



UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

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

Tuesday, February 11, 2020
Senate Chambers, Arts and Convocation Hall
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Paul Myers, Acting-Chair
Angela Bayduza
Gary Eitzen
Abbie Murison
Ciara Wright

non-voting:
Wendy Doughty
Fiona Halbert
Jennifer Jennax

REGRETS:

Frank Robinson
Melinda Chisholm
Marion Haggarty-France
Tristan Sinnatamby
Yimmie Sonuga

Staff:

Heather Richholt, Coordinator

OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Paul Myers, Acting-Chair, GFC UABC

Motion: Murison/Bayduza

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

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of January 14, 2020

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Paul Myers, Acting-Chair, GFC UABC

Motion: Bayduza/Eitzen

THAT the GFC Undergraduate Awards and Bursaries Committee approve the open session minutes of January 14, 2020.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Comments from the Acting-Chair (no documents)

Presenter(s): Paul Myers, Acting-Chair, GFC UABC

Discussion:

The Acting-Chair noted that the Chair was unable to attend so he was filling in and would be chairing the March meeting as well. He welcomed the new student member, Ciara Wright.

4. Presentation - University of Alberta International (UAI) (no documents)

Presentation before members is contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Doug Weir, Executive Director, Student Programs and Service, UAI; John Gregory, Director, International Recruitment & Transnational Programs, UAI; Kumarie Achaibar-Morrison, Associate Director, International Student Services, UAI

Discussion:

The presenters explained how *For the Public Good's* goals of enhancing diversity and ensuring consistently high academic quality were the drivers of University of Alberta International's key strategies:

- Greater integration and alignment with faculties and departments
- Enhanced use of technology including introduction of Customer Relationship Management (CRM) and Lead Management System
- Focused digital promotion of programs
- Increased engagement with recruitment partners abroad
- Strategic travel to key recruitment countries

The presentation provided an overview of international student demographics, retention rates, targeted recruitment scholarships, the emergency student loans and bursaries program, increases to needs based funding as tuition increases, and common reasons for international students to access needs based funding.

Members asked questions and expressed comments including but not limited to: offers of scholarships based on admission averages and the need to balance available funds with projected yield; Canadian and international universities that compete with the University of Alberta for international students; whether scholarships and bursaries would remain in line with raising tuition; the larger amount of funds to be distributed under the new international tuition model; that first year scholarships were more in demand than renewable scholarships; and the impact of the coronavirus outbreak on students from China.

5. UAPPOL Student Financial Support Policy Update

Materials and presentation before members is contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Fiona Halbert, Assistant Registrar, Student Financial Support

Discussion:

Ms Halbert presented an overview of the recent changes to the University of Alberta Policies and Procedures Online (UAPPOL) Student Financial Support Policy Suite. She noted that the new policy highlights the university's commitment to providing and optimizing robust student financial supports. She made note of the new Hybrid Awards with eligibility based on academics and indicated financial need. Ms Halbert outlined the common assessment practice used to determine financial need and indicators of financial need including:

- Receipt of government grants
- Receipt of bursary First generation learners
- Self identified as Indigenous
- Students who are employed part-time
- Students who have dependents

Members asked questions and expressed opinions including but not limited to: potential expansion of indicators of financial need to include: equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI), medical issues, disabilities, and extenuating life circumstances; merit based eligibility; the EDI lens; change in minimum value of awards; whether or not "hybrid" should be in the title for hybrid awards, and that hybrid awards would not be printed on transcripts.

ACTION ITEMS

6. 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; Shari Klassen, Specialist, Student Financial Support, Office of the Registrar

Discussion:

Members discussed amending selection criteria to be as inclusive as possible, and removal of "hybrid" from the award titles.

Motion: Bayduza/Murison

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, as amended, to be effective immediately:

- Microquest Leadership Award in Computing Science
- Education Abroad Individual Award
- Education Abroad Individual Award - hybrid version
- Education Abroad Group Award
- Education Abroad Group Award - hybrid version

CARRIED

7. 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; Shari Klassen, Specialist, Student Financial Support, Office of the Registrar

Discussion:

There was no discussion.

Motion: Eitzen/Bayduza

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:

- Medicine Class of 1969 Bursary
- Marianne Rogers Memorial Bursary in Secondary Education
- Marianne Rogers Memorial Scholarship in Secondary Education

CARRIED

8. Amended Financial Supports for Approval

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Fiona Halbert, Assistant Registrar, Student Financial Support; Shari Klassen, Specialist, Student Financial Support, Office of the Registrar

Discussion:

There was no discussion.

Motion: Murison/Bayduza

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:

- Costco Bursary In Business
- EASAV Animal Health Prize
- Allen and Rebecca Berger Augustana Scholarship
- Founding Principal Scholarship for Peter Lougheed Leadership College Scholars
- Endodontics Fourth Year Scholarship
- Dentsply Sirona Endodontics Convocation Scholarship

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

9. Question Period

There were no questions.

INFORMATION REPORTS

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

There were no items.

11. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

CLOSING SESSION

12. Adjournment

The Acting-Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.