



General Faculties Council
Academic Planning Committee
Approved Open Session Minutes

Wednesday, October 24, 2018
2-31 South Academic Building (SAB)
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Roger Moore, Acting Chair

Jason Acker

Masoud Aliramezani (delegate)

Laura Beard (delegate)

Robert Bilak

Akanksha Bhatnagar (delegate)

Gitta Kulczycki

Reed Larsen

Christopher Mackay

Melissa Padfield

Jerine Pegg

Susan Sommerfeldt

Ding Xu

Regrets:

Katy Campbell

Steven Dew

Shannon Erichsen

Reed Larsen

Matthias Ruth

Sasha van der Klein

Staff:

Meg Brolley, Coordinator

Marion Haggarty-France, University

Secretary

Heather Richholt, Scribe

OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Acker/Pegg

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of October 10, 2018

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Acker/Bilak

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee approve the Open Session Minutes of October 10, 2018.

CARRIED

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

There were no comments.

ACTION ITEMS

4. New Academic Centre - Digital Scholarship Centre

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Dale Askey, Vice-Provost, Learning Services and Chief Librarian; Geoff Harder, Associate University Librarian

Mr Harder outlined the proposed Digital Scholarship Centre and noted the extensive work and consultation that have occurred over the previous three years to support this undertaking. He noted that the final Centre would be a hub around which the university would develop digital scholarship and which would be available to students, faculty and staff from main campus as well as from Campus Saint Jean and Augustana.

Discussion:

During the discussion members expressed several comments and questions, including but not limited to: access to archival materials and the evolution of the university library; funding for construction; encompassing data management and digital infrastructure that is currently present across campus; opportunities for collaborative research; the role and time commitment for the Academic Director of the Centre; the planned focus on outreach and lowering the “intimidation factor”; brand and image; undergraduate representation; and experiential learning opportunities.

Motion: Beard/Bhatnagar

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee, under delegated authority from GFC, approve the establishment of the Digital Scholarship Centre, as proposed by Learning Services and as contained in attachment 1, to be effective immediately.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. Draft Tri-Agency Research Data Management Policy

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Dale Askey, Vice-Provost, Learning Services, and Chief Librarian; Geoff Harder, Associate University Librarian

Mr Harder gave an overview of the work and consultation done to develop the university’s institutional feedback that was submitted to the Tri-Agencies in response to their call for consultation. He noted that the Tri-Agency policy is not expected to be overly prescriptive so as to allow institutions to develop policy that meets their own needs as well. Mr Harder confirmed that there would be further consultation and planning exercises to come with respect to the development of a draft institutional strategy for research data management and stewardship. Dr Askey expressed his confidence that policy is emerging alongside capability.

Discussion:

During the discussion members asked questions and expressed comments about: understanding that the Tri-Agencies sets the standard for other granting agencies; open data, sensitive data, the recognition that there needs to be some sensible data sharing; managing jurisdictional boundaries; creating efficiencies; the federal data repository; Statistics Canada; data fluency and data literacy; and how the next steps align with governance processes.

6. Annual Report on Undergraduate Student Financial Support

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Melissa Padfield, Interim Vice-Provost and University Registrar

Ms Padfield provided an overview of the report noting a decrease in government funded scholarships; a decrease in need based funding due to a delayed application cycle resulting from the launch of a new process and eligibility of applicants; and the limits on the data reported that doesn’t include funds administered by Faculties, the provincial and federal governments, and other external bodies. She highlighted the higher percentage of students who were accessing both need and merit based funding and the increase in hybrid

awards which address both. Ms Padfield also mentioned the demographics of those who had accessed funding and addressing need before emergency funding is necessary.

Discussion:

Members enquired about the availability and need for emergency funding for Indigenous students; how increasing tuition for international students will impact the need for emergency funding; the proportion of first-year student funding for recruitment purposes; and the programs that are eligible for the Indigenous Careers Award.

7. Question Period

There were no questions.

INFORMATION REPORTS

8. Items Approved by GFC Academic Planning Committee by e-mail Ballots

There were no items.

9. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

CLOSING SESSION

10. Adjournment

The Acting-Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.