

GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL

Approved Minutes

Meeting #570

Thursday, February 16, 2017, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Science Theatre 147

Voting Members

E. Cannon, Chair	M. Ghaderi Debkordi	S. LeBlanc	Z. Risdon
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	J. Le	L. Rigg	

Guests

M. Buchholz – member of the Energizing *Eyes High* Oversight Committee – present for Item 5
 K. Dobson – member of the Energizing *Eyes High* Oversight Committee – present for Item 5
 B. Evelyn – member of the Energizing *Eyes High* Secretariat – present for Item 5
 L. Falkenberg, Chair of the Energizing *Eyes High* Secretariat – present for Item 5
 W. Fiebelkorn – Privacy and Records Officer, Cumming School of Medicine – present for Item 6
 J. Huseby – member of the Energizing *Eyes High* Oversight Committee – present for Item 5
 K. Jackson, General Counsel – present for Item 2
 K. Lawrence – member of the Energizing *Eyes High* Secretariat – present for Item 5
 J.-A. Munn Gafuik – Senior Specialist, Privacy & FOIP – present for Item 6
 L. Reid – member of the Energizing *Eyes High* Oversight Committee – present for Item 5
 S. Sethi – Legal Counsel – present for Item 6

Observers

M. Bogdan, Faculty Association
 G. Duff, student
 K. McQuillan, Deputy Provost
 C. Johns, Provost's Office
 J. Olfert, Students' Union
 D. Parthenis, University Relations
 S. Strasser, Gauntlet
 J. Garland, Gauntlet

Secretary

S. Belcher

Scribe

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The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m. and confirmed quorum.

1. Remarks of the Chair

The Chair included the following in her remarks:

- The provincial budget will be announced later this spring, and it is hoped that the budget will add 2% to the University's Campus Alberta grant and that the MacKimmie renovation project will receive full funding. It is known that the provincial government is freezing tuition for 2017-2018, and tuition backfill funding is not anticipated. The recently-instituted carbon levy will likely cost the University approximately \$2-3 million in 2017-2018. Post-secondary representatives are advocating for investments in institutions and research, and for specific funding such as for an increase to the Alberta Innovates budget
- The federal budget will likely be announced in March. Provincial ministers and leaders from the Universities of Calgary, Alberta, and Lethbridge recently travelled to Ottawa to talk with federal ministers and others about provincial priorities. It is hoped that the Tri-Council and Canada Foundation for Innovation will receive additional funding this year or next year. The report from the recent review of federal funding for fundamental science will be released publicly after the budget announcement.
- After the United States (U.S.) election, Canada has an opportunity to leverage its reputation as a positive place on the world stage to attract scholars and academics to our country. It is possible that the provincial or federal budget may include funding for talent attraction. It is also possible that businesses could launch research branches in Canada, which may provide partnership opportunities for the University.
- In response to the ban on travel to the U.S. from seven countries, the University released a statement that it will waive application fees for students from those banned countries
- The University's Indigenous Strategy is under development and will be presented to General Faculties Council in due course

2. Question Period

The following question was received in advance of the meeting:

I have read a little about President Trump's recent decision that the US Privacy Act does not apply to non US citizens, and have been wondering to what extent this affects University of Calgary activities. It is my understanding that we use servers/clouds in the US, and not just for email via Office 365, but I am no expert on these matters. Are there data security issues for us because of this change in the application of the privacy act?

Karen Jackson, University General Counsel, reported that the executive order in question does not apply to businesses, only to U.S. federal departments and agencies, and requires that any federal departments and agencies apply these policies only to U.S. citizens. From the University's point of view, there are no data security issues as the University's data is stored in a private business cloud.

In response to a follow-up question, Jerome Beaudoin, Chief Information Officer, confirmed that the University's Office 365 data will be moving to Canadian servers later this year.

3. **Safety Moment**

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Sam Hossack, President of the Graduate Students' Association, spoke to the General Faculties Council (GFC) on the topic of Parking Lot Safety.

4. **Approval of the December 8, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda.

Moved/Seconded

That the Minutes of the General Faculties Council meeting held on December 8, 2016 be approved.

Carried

5. **Energizing Eyes High – Draft Strategy Document**

Documentation for this item was circulated with the agenda. Loren Falkenberg, Chair of the Energizing *Eyes High* Secretariat, presented this item. The following members of the Energizing *Eyes High* Strategic Oversight Committee and Secretariat were also in attendance for this item: Marcia Buchholz, Elizabeth Cannon, Keith Dobson, Bruce Evelyn, Stephan Guscott, Sam Hossack, Justin Huseby, Kim Lawrence, Leslie Reid, Paul Rogers, and Richard Sigurdson.

Highlights:

- The Chair reported that the energized *Eyes High* strategy is moving through the governance system, toward approval by the GFC and the Board of Governors in March
- The presenter reported that consultation process summary documents and working papers have been shared with the community, and that the Executive Leadership team will analyse in depth the feedback received during the consultation process
- The presenter reviewed the consultation process participation rates and, in response to a question, clarified that, because participation in the survey was anonymous, the statistic on academic participation in the survey reports the number of touchpoints and is not necessarily reflective of the number of individuals who participated
- The presenter highlighted the differences between the 2011 *Eyes High* Strategy Statement and the proposed new Strategy Statement, and then reviewed the proposed revisions to the three *Eyes High* Foundational Commitments (Sharpen Focus on Research and Scholarship, Enrich the Quality and Breadth of Learning, and Integrate the University with the Community) and emphasized that these are not changing significantly but rather are being updated and refined
- The presenter noted that Student Experience and Campus Culture are being woven into the Foundational Commitments rather than being set out as standalone commitments
- The GFC discussed the strategy and, in particular:
 - The definition of entrepreneurial thinking used in the strategy. The presenter reported that the wording is intended to be drafted in a way that everyone can see themselves in the definition.
 - The integration with the community foundational commitment and that community engagement will be incorporated into the University's Academic Plan (AP) and Strategic Research Plan (SRP)

- In response to questions, it was reported that:
 - The AP and SRP, which stem from the *Eyes High* strategy, will both contain a number of key performance indicators and these will allow the University to assess its successes and compare itself to other institutions
 - The faculty experience is not measured to the extent that the student experience is, and so it is difficult to write about the faculty experience in the strategy
 - The feedback relating to the need for quality spaces is captured in the strategy, but the concept of space serving as an enabler for campus culture is not currently in the strategy, but could be worked into it
- The GFC made some suggestions for minor wording revisions, and commented that the importance of international experiences for the University's domestic students, such as for language learning, could be incorporated into the strategy
- The GFC expressed general support of the draft energized *Eyes High* strategy
- The presenter invited that any additional feedback be sent directly to her

6. Information Asset Management Policy

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Jo-Ann Munn Gafuik, Senior Specialist, Privacy & FOIP, Will Fiebelkorn, Privacy and Records Officer, Cumming School of Medicine, and Suzzi Sethi, Legal Counsel, presented this item.

Highlights:

- The presenters introduced the new Information Asset Management Policy (IAMP), reviewed the policies that are affected by the IAMP, and discussed the different types of information assets
- The presenters reported that the IAMP introduces three new governance roles (information trustee, information steward, and information custodian) and establishes a committee responsible for overseeing the management of information assets
- In response to questions, it was reported that:
 - The Information Asset Management Committee is a new committee but it is really formalizing an existing operational function
 - Graduate students can be responsible for the appropriate management of information under the IAMP. Information stewards do not personally hold information, but ensure that information is properly received, created, stored, handled and disposed of.
 - Once the IAMP is approved by the Board of Governors, a communication plan and a best practices document will be developed

7. 2016 National College Health Assessment Data

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Susan Barker, Vice-Provost (Student Experience), and Debbie Bruckner, Senior Director, Student Wellness, Access and Support, presented this item.

Highlights:

- The presenters reported that the National College Health Assessment Survey is administered across Canada on a three-year cycle, and is used to assess undergraduate and graduate students' health habits, behaviours, and perceptions
- The presenters reviewed the demographics of the University's undergraduate and graduate students who participated in the survey in 2016, and then discussed the survey response data
- The proponents reported that students indicate they are receiving more information from the University on depression/anxiety, sexual violence, sleep difficulties, stress reduction, suicide prevention, and how to help others in distress, which indicates that the University's recent mental health initiatives are having an impact
- The GFC discussed that the de-stigmatization of mental health issues in recent years might explain some differences between the 2013 and 2016 data, such as the increase in the number of students reporting that they have sought counselling
- In response to questions, the presenters reported that:
 - Portions of the 2016 data will be published, but that the full or Faculty-specific survey response data can be provided upon request
 - The Mental Health Strategy recommends the development of initiatives for safety on campus
 - Continuing Education students do not participate in this survey

8. Report on the December 20, 2016 and January 31, 2017 GFC Executive Committee Meetings

A report on the December 20, 2016 and January 31, 2017 meetings of the GFC Executive Committee (EC) was circulated with the Agenda. Elizabeth Cannon, Chair of the EC, was present to answer questions. There were no questions.

9. Report on the December 19, 2016 and January 16, 2017 Academic Planning and Priorities Committee Meetings

A report on the December 19, 2016 and January 16, 2017 meetings of the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee (APPC) was circulated with the Agenda. Robert Thompson, Academic Co-Chair of the APPC, was present to answer questions. There were no questions.

10. Report on the January 26, 2017 Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting

A report on the January 26, 2017 meeting of the Teaching and Learning Committee (TLC) was circulated with the Agenda. Lynn Taylor, Co-Chair of the TLC, was present to answer questions. There were no questions.

11. Report on the December 16, 2016 Board of Governors Meeting

A report on the December 16, 2016 meeting of the Board of Governors (BG) was circulated with the Agenda. Robert Thompson, member of the BG nominated by GFC, was present to answer questions.

It was reported that the University has received a STARS Gold rating, which places the University second among the Canadian U15 institution cohort as well as second among all Canadian institutions.

There were no questions.

12. Report on the December 14, 2016 Senate Meeting

A report on the December 14, 2016 meeting of the Senate was circulated with the Agenda. There were no questions.

13. Report on the January 24, 2017 Research and Scholarship Committee Meeting

A report on the January 24, 2017 meeting of the Research and Scholarship Committee (RSC) was circulated with the Agenda. There were no questions.

14. Policy Development Update

A report on the policies and procedures moving through the development process was circulated with the Agenda, for information only. There were no questions.

15. Other Business

There was no other business.

16. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.