



UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

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

Tuesday, January 09, 2018
2-15 South Academic Building (SAB)
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Voting Members:

Amy Tse, Chair
Marc de Montigny
Isha Godara
Rachel Goud
Sathya Rao
Clive Hickson

REGRETS:

Paul Myers
Petr Nikrityuk

STAFF:

Andrea Patrick, Coordinator, GFC UASC

Non-Voting:

Fiona Halbert
Jennifer Jennax
Wendy Doughty

OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: de Montigny/Goud

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

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of November 21, 2017

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Rao/Hickson

THAT the GFC Undergraduate Awards and Scholarship Committee approve the Minutes of November 21, 2017.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Chair

There were no comments.

ACTION ITEMS

4. New Endowed Undergraduate Awards and Bursaries for Approval

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

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

Purpose of the Proposal: To approve new undergraduate awards, scholarships and bursaries.

Discussion:

During the discussion in relation to these items, members expressed a number of questions and comments, including clarification surrounding the terms 'resident' and "rural community"; the amount and value of certain items; how items shared between Faculties are determined; how spending allocation is determined; questions surrounding bursary maximums; how mental health activities would be assessed; whether enough students fall under the criteria for certain items; whether certain programs still exist.

Motion: Hickson/de Montigny

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

CARRIED

5. Amendments to Existing Undergraduate Awards and Bursaries for Approval

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

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

Purpose of the Proposal: To approve amended undergraduate awards and bursaries, and graduate bursaries.

Discussion:

Members discussed the programs identified in the items.

Motion: Rao/de Montigny

THAT the GFC Undergraduate Awards and Scholarship Committee approve, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, proposed amendments to existing Undergraduate Awards and Bursaries, as submitted by Student Financial Support and as set forth in Attachment 1, as amended, to be effective immediately.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. Review of the Awards and Bursaries for Students Policy and Related Procedures in UAPPOL

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Amy Tse, Chair, GFC UASC

Purpose of the Proposal: To provide committee members with an overview of the Awards and Bursaries for Students Policy and related procedures in UAPPOL in an effort to identify institutional policy and procedures related to the committee's mandate. This will prepare members for the upcoming discussions on amendments to committee terms of reference, as per the GFC ad hoc Committee on Academic Governance Including Delegated Authority.

Discussion:

Following a review of the Awards and Bursaries for Students Policy, as well as the Awards for Undergraduate Students Procedure, the Bursaries for Students Procedure, the Creation of New Awards and Bursaries for Undergraduate Students Procedure, and the University Medal Requirements Procedure, the committee raised several issues.

On the subject of the GFC-delegated authority to approve the minimum value of items, members expressed that it seems to be an administrative task and that they lack the kind of data needed to make such decisions. It was noted that Administration had recently changed the minimum value of items without committee input. The current amount was now \$1000.

Members discussed the terminology within the policy and procedures, and it was suggested that individual definitions for each type of award be discontinued in alignment with current practices within the field. The new common term is "financial support". This led members to suggest that perhaps the committee name was outdated, since it referenced scholarships.

Members discussed the committee's mandate over the establishment of a full normal course load between two or more Faculties, pointing out that the committee had not been doing so, nor was there a need to, since Faculties seem to work this out between themselves. Members questioned their role in fulfilling this mandate.

Other issues identified by members included how student accommodations are handled; the authority of the GFC Executive Committee over academic awards; that minimum averages of entrance scholarships may need revision; the definition and application of a disadvantaged group; and the necessity and relevance of the University Medals Procedure.

The Chair thanked members for their thoughtful discussion and noted that the conversation on the issues would continue, leading up to revision of the committee terms of reference.

7. Question Period

There were no questions.

INFORMATION REPORTS

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

There were no items.

9. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

CLOSING SESSION

10. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.