



UNIVERSITY OF
CALGARY

GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL

Approved Minutes

Meeting #560

Thursday, November 19, 2015, 1:30 p.m.

Science Theatre 147

Voting Members

E. Cannon, Chair	M. Foley	C. Lind	E. Storey
D. Marshall, Vice-Chair	T. Gabriele	J. Lockyer	D. Tapp
R. Alhaji	S. Guscott	E. McCauley	L. Taylor
S. Barker	L. Harder	R. Newton	R. Thompson
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D. Bruckner	C. Jaeger	S. Premji	W. D. Walls
S. Chalhoub	V. Jones	L. Rigg	J. Watson Hamilton
L. Cowe Falls	D. Kenyon	W. Rosehart	S. Weaver
D. Cramb	C. Klune	J. Sharma	P. Werthner
L. Dalgetty	M. Kolmatiski	M. Shearer	I. Winchester
J. Dewald	M. Konnert	J. Sieppert	R. Woodrow
L. Doepel	P. Kusalik	R. Sigurdson	D. Wulff
T. Doyle-Baker	S. LeBlanc	F. Smith	J. Yan
M. Drefs	A. Levey	J. Sparling	L. Young
	B. Lewis	L. Stawnychko	T. Zaman

Guests

C. Emery, Academic Co-Chair, Research and Scholarship Committee, - present for Item 11
A. Jackson, Legal Counsel (Policy) - present for Item 8
E. Kurz, Academic Co-Chair, Teaching and Learning Committee - present for Item 12

Observers

J. Bance, Executive Director, Office of the President
S. Beatty, Libraries and Cultural Resources
M. Bogdan, Faculty Association
D. Crowell, Associate Vice-President (Strategic Communications)
K. McQuillan, Deputy Provost
C. Tutt, Governance Coordinator, University Secretariat

Secretary

S. Belcher

Scribe

E. Sjogren

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m. and confirmed quorum.

1. Remarks of the Chair

The Chair included the following in her remarks:

- Representatives of the University are liaising with the provincial government regularly. The Minister of Advanced Education was on campus last week, for a tour and to meet with the Board of Governors (BG).
- Funding for the University was announced in the provincial government's mini-budget in June, and no additional direct funding was announced in the full October budget. The University's primary ministry is now called the Ministry of Advanced Education. There is a new Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, which will oversee Alberta Innovates. There is possibility that changes will be made to Alberta Innovates soon, and so the University will monitor this closely. The October budget announcement included \$4.4 billion for infrastructure spending, so it is possible that the University may be able to obtain funding for some of its priority renewal projects such as the MacKimmie complex and the Science A building.
- In response to a recent court decision, the Post-Secondary Learning Act and the Public Service Employee Relations Act have been opened in order to consider the addition of the right to strike. The University has been asked to respond to questions from the provincial government relating to this. Representatives of the University will also meet with Andy Sims, Arbitrator, who will be making recommendations to the provincial government on this matter. This initiative must be completed by March 2016.
- The federal government's Minister of Science will soon appoint a Chief Science Officer
- There has been much in the press recently relating to the University's Centre for Corporate Sustainability (formerly the Enbridge Centre for Corporate Sustainability), which has been difficult for the University. The Administration supports the independent review initiated by the BG. Positive steps have been taken over recent years to improve the functioning of the Centre, but there is always the possibility to improve policy and procedures. I will fully and candidly participate with the independent reviewer. I stand by my conduct, am confident with the scrutiny, and am expecting to be absolved of any wrongdoing. The Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) has indicated they have launched their own investigation into alleged academic freedom violations in respect of the Centre.

The Chair stated that she would leave the meeting before Other Business so that members could ask questions about matters relating to the independent review.

2. Remarks of the Vice-Chair

The Vice-Chair included the following in her remarks:

- The University's budget town hall was held yesterday
- The University filed a statement of defense last week in the lawsuit initiated by the Students' Union (SU) respecting MacEwan Hall, and this statement is posted on the Provost's website
- The University of Calgary in Qatar's convocation ceremony will be held next week, and will be attended by a number of senior University administrators
- With the introduction of the Public Sector Compensation Transparency Act, the provincial government's salary disclosure 'sunshine list' will now expand to include University employees

earning over \$125,000. The disclosure presents the person's full compensation, including base salary and other remunerations such as the employer's contribution to pension.

3. Question Period

There were no questions.

4. Safety Moment

Linda Dalgetty, Vice-President (Finance & Services), spoke to GFC on the subject of winter tires.

5. Approval of the October 15, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda.

In response to a concern, it was confirmed that the wording of the first bullet on page 10 would be double-checked for accuracy.

Moved/Seconded

That the Minutes of the General Faculties Council meeting held on October 15, 2015 be approved.

Carried

6. Approval of the General Merit Committee (GMC) Slate of 8

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda.

Moved/Seconded

That the General Faculties Council approve the 2015 General Merit Committee Slate of Eight, as follows:

Tish Doyle-Baker, Faculty of Kinesiology
Raj Mehta, Schulich School of Engineering
Mary O'Brien, Faculty of Arts
Amanda O'Rae, Faculty of Nursing (non-professorial appointee)
Shahirose Premji, Faculty of Nursing
David Proud, Cumming School of Medicine
Gerrit Voordouw, Faculty of Science
Jonnette Watson Hamilton, Faculty of Law

Carried

7. Election of Two Academic Staff Members and Two Academic Staff Members in Reserve for the GMC

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. The following four persons were elected:

Mary Pavelka, Faculty of Arts (member)
Josh Taron, Faculty of Environmental Design (member)
Abu Shiraz Abdul-Rahaman, Haskayne School of Business (member in reserve)
Robin Yates, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (member in reserve)

8. Revisions to the Procedure for Protected Disclosures

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Angela Jackson, Legal Counsel (Policy), was present to speak to this item.

Highlights:

- The proponent reported that the Procedure for Protected Disclosures (the Procedure) must be updated to comply with current legislation; the Alberta Public Agencies Governance Act and the Public Interest Disclosure Act
- In response to questions, it was stated that:
 - The name and telephone number of the external service provider, *ConfidenceLine*, were deliberately included in the Procedure. It is not expected that this information will change.
 - The University's Protected Disclosure Advisor, subject to review by Legal Services, will determine whether an investigation will be conducted by an internal individual, an external individual, or a committee. While the size of an investigation committee may not be set by the legislation, the Procedure states that an investigation committee will consist of three members because it is best practice to keep this a small, but odd, number.
 - The definition of "Protected Disclosure" is set by the legislation
 - The draft Procedure will continue to be circulated to stakeholder groups for comment
 - The Office of Diversity, Equity and Protected Disclosure will continue to make effort to raise awareness of the Procedure, including through outreach at various orientation sessions

9. Report on the October 30, 2015 GFC Executive Committee (EC) Meeting

A report on the October 30, 2015 meeting of the EC was circulated with the Agenda. There were no questions.

10. Report on the October 19, 2015 Academic Planning and Priorities Committee (APPC) Meeting

A report on the October 19, 2015 meeting of the APPC was circulated with the Agenda. There were no questions.

11. Report on the October 20, 2015 Research and Scholarship Committee (RSC) Meeting

A report on the October 20, 2015 meeting of the RSC was circulated with the Agenda. There were no questions.

12. Report on the October 22, 2015 Teaching and Learning Committee (TLC) Meeting

A report on the October 22, 2015 meeting of the TLC was circulated with the Agenda. There were no questions.

13. Report on the October 23, 2015 Board of Governors Meeting

A report on the October 23, 2015 meeting of the BG was circulated with the Agenda. There were no questions.

14. Report on the November 9, 2015 Senate Meeting

A report on the November 9, 2015 meeting of the Senate was circulated with the Agenda. There were no questions.

15. Approved Faculty Council Terms of Reference – Schulich School of Engineering

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. There were no questions.

16. Policy Development Update

A document setting out the current status of policies moving through the Policy Development Process was circulated with the Agenda, for information only.

17. Other Business

(Secretary's Note: The Chair left the meeting at this point)

The Vice-Chair reported that Robert Thompson, member of the BG nominated by GFC, is serving as a member of the BG's *ad hoc* committee that is overseeing the independent review of the Centre for Corporate Sustainability (formerly the Enbridge Centre for Corporate Sustainability), and opened the floor to questions on this matter. There were no questions.

18. Motion to Adjourn**Moved/Seconded**

That General Faculties Council adjourn the November 19, 2015 meeting.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 2:14 p.m.