



UNIVERSITY OF
CALGARY

GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL

Approved Minutes

Meeting #571

Thursday, March 9, 2017, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Science Theatre 147

Voting Members

E. Cannon, Chair	R. Ellaway	J. Le	Z. Risdon
D. Marshall, Vice-Chair	Y. Fang	S. LeBlanc	P. Rogers
A. Afshar	F. Finley	C. Lind	W. Rosehart
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B. Becker	T. Hickerson	S. McFarlane	F. Smith
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J. Bouchard	S. Hossack	E. Montes Garces	E. Storey
J. Brown for N. Pollock-Ellwand	M. Hum	A. Offenbecker	D. Tapp
D. Bruckner	C. Hurrell	D. Pattison	L. Taylor
J. Cobb	M. Hynes	N. Paters	R. Thompson
D. Cramb	A. Ingelson	Q. Pittman	J. Towers
L. Dalgetty	J. Jenkins	S. Premji	W.D. Walls
T. Doyle-Baker	D. Kenyon	L. Radtke	S. Weaver
M. Drefs	M. Konnert	J. Revington	P. Werthner
	R. Kremer	L. Rigg	R. Woodrow
			L. Young

Guests

R. Allen – member of the Energizing *Eyes High* Oversight Committee – present for Item 6
N. Arthur – Academic Co-Chair of the Research and Scholarship Committee – present for Item 11
K. Dobson – member of the Energizing *Eyes High* Oversight Committee – present for Item 6
B. Evelyn – member of the Energizing *Eyes High* Secretariat – present for Item 6
L. Falkenberg, Chair of the Energizing *Eyes High* Secretariat – present for Item 6
J. Greggs – member of the Energizing *Eyes High* Oversight Committee – present for Item 6
E. Kurz – Academic Co-Chair of the Teaching and Learning Committee – present for Item 12
K. McQuillan, Deputy Provost – present for Item 8
L. Reid – member of the Energizing *Eyes High* Oversight Committee – present for Item 6

Observers

K. Jackson, General Counsel
C. Johns, Provost's Office
J. Krygier, Faculty Association
C. McVie, Provost's Office
J. Olfert, Students' Union
D. Parthenis, University Relations

Secretary

S. Belcher

Scribe

E. Sjogren

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. and confirmed quorum.

1. Remarks of the Chair

The Chair included the following in her remarks:

- The development of the University District has officially started, and the sales Discovery Center opens on March 11, 2017. The project will be a platinum-rated Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) neighbourhood development, and, in addition to the residential component, will include a hotel, grocery store, and other amenities.
- The provincial budget will be announced on March 16, 2017, and the federal budget will be announced on March 22, 2017. The University is hopeful for stable, predictable funding for the post-secondary sector.

The Chair then invited Linda Dalgetty, Vice-President (Finance and Services), to speak to the General Faculties Council (GFC) about a new educational Information Technologies (IT) initiative, highlights of which included:

- Phishing is the attempt by someone posing as a legitimate source to extract passwords or other sensitive information through an e-mail message. Many people fall victim to these phishing messages, and so IT is launching a program to help members of the campus community learn to suspect and respond appropriately to these messages.
- Between April 1 and August 1, 2017, all faculty and staff will receive a fake phishing e-mail message
- If the recipient clicks on the link in the fake message, they will be directed to a page with educational information about phishing. Anyone who clicked on the link in their first fake phishing message will receive another fake phishing message from IT. If they click again, they will receive an educational telephone call. Anyone who fails a third fake phishing test will attend a meeting with a supervisor for further education.
- Questions about the fake phishing initiative can be directed to IT

2. Remarks of the Vice-Chair

The Vice-Chair included the following in her remarks:

- The University continues to waive application fees for persons affected by the United States travel ban, and will assist members of the campus community with conference cancellation fees if they cannot travel because of the ban
- The provincial government's post-secondary tuition and mandatory fees consultation committee, on which the University has three representatives, is half way through its series of meetings. The Ministry of Advanced Education will consider the information provided by this committee and will make a presentation to Cabinet. Any changes to the post-secondary tuition and mandatory fees model will take effect in 2018 or later.
- Andrew Sims, mediator, has submitted his report on the proposed labour relations changes to the Post-Secondary Learning Act (PSLA) to the provincial government, and changes to the PSLA will be considered by Cabinet in the Spring

- The introduction of a full week Fall term break is being explored, and a proposal will be brought to GFC in April

3. Question Period

In response to a question, it was reported that Andrew Sims' report was submitted to the provincial government and has not been made publicly available.

4. Safety Moment

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Linda Dalgetty, Vice-President (Finance and Services), spoke to GFC on the topic of home fire extinguishers.

5. Approval of the February 16, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. One revision to the circulated Minutes was reported at the meeting.

Moved/Seconded

That the Minutes of the General Faculties Council meeting held on February 16, 2017 be approved, with the reported amendment.

Carried

6. Approval of the *Eyes High Strategy 2017-2022*

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Elizabeth Cannon, President and Vice-Chancellor, and 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, and were recognized for their service: Rob Allen, Keith Dobson, Bruce Evelyn, Jon Greggs, Stephan Guscott, Sam Hossack, Jennifer Lock, Leslie Reid, Paul Rogers, Richard Sigurdson, and Dianne Tapp.

Highlights:

- The presenters reviewed the revisions made to the *Eyes High Strategy 2017-2022* since the GFC last discussed the document
- During discussion, the GFC made the following suggestions for further revision:
 - Page 8: "Entrepreneurial thinking is being creative ~~to find~~ **in finding** innovative solutions..."
 - Page 9: "...Multifaceted assessments of teaching **and learning** will provide feedback..."
- A member of GFC requested that the proponents consider incorporating text highlighting the importance of experiential learning in relation to the study of languages

Moved/Seconded

That the General Faculties Council (GFC) approve the *Eyes High Strategy 2017–2022*, as set out in the document provided to the GFC, and as recommended by the GFC Executive Committee, with the suggested amendments.

Carried

The Chair reported that the *Eyes High Strategy 2017-2022* will be brought to the Board of Governors at its March 17, 2017 meeting for approval.

7. Approval of the Revised Academic Schedules for 2018–2021 and the Academic Schedule for 2021-2022

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Angelique Saweczko, Registrar, presented this item.

Highlights:

- The presenter reported that the Academic Schedules for 2017-2021 were previously approved by the GFC, but that some necessary revisions have been identified
- The GFC offered the following feedback about the scheduling of the Reading Days in the Fall term over the Friday and the Monday of a single weekend:
 - This eliminates two days of Monday/Wednesday/Friday instruction, and does not reduce Tuesday/Thursday instruction at all
 - Because this eliminates the Friday and Monday of two separate weeks, this especially impacts the scheduling of course labs

Moved/Seconded

That the General Faculties Council (GFC) approve the revisions to the academic schedules for the years 2018-2019, 2019-2020, and 2020-2021, as set out in the documents provided to the GFC, and approve the academic schedule for 2021-2022 in the form provided to the GFC.

Carried**8. International Undergraduate Student Recruitment Model Update**

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Dru Marshall, Provost and Vice-President (Academic), and Kevin McQuillan, Deputy Provost, presented this item.

Highlights:

- The presenters reminded the GFC that the International Student Recruitment Model sets the University's target population for undergraduate international students, and outlines how this can be achieved through increasing the capacities of foundation and partnership programs, and increasing direct recruiting and support services
- The presenters reported that, in the time since the International Student Recruitment Model was approved in 2014:

- The international undergraduate student population has increased to 7.4% (which is below the target of 10%) and the international graduate student population has increased to 26.1% (which has surpassed the target of 25%)
- There is now a greater diversity of countries of origin of these students, which is a sign of success
- The University has made investments in international student services, and has engaged immigration consultants
- The presenters confirmed that the 10% international undergraduate student target is still the desired target, even though it may not be achievable for another two or three years, and that the three pathways to increasing enrolment (foundation programs, partnership programs, and direct recruiting) remain important to achieving this
- The presenters noted that Continuing Education also attracts many international students to the University, and that it is possible that some Continuing Education students could be recruited into pathway or degree programs
- In response to questions, it was reported that:
 - The University began recruiting international students using dedicated recruiters in 2015-2016
 - Graduate students in course based programs are not funded by the University, but often are supported by their supervisors' grants
 - It is expected that the *Eyes High* scholarships will continue. International students are also eligible for Vanier scholarships.
 - The federal government is aware of the need for increased funding of scholarships for international students
 - The University has not increased tuition for international students to the same degree as other institutions
- A GFC member noted that international postdocs would benefit from inclusion in English training programs designed for international undergraduate students under the International Student Recruitment Model, as postdocs currently lack similar support
- The Chair thanked the presenters, and the Provost's International Strategy Committee members, for their efforts to move the University toward achieving its international student recruitment goals

9. Report on the February 24, 2017 GFC Executive Committee Meeting

A report on the February 24, 2017 meeting 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.

10. Report on the February 13, 2017 Academic Planning and Priorities Committee Meeting

A report on the February 13, 2017 meeting 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.

11. Report on the February 21, 2017 Research and Scholarship Committee Meeting

A report on the February 21, 2017 meeting of the Research and Scholarship Committee (RSC) was circulated with the Agenda. Nancy Arthur, Academic Co-Chair of the RSC, was present to answer questions. There were no questions.

12. Report on the March 2, 2017 Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting

A report on the March 2, 2017 meeting of the Teaching and Learning Committee (TLC) was circulated with the Agenda. Ebba Kurz, Academic Co-Chair of the TLC, was present to answer questions. There were no questions.

13. 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.

14. 2017-2018 GFC and GFC Standing Committees Meeting Schedule

The 2017-2018 GFC and GFC Standing Committees Meeting Schedule was circulated with the Agenda, for information only.

15. Other Business

There was no other business.

16. Adjournment

The Chair announced that the 2017 survey of GFC members will be made available to members this month, either through the D2L platform or SurveyMonkey, and will be open for several weeks. The feedback from the members of the GFC is valuable and will be anonymous.

Moved/Seconded

That the General Faculties Council adjourn the February 16, 2017 meeting.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m.