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Frank Robinson, Chair of UABC

Motion: Myers/Murison

THAT the GFC Undergraduate Awards and Bursaries Committee approve the Open Session Minutes of September 8, 2020.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Chair (no documents)

The Chair had no comments.

DISCUSSION ITEMS**4. Annual Report on Student Financial Support and Accompanying Overview**

Presenter(s): Amy Dambrowitz, Associate Registrar; Fiona Halbert, Assistant Registrar, Student Financial Support

Discussion:

Dr Dambrowitz gave an overview of the annual report and noted:

- efforts that had been made to make the report more readable and high-impact;
- that data about graduate financial supports administered by the Office of the Registrar were included for the first time;
- that more complete information regarding Alberta student loans was available for this report;
- the change in international student tuition and diversity in international recruitment;
- the growing overlap in merit and need-based funding;
- the "tuition off-set" from international tuition fees that had been redirected to support funding for international students;
- the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic to student earnings and the fact that federal funding was not available to international students; and
- that the report could only cover reported funding and discussion about some of the sources of data that were not available.

Ms Halbert spoke about some of the details in the report and noted:

- that Alberta student loans were more accessible than other provincial loans because the application did not ask for parent income data;
- that 34% of Alberta students were accessing income based grants;
- the increase in federal programs because of the COVID-19 pandemic;
- provincial cuts to funding for indigenous students and how the Office of the Registrar worked with First People's House to offset that loss of funding;
- recruitment funding for international students and work with University of Alberta International to increase diversification; and
- the demand for need-based funding for international graduate students.

During the discussion members asked about the effects of the operating budget cuts on the Student Financial Supports office and the provincial cuts to funding for indigenous students.

ACTION ITEMS

5. New Annually Funded Financial Supports for Approval

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Fiona Halbert, Assistant Registrar, Student Financial Support; Allen Wolfe, Specialist, Student Financial Support; Shari Klassen, Specialist, Student Financial Support

Discussion:

Members discussed:

- donors who wished to remain anonymous;
- preference clauses which did not prevent an award being given out if there were no students who met the specific requirement; and
- the increase to the University of Alberta International Entrance Citation funded by international student tuition.

Motion: Murison/Myers

THAT the GFC Undergraduate Awards and Bursaries Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the following new annually funded Undergraduate Awards and Bursaries, as submitted by Student Financial Support and as set forth in Attachment 1, to be effective immediately:
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- Department of Drama Student Support Bursary
- AJH Bursary in Engineering
- SHINE Dentistry Volunteerism Award
- SHINE Dentistry Leadership Award
- CPA Scholarship in Accounting
- ATI Award in Music
- Pagaro Investments LP Golden Bears Football Award
- 1999 Golden Bears Football Alumni Award
- University Of Alberta International Entrance Citation
- University Of Alberta School Scholarship
- University Of Alberta International Centenary Scholarship

CARRIED

6. New Endowed Financial Supports for Approval

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Fiona Halbert, Assistant Registrar, Student Financial Support; Allen Wolfe, Specialist, Student Financial Support; Shari Klassen, Specialist, Student Financial Support

Discussion:

There was no discussion.

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

- Pearl Cuthbertson Memorial Award

CARRIED

7. Amended Financial Supports for Approval

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Fiona Halbert, Assistant Registrar, Student Financial Support; Allen Wolfe, Specialist, Student Financial Support; Shari Klassen, Specialist, Student Financial Support

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

- James Mayer Augustana Bursary

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

8. Question Period (no documents)

There were no questions.

INFORMATION REPORTS

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

There were no items.

10. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

CLOSING SESSION

11. Adjournment

- Next meeting of UABC: November 3, 2020
- Next meeting of GFC: October 19, 2020

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.