



UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

General Faculties Council
Academic Planning Committee
Approved Open Session Minutes

Wednesday, June 24, 2020
Virtual Meeting
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Steven Dew, Chair
Jason Acker
Chris Andersen
Laura Beard (delegate)
Amlan Bose
Shannon Erichsen
Jelena Holovati
Gitta Kulczycki
Rowan Ley (delegate)

Susanne Luhmann
Pirkko Markula
Melissa Padfield
Jerine Pegg
Susan Sommerfeldt
Marc Waddingham
Ding Xu
Yan Yuan

non-voting:
Yimmie Sonuga
Marion Haggarty-France

REGRETS:

Joel Agarwal
Walter Dixon
Christopher Mackay

Staff:

Heather Richholt, Scribe

OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

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

Motion: Padfield/Acker

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Comments from the Chair (no documents)

Presenter(s): Steven Dew, Provost and Vice-President (Academic), and Chair of APC

Discussion:

The Chair noted that June 21 was National Indigenous People's Day and read the university's land acknowledgement:

The University of Alberta acknowledges that we are located on Treaty 6 territory, and respects the histories, languages, and cultures of First Nations, Metis, Inuit, and all First Peoples of Canada, whose presence continues to enrich our vibrant community.

He also noted that June 24 was Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day known in English as St John the Baptist Day, a day celebrated in Quebec and by French Canadians across Canada.

The Chair spoke about the province's public health restrictions related to COVID-19 and noted that the premier announced earlier in the month that some public health restrictions would be lifted faster than originally

anticipated due to the slowing rate of infection and active participation of communities across Alberta in COVID-19 prevention strategies. He also noted that the university would continue to follow updated public health measures as they were announced by the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

University Registrar, Melissa Padfield gave an update on Faculty applications for exceptions to remote learning for fall 2020. She noted that communication of the results had been sent to the Deans and that communications would be sent out to students soon as well.

Members asked questions and expressed comments including but not limited to:

- whether there was an appeal process regarding the decisions around exceptions to remote course delivery;
- the specifics of the communication plans to inform students of in person course offerings;
- guidelines for in person office hours for instructors;
- that the university encouraged staff to continue to work from home wherever possible; and
- what other universities in Canada were doing regarding in person and remote learning for the fall 2020 term.

The Chair noted that this would be the final APC meeting for the academic year unless a special meeting was needed in the summer. He thanked members whose terms were expiring for their service on the committee.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of June 11, 2020

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Bose/Xu

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee approve the Open Session Minutes of June 11, 2020.

CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS

4. Proposed Centre for Criminological Research (CCR)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Steve Patten, Associate Dean (Research), Faculty of Arts; Sandra Bucerius, Founding Director of CCR & Associate Professor of Sociology

Purpose of the Proposal: The proposal is before the committee after being approved by Arts Faculty Council because APC has delegated authority for approving academic centres and institutes.

Discussion:

Dr Patten explained the work and wide consultation that had gone into development of the proposal and noted his belief that this Centre would serve as the western Canadian hub for criminological research.

Dr Bucerius highlighted the research and public discussion that would bring together many voices in the community. She emphasized the importance of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion and the opportunity for the Centre to serve as a safe space for fostering community connections.

Members discussed:

- criminological studies and work with marginalized communities;
- the Black Lives Matter movement and calls to defund the police;
- how the centre could encourage connections between marginalized communities, community groups, relevant indigenous organizations, and criminal justice organizations;
- the administrative costs of the Centre and the current budget crisis;
- potential involvement of graduate and undergraduate students in the Centre's research and the advisory committee structure;
- research funding sources; clarification around the research goal of "pushing the boundaries"; and
- the support of the Centers and Institutes Committee.

Motion: Yuan/Andersen

THAT, acting on its delegated authority from GFC, the Academic Planning Committee approve the establishment of the Centre for Criminological Research (CCR) as an academic centre at the University of Alberta.

CARRIED

5. Proposed Substantive Changes to the Préposé aux soins de santé (Heath Care Aide - HCA) Certificate Program offered by the Centre collegial de l'Alberta, Faculté Saint-Jean

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Pierre-Yves Mocquais, Dean, Centre collegial (CCA) de l'Alberta and Faculté Saint-Jean; Catherine Dandonneau, Director, CCA

Purpose of the Proposal: Approval of the (proposed) program changes to the HCA Certificate program of study and the associated admissions and academic standing changes as laid out in the University Calendar.

Discussion:

The Chair noted that the delegated authority for approval of program changes for the Centre collegial de l'Alberta would move to the GFC Programs Committee as of September 1.

Dr Mocquais gave a brief overview of the proposed changes and explained that the requirements for the practicum reflect the Alberta Health requirements for the profession.

Members made some editorial suggestions. There were no questions.

Motion: Acker/Xu

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee approve, with delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the proposed changes to the Préposé aux soins de santé (Heath Care Aide - HCA) Certificate Program, as submitted by the Centre collégial de l'Alberta (under the authority of Faculté Saint-Jean), as set forth in Attachment 1, as amended, to take effect upon approval and to be published in the 2021-22 Calendar.

CARRIED

6. Proposed Suspension of the Sport Coaching Major in the Bachelor of Kinesiology Program, Faculty of Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Angela Bayduza, Associate Dean (Undergraduate Programs), KSR

Purpose of the Proposal: The proposal is before the committee for the approval to suspend the Bachelor of Kinesiology Sport Coaching major in the Faculty of Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation.

Discussion:

Dr Bayduza gave an overview of the proposal and explained the rationale including changes toward a more multidisciplinary approach to the coaching profession.

Members asked about the plan for current students in the program and were informed of plans to teach out current students and that the options would remain in the program beyond the suspension of this major.

Motion: Padfield/Sommerfeldt

THAT the GFC Academic Planning Committee recommend that the Board of Governors approve the suspension of admissions to the Bachelor of Kinesiology Sport Coaching major, as submitted by the Faculty of Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation and as set forth in Attachment 1, to take effect July 1, 2021.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. University of Alberta for Tomorrow (UAT)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Steven Dew, Provost and Vice-President (Academic), and Chair of APC; Gitta Kulczycki, Vice-President (Finance and Administration)

Purpose of the Proposal: The Purpose of this Proposal is to continue APC's engagement with President-elect Bill Flanagan's vision for transformation at the University of Alberta.

Discussion:

The Chair observed that there was a presentation on UAT at GFC on June 22 and that GFC had endorsed the principles of the Academic Restructuring Working Group (ARWG). He noted that next steps for the working group included Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) and bias awareness training, and then beginning the deep dive work on specific scenarios to identify data needs and questions that would need to be answered.

Members discussed:

- the upcoming "Town Hall from Below" which would provide an opportunity for faculty and staff to offer constructive ideas to the Provost and the ARWG;
- a question about which tools would be used for EDI assessment of proposals;
- the membership of the ARWG;
- a suggestion to engage with the Senate of the University of Alberta;
- whether there would be displaced tenure track positions and the process that would be followed according to policy and the collective agreement should that happen;
- other modes of communication that could be used to engage with the broader community including Instagram and TikTok;
- the important services that support staff provide and concerns that job losses would make the workload on remaining support staff unmanageable;
- student consultation opportunities with the Students' Union, the Graduate Students' Association, the Council on Student Affairs; and
- the need for consultations with the Non-Academic Staff Association (NASA) and the Association of Academic Staff of the University of Alberta (AASUA).

8. Budget Update (Standing Item) (no documents)

Presenter(s): Steven Dew, Provost and Vice-President (Academic), and Chair of APC; Gitta Kulczycki, Vice-President (Finance and Administration)

Discussion:

The Chair gave a brief update on the university's budget and indicated that, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, enrollment numbers for 2020-2021 were unknown but that the university was forecasting an 18 million dollar reduction in revenue to date.

There were no questions.

9. Question Period

There were no questions.

The committee moved into closed session for agenda item 10.

10. Alberta Post-Secondary System Review - closed session

Presenter(s): Steven Dew, Provost and Vice-President (Academic), and Chair of APC

The committee came out of closed session.

INFORMATION REPORTS

11. Items Approved by GFC Academic Planning Committee by email ballots

There were no items.

12. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings:

Email: [FOLLOW-UP] General Faculties Council (GFC) Academic Planning Committee, June 15, 2020

CLOSING SESSION

13. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.