



General Faculties Council
Approved Open Session Minutes

Monday, June 01, 2015
1-140, Centennial Centre for Interdisciplinary Science (CCIS)
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Voting Members:

Indira Samarasekera	Chair, President and Chair, Statutory
Katherine Aitchison	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Ahmad Al-Dabbagh	Member, Graduate Student at-Large
Ben Angus	Member, Undergraduate Student Member
Kevin Arulmaran	Member, Graduate Student at-Large
Angela Bayduza (Delegate)	Member, Academic Staff, Sessional Staff Representative
Lorne Babiuk	Member, Vice-President (Research), Statutory
Mike Belosevic	Member, Board of Governors Representative, GFC Appointee
Deborah Burshtyn	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Alicia Cappello	Member, Graduate Student at-Large
Phyllis Clark	Member, Vice-President (Finance & Administration), Statutory
Lisa Collins	Member, Vice-Provost and University Registrar, Statutory
Chris DeGara	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Kathleen DeLong	Member, University Library Academic Staff
Annie Duan	Member, Undergraduate Student Member
Shannon Erichsen	Member, Non-Academic Staff (Nominated by NASA)
Jason Cobb (Delegate)	Member, Dean of Students
Umer Farooq	Member, Undergraduate Student Member
David Goertzen	Member, Undergraduate Student Member
John Harris	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Don Hickey	Member, Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)
Brendan Hokowhitu	Member, Dean, Native Studies, Statutory
Michal Juhas	Member, Graduate Student at-Large
Sushmitha Karunakaran	Member, Undergraduate Student Member
James Kehrer	Member, Dean, Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences, Statutory
Azhar Khan	Member, Board of Governors Representative-Undergraduate
Navneet Khinda	Member, Board of Governors Representative, President, Students' Union
Vivian Kwan	Member, Student Nominated by UG Council of Students, VP Student Life
Alex Kwan	Member, Undergraduate Student Member
John Law	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Cerina Lee	Member, Graduate Student at-Large
Kathleen Lowrey	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Godfrey Man	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Brian Maraj	Member (Delegate), St Joseph's College Representative and Additional Appointee
Ellish McKinlay	Member, Undergraduate Student Member

Laurie Mereu	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Anita Molzahn	Member, Dean, Nursing, Statutory
Benjamin Montpetit	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Colin More	Member, Board of Governors Representative, President, Graduate Students' Association
Tom Patrick	Member, Undergraduate Student Member
Neesha Persad	Member, Undergraduate Student Member
Debra Pozega Osburn	Member, Vice-President (University Relations), Statutory
Christopher Pu	Member, Board of Governors Representative, NASA Appointee
Mohamed Rahall	Member, Undergraduate Student Member
Fahim Rahman	Member, Student Nominated by UG Council of Students, V-P (Academic), SU
Sean Robertson	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Robert Simpson	Member, Vice-President, Non-Academic Staff Association and Additional Appointee
Marcia Spetch	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Kent Stobart	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Bruce Sutherland	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Guillaume Tardif	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Ben Thronson	Member, Undergraduate Student Member
Evan Tran	Member, Undergraduate Student Member
Dilini Vethanayagam	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Elizabeth Wallace	Member, University Library Academic Staff
Terry Sperling (Delegate)	Member, APO (Academic Staff Representative)
Jonathan White	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Brayden Whitlock	Member, Graduate Student at-Large
Sheena Wilson	Member, Statutory Academic Staff
Olive Yonge	Member, Interim Provost and Vice-President (Academic), Statutory
Bo Zhang	Member, Undergraduate Student Member

Presenter(s):

Indira Samarasekera	President and Chair of General Faculties Council (GFC)
Ralph Young	Chancellor, University of Alberta Senate
Olive Yonge	Interim Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and Chair, GFC Executive Committee
Mike Belosevic	Member, Board of Governors
Marion Haggarty-France	University Secretary

Staff:

Meg Brolley, GFC Secretary and Manager of GFC Operations
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.

Presenter: Indira Samarasekera, President and Chair of GFC

Motion: DeGara/Belosevic

THAT General Faculties Council approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes of March 9, 2015

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Indira Samarasekera, President and Chair of GFC

Motion: Belosevic/Vethanayagam

THAT General Faculties Council approve the Minutes of March 9, 2015.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the President

President and Chair of General Faculties Council (GFC), Dr Indira Samarasekera, welcomed all to the 399th meeting of GFC and reported on:

- Welcome to Ms Meg Brolley, new Secretary of GFC and Manager of GFC Services.
- Congratulations to Dr Lorne Tyrrell, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, for his recent Killam Prize award.
- Congratulations to Ms Linda Cameron, Director, University of Alberta Press, for the Association of Canadian Publishers President's Award.
- Update on the new Provincial Government. Dr Samarasekera reported that she had a phone call with Premier Notley shortly after the election and thanked her for her public support of post-secondary education. She also noted a phone call with Minister Sigurdson who indicated that the government would be moving to implement the post-secondary education platform. The Chair indicated that she has been in contact with the other Alberta post-secondary presidents to discuss this transition, and that President-Elect David Turpin and Dr Steven Dew have also been on contact with new Provincial leadership.
- Welcome to Ms Heather McCaw, Vice-President (Advancement), and thanks to Mr Colm Renehan for his interim leadership.
- Welcome to incoming Provost and Vice-President (Academic), Dr Steven Dew, and thanks to Dr Olive Yonge, Interim Provost and Vice-President (Academic). She also expressed her thanks to Dr Roger Epp, Dr Brenda Leskiw, and Dr Robert Luth for their leadership within the Office of the Provost.

ACTION ITEMS

4. New Members of GFC

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Indira Samarasekera, President and Chair of GFC

Discussion:

Ms Haggarty-France verbally added additional individuals to Motion II.

A member made note of a correction to one of the names.

Motion I: Collins/Belosevic

MOTION I: TO APPOINT/REAPPOINT:

The following undergraduate student members elected by the Students' Union (SU) to the Board of Governors and appointed to GFC for terms that are concurrent with their terms on the Board (May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016):

Navneet Khinda, President, SU
Azhar Khan, Undergraduate Student Appointee, SU

The following graduate student member elected by the Graduate Students' Association (GSA) to the Board of Governors and appointed to GFC for a term that is concurrent with his term on the Board (May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016):

Colin More, President, GSA

CARRIED

Motion II: Babiuk/Collins

MOTION II: TO RECEIVE [This motion may be proposed by any member of GFC]:

The following statutory undergraduate student members nominated by the Students' Union (SU) to serve on GFC for terms beginning May 1, 2015 and ending April 30, 2016:

Fahim Rahman, Vice-President (Academic), SU
Vivian Kwan, Vice-President (Student Life), SU

The following statutory graduate student member nominated by the Graduate Students' Association (GSA) to serve on GFC for a term beginning May 1, 2015 and ending April 30, 2016:

Harsh Thaker, Vice-President (Academic), GSA

The following undergraduate student representatives, to serve on GFC for terms beginning immediately and ending April 30, 2016:

Ellish McKinlay	Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences
Evan Tran	Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences
Ben Angus	Faculty of Arts
Hasan Birer	Faculty of Arts
John Hampson	Faculty of Arts
Mohamed Rahall	Faculty of Arts
Hannah Schlamp	Faculty of Arts

Ben Thronson	Faculty of Arts
Bo Zhang	Faculty of Arts
Dante Zhu	Faculty of Arts
David Friedland	Alberta School of Business
Nick Olsen	Alberta School of Business
Neesha Persad	Faculty of Education
Sam Cheng	Faculty of Education
Sushmitha Karunakaran	Faculty of Engineering
Mengji (Jane) Yu	Faculty of Engineering
Thomas Patrick	Faculty of Engineering
Andy Canjina	Faculté Saint-Jean
Brandon Christensen	Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry
Hong (Helen) Doan	Faculty of Nursing
Todd Li	Faculty of Nursing
Vincent Spurrell	Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences
David Goertzen	Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation
Donald Ademaj	Faculty of Science
Annie Duan	Faculty of Science
Alex Kwan	Faculty of Science
Umer Farooq	Faculty of Science

The following graduate student representatives, to serve on GFC for terms beginning immediately and ending April 30, 2016:

Ahmad Al-Dabbagh	Faculty of Engineering
Kevin Arulmaran	Faculty of Engineering
Alicia Cappello	Faculty of Arts
Michal Juhas	Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry
Cerina Lee	Faculty of School of Public Health
Justin Leifso	Faculty of Arts
Ramin Rahmat Samii	Faculty of Engineering
Brayden Whitlock	Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry

The following ex officio members, to serve on GFC for terms beginning July 1, 2015 and extending for the duration of their appointments:

David H. Turpin	President and Vice-Chancellor
Steven Dew	Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
Lise Gotell	Interim Dean, Faculty of Arts
Randall (Randy) Wimmer	Interim Dean, Faculty of Education

The following ex officio member, to serve on GFC for a term beginning September 15, 2015 and extending for the duration of their appointment:

Heather McCaw	Vice-President (Advancement)
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The following statutory faculty members who have been elected or re-elected by their Faculty, to serve on

GFC for terms beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2018:

Steven Patten	Faculty of Arts
Ray Patterson	Alberta School of Business
Akiko Watanabe	Alberta School of Business
Carla Peck	Faculty of Education
Bonnie Watt	Faculty of Education
Jason Acker	Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry
Susan Andrew	Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry
Wendy Rodgers	Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation

The following statutory faculty member who has been elected by their Faculty, to serve on GFC for a Term beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2017:

Paul Jurasz	Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences
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CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. Presentation on the University of Alberta Senate by Chancellor

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Ralph Young, Chancellor, University of Alberta Senate

Discussion:

The Chair welcomed Chancellor Ralph Young to GFC. The Chancellor thanked members for his warm welcome, and introduced members of the Office of the Senate.

The Chancellor provided members with an historical review of the University of Alberta Senate, including the establishment of the Senate and the decision in 1942 to divide institutional governance responsibilities with General Faculties Council (GFC).

The Chancellor summarized his responsibilities, as detailed within the *Post-Secondary Learning Act* (PSLA), and also provided members of GFC with details in relation to the membership composition of the Senate. The Chancellor explained the duties of the Senate, including the election of a Chancellor as well as the duty to inquire into any matter that might benefit the University and enhance its position in the community. He noted that the Senate works diligently to achieve its objectives, and has established several working groups. He explained that the Senate presents a report containing numerous recommendations to the Board of Governors on an annual basis.

The Chancellor emphasized the value of the Senate to the University of Alberta.

During the ensuing discussion in regards to this presentation, members expressed a number of comments and questions, including, but not limited to: that information in this presentation should be readily accessible to students; whether the Senate could play a role towards the enhancement of clinical educational activities of the University of Alberta in rural communities; thanks to the Chancellor for his extensive and impressive engagement in his role; clarification regarding the reasons behind conferring Honorary Degrees.

The President invited members to consider worthy individuals for future Honorary Degrees.

6. President's Visiting Committee (PVC)

There were no documents.

Presenter: Indira Samarasekera, President and Chair of GFC

Discussion:

The President provided members with an update in regard to the activities of the President's Visiting Committee (PVC). She noted that following the strategic retreat in 2013, the Board of Governors asked the President to develop a model to develop a high level strategic picture of Faculty activities. The PVC was developed, following consultation with various Faculties, as a pilot in response to this. The focus of the PVC, she explained, was to function as an external advisory group which would maintain a mentoring role to the Faculty after the review. The PVC would not replace the activities of accreditation, but would focus on the areas of graduate education, research and advancement activities. She provided members with a review of the member composition of the PVC, as well as the unique nature of the continuing relationship between the PVC and the Faculties which they review.

The President noted that going forward, President-Elect Turpin and incoming Provost Dew will review the feedback gathered from Dean Mummery and Dean Doucet, the two Deans who participated in the pilot project of the PVC, to further review the process.

A member sought clarification regarding how faculty members in the pilot projects have received the PVC process.

7. 399th Meeting of General Faculties Council - Wrap-up and Council Chamber Update

There were no documents.

Presenter: Marion Haggarty-France, University Secretary

Discussion:

University Secretary Marion Haggarty-France provided members with a brief summary of the recent challenges resulting from the absence of a designated, permanent Council Chamber, noting that the temporary spaces have not been conducive to collegial discussion at GFC. She reported that under the leadership of Vice-President Don Hickey and his colleagues in Facilities and Operations, a new Council Chamber space has been designed in University Hall.

Ms Haggarty-France outlined the unique requirements of a proper Council Chamber, including a space which fosters collegial discussion and debate, enough seats for full GFC attendance, good sightlines for presentations, voting capabilities, and the ability for members to see and hear one another during Council. She reported that other campus-wide legislative bodies will also utilize this space, and have been consulted on its design.

She provided members with several architectural renderings of the new Council Chamber, adding that the 400th meeting of GFC will most likely take place in the new Council Chamber.

Finally, she presented members with Dr Samarasekera's first GFC Agenda, and noted that she had chaired GFC over her term as President and Chair in four different locations. She thanked Dr Samarasekera for her hard work and diligence as Chair of GFC.

8. Question Period

There were no documents.

Presenter: Indira Samarasekera, President and Chair of GFC

Discussion:

There were no questions.

INFORMATION REPORTS

9. GFC Executive Committee Minutes of April 13, 2015

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

There was no discussion.

10. Reports of the Board of Governors (March 13 and May 8, 2015)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

There was no discussion.

11. Report of the GFC Nominating Committee (May 22, 2015) and Selection Committee for New Chancellor

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Marion Haggarty-France, University Secretary

Discussion:

University Secretary Marion Haggarty-France reminded members of the contents of this Report, as well as the upcoming vacancy for the role of GFC Member on the Board of Governors.

12. Report of the GFC Replenishment Committee

There were no items.

13. Information Items Forwarded to GFC Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

14. Reports

There were no items.

CLOSING SESSION

15. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m.