



UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

General Faculties Council
Academic Planning Committee
Approved Open Session Minutes

Wednesday, April 20, 2016
2-31 South Academic Building (SAB)
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Voting Members:

Steven Dew	Chair, Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
Wendy Rodgers (Delegate)	Member, Vice-President (Research)
Phyllis Clark	Member, Vice-President (Finance and Administration)
Navneet Khinda	Member, President (Students' Union)
Loren Kline	Member, Academic (A1.0) Staff-at-large
Colin More	Member, President (Graduate Students' Association)
Pamela Sewers	Member, NASA Member-at-large
Brayden Whitlock	Member, Graduate Student-at-Large

Non-Voting Members:

Lisa Collins	Member, Vice-Provost and University Registrar
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Presenter(s):

Steven Dew	Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and Chair, GFC Academic Planning Committee (APC)
Deborah Burshtyn	Associate Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research
Raimar Loebenber	Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences
Phyllis Clark	Vice-President (Finance and Administration)
Philip Stack	Associate Vice-President (Risk Management Services)
Amy Dambrowitz	Strategic Development Manager, Office of the Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
Anne Bailey	Director, Internal Communications, Office of the Vice-President (University Relations)

Staff:

Meg Brolley, Coordinator, GFC Academic Planning Committee
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: Kline/Sewers

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of March 23, 2016

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Clark/Kline

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee approve the Minutes of March 23, 2016.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Chair

The Chair reported to members that the 2016 Provincial Budget included a 2% funding increase to the University, a continuation of the tuition freeze for a second year and a one year extension of funding for mental health initiatives. In addition, he reported on the consolidation of four provincial corporations: Alberta Innovates – Bio Solutions, Health Solutions, Energy and Environment Solutions, and Technology Futures – Economic and Trade into one provincial corporation which will handle research and innovation funding; this will impact the amount of provincial government support available.

In regards to the Federal Budget 2016, the Chair reported that the \$2 billion post-secondary infrastructure program has been launched. He noted the tight time line of May 9 for provinces to submit proposals and that funding projects would have an April 2018 deadline for completion. The Chair noted that the University has some relevant projects which were submitted in the Comprehensive Institutional Plan that could align well, although the rules are still being developed by government.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Proposed new Copyright Regulations

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Steven Dew, Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and Chair, GFC Academic Planning Committee (APC)

Purpose of the Proposal: To review proposed changes to the Copyright Regulations in various Academic Staff Agreements to clarify when the staff member owns copyright, and when the University owns copyright.

Discussion:

The Chair indicated that the regulations provide clarification on ownership by academic staff of copyright in works they create and that the University retains the license to use these materials for purposes related to its approved mandate. He stated that this proposal will continue on to General Faculties Council (GFC), the Board of Governors, and AASUA.

There was no further discussion.

Motion: Kline/Rodgers

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee recommend to General Faculties Council the proposed new Copyright Regulations for the various Academic Staff Agreements.

CARRIED

5. Proposal for a Dual Degree Graduate Program (MSc and PhD), University of Alberta Faculty of Graduate Studies & Research and Faculty of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences; and Universidade de Sao Paulo, Brazil (USP)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Raimar Loebenberg, Associate Professor, Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences; Deborah Burshtyn, Associate Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Purpose of the Proposal: For the University of Alberta's Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences to offer Dual Master of Science and Doctoral Degree Graduate Programs through an agreement with Universidade de Sao Paulo, Brazil (USP).

Discussion:

Dr Burshtyn indicated that the proposal for a dual Master of Science and Doctoral Degree Graduate program with the Universidade de Sao Paulo, Brazil (USP) would advance international research collaborations and be a tool to recruit strong graduate students. Dr Loebenberg provided specific details of the program to members.

During the ensuing discussion, members made note of similar dual degree programs offered by the University of Alberta, and the issues of parchments and transcripts unique to each dual program.

Dr Burshtyn was able to clarify that this proposal has been in development since 2013 and is intended to foster unique, international research collaboration opportunities as well as fulfilling graduate work for students.

Motion: Khinda/Kline

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the proposal for Dual Master of Science and Doctoral Degree Graduate Programs between the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research and the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Alberta, and Universidade de Sao Paulo, Brazil (USP) as set forth in Attachment 1 to take effect upon final approval.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. Institutional Strategic Plan

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Steven Dew, Provost and Vice-President (Academic); Amy Dambrowitz, Strategic Development Manager, Office of the Provost and Vice-President (Academic); Anne Bailey, Director, Internal Communications, Office of University Relations

Purpose of the Proposal: For information and discussion.

Discussion:

The Chair provided members with an update on the consultation and draft processes for the plan, and noted that the ISP Advisory Committee had met the day before to review this latest draft.

Dr Dambrowitz reported that the draft in front of members represented a close to final version of the document. She acknowledged that the GFC Academic Planning Committee was a key governance body in the draft and review of the institutional strategic plan and that the next time members reviewed the document it would be for recommendation to the General Faculties Council. She thanked members for their suggestions and contributions towards the document.

Dr Bailey summarized changes that had been made to the document in recent weeks and added that a transmittal letter was included which would address questions raised by members about how the plan would be operationalized.

7. University of Alberta Budget Principles

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Phyllis Clark, Vice-President (Finance and Administration); Philip Stack, Associate Vice-President (Risk Management Services)

Purpose of the Proposal: To provide information to the GFC Academic Planning Committee (APC) on the University's Budget Principles which are used as a guide in decision making.

Discussion:

Ms Clark noted that APC has the authority to recommend to GFC on budget principles, as contained within current Committee Terms of Reference. She noted that the University of Alberta Budget Principles document was vetted widely across the academy during its development and that changes were made to it as recently as May of 2013, when the Provincial Government unexpectedly assessed a 7% budget reduction to the University of Alberta.

Mr Stack noted that the Principles directly originate from the Integrated Planning and Budgeting Policy, which is a document used by the University to manage its resources. It was further noted that, if the budgetary climate were to change suddenly, the Principles would be reviewed and revised as necessary but always in support of the mission and vision of the University.

In response to a question about resource accountability, Ms Clark clarified that this was part of the general oversight and reporting function to ensure that funds were used for the intended purpose.

8. Question Period

There were no questions.

INFORMATION REPORTS

9. Items Approved by the GFC Academic Planning Committee by email Ballots

There were no items.

10. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

CLOSING SESSION

11. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.