



UNIVERSITY OF
CALGARY

GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL

Approved Minutes

Meeting #585

Thursday, November 8, 2018, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Science Theatre 147

Voting Members

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Guests

D. Bruckner, Senior Director, Student Wellness - Access and Support – present for Item 11
C. Gerlach, Academic Coordinator for Sustainability – present for Item 10
C. Johns, Senior Director - Academic and International Strategies – present for Item 7

Observers

J. Alho, Associate Vice-President (Government and Community Engagement)
S. Ally, Policy Analyst, Students' Union
H. Ganshorn, Libraries and Cultural Resources
M. Hart, Vice-Provost (Indigenous Engagement)
K. Jackson, General Counsel
C. McVie, Provost's office
Q. Pittman, Cumming School of Medicine
P. Reicher, Associate Vice-President (Communications)
J. Ruwanpura, Vice-Provost (International)
F. Strzelczyk, Deputy Provost

Secretary

S. Belcher

Scribe

E. Sjogren

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

The Chair reported that it was announced earlier today that Ed McCauley has been chosen as the University's next President and Vice-Chancellor. Ed McCauley thanked the University community for the show of support, and stated that he looks forward to working with important bodies such as the General Faculties Council (GFC).

1. Conflict of Interest Declaration

The Chair asked for any conflicts to be declared, and stated that there is always the opportunity to declare a conflict as the GFC moves through its Agenda.

Susan Belcher, University Secretary, reviewed conflicts of interest and how this might apply at GFC.

No conflicts were declared.

2. Remarks of the Chair and Vice-Chair

The Chair included the following in her remarks:

- Representatives of the University have been attending pre-budget meetings with representatives of the provincial government. It has been expressed to the Minister of Finance that the post-secondary Campus Alberta grant needs to increase at a reasonable rate, such as 2% each year. The provincial government recently passed Bill 19 which ties tuition to the Consumer Price Index beginning in the 2020-2021 academic year. The current tuition freeze will continue for 2019-2020, and it is hoped that the next provincial budget will include backfill funding.
- Calgary has relatively fewer provincially-funded post-secondary student spaces than other communities in Alberta, and it is hoped that the government will differentially invest in new student spaces in Calgary
- Work integrated learning is currently a priority at the provincial and federal levels, and it is hoped that there will be funding to grow this type of programming
- The Canada Research Coordinating Committee has been created by the federal government to oversee and improve the coordination efforts of Canada's granting agencies (the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, Canadian Institutes of Health Research, and Canada Foundation for Innovation)

The Vice-Chair included the following in her remarks:

- Bill 19 allows for processes for setting mandatory non-instructional fees and exceptional tuition and fee increases, but the details of this are not yet known. Also, it had been hoped that there would be deregulation of professional graduate education, but it appears that there may be greater regulation in this area.
- The Academic Director of the Hunter Hub for Entrepreneurial Thinking will be announced soon, and the individual will begin their role on January 1, 2019. The search for the Dean of the Werklund School of Education is ongoing, and many outstanding candidates have applied.
- His Highness the Aga Khan received an honorary degree from the University on October 17, 2018, and a Memorandum of Understanding was signed that will create partnerships between the

University and the Aga Khan University to facilitate international cooperation toward advancements in human development, global health, social justice and pluralism studies. These partnerships will be connected to the Institute for Canadian Citizenship and Global Pluralism Centre, and Calgary will host a 6 Degrees pop-up conference in March 2019.

- The new Fall break is next week. This break was created because this is a busy and stressful time of year, and members of the campus community are encouraged to take care of themselves and others, and to be aware of available resources (see www.ucalgary.ca/mentalhealth/).

3. Question Period

In response to a question, the Provost and Vice-President (Academic) acknowledged that there may be some issues with the scheduling of exams and that this schedule requires careful consideration, especially with the introduction of the new Fall break, and that this will be looked at carefully.

4. Safety Moment

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Bart Becker, Vice-President (Facilities), spoke to GFC on the topic of “Safe Winter Walking”, and remarked that calls to Facilities’ Customer Care Centre to report icy outdoor stairs and pathways are helpful.

5. Approval of the October 11, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda.

Moved/Seconded

That the Minutes of the General Faculties Council meeting held on October 11, 2018 be approved.

Carried

6. Approval of a Faculty Name Change for the Faculty of Environmental Design

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Joshua Taron, Associate Dean (Research & Innovation) of the Faculty of Environmental Design (EVDS), presented this item.

Highlights:

- The proponent reported that EVDS has considered changing its name for a number of years, and that the proposed name, the School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape, better reflects the three professional programs in the Faculty. There was broad consultation with stakeholders on the new name, and after much discussion EVDS determined that “School” is the more common term in the environmental design discipline, and is preferred to “Faculty”.
- The GFC discussed that the University uses the term “School” flexibly, for Faculty-like entities, Department-like entities, institutes, and centres, which can be confusing, but the Provost and Vice-President (Academic) remarked that this proposed use fits with the definition of School in the Post-Secondary Learning Act and is appropriate

Moved/Seconded

That the General Faculties Council (GFC) approve the change of name of the Faculty of Environmental Design to the School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape, effective April 1, 2019, as presented to the GFC and as recommended by the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee.

Carried**7. Approval of University Credit Credentials Framework**

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Christine Johns, Senior Director - Academic and International Strategies, presented this item.

Highlights:

- The proponent reported that the Ministry of Advanced Education finalised the Alberta Credential Framework in May 2018, and that the University is now updating its Credit Certificate and Diploma Framework in order to align the nomenclature
- The proponent remarked that the current Post-Bachelor's Certificate and Diploma are being renamed the Graduate Certificate and Diploma, that a Post-Bachelor Certificate at the undergraduate level is being introduced, and that the number of credits for the undergraduate Diploma is being increased
- In response to a question, it was reported that the names 'Graduate Certificate' and 'Graduate Diploma' will be used going forward, and that past recipients of the Post-Bachelor's Certificate and Diploma cannot request new credentials

Moved/Seconded

That the General Faculties Council approve the revised University of Calgary Certificate and Diploma Framework, in the form provided to the Committee, and as recommended by the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee.

Carried**8. Information Technologies Strategic Plan**

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. D'Arcy Moynaugh, Chief Information Officer, presented this item.

Highlights:

- The Provost and Vice-President (Academic) reported that an Information Technologies (IT) Strategic Plan is being developed, with broad consultation
- The presenter reviewed recent IT successes, such as that the University's servers are now more than 98% patched, and reported that the IT Strategic Plan envisages the following:
 - That the former decentralized IT model will continue to evolve into a hybrid centralized model
 - That the University will achieve a managed risk profile
 - Enabling progress toward meeting the goals of the *Eyes High* Strategy, the Academic Plan, and the Research Plan, through initiatives that support teaching, learning, research and

administration. Effort will be made to make impactful changes and reduce barriers to communication, knowledge sharing, collaboration, distance learning, and cross-discipline research.

- A focus on people and institutional platforms, to improve service and the quality of data and to utilise current and emerging technologies
- Discussion included that:
 - Consistent and reliable technology is needed in classrooms. The proponent requested that any specific examples of classrooms in need of attention be sent to him.
 - It is necessary for the Alberta Health Services IT department and the University's IT department to work together. The proponent agreed that there are currently challenges in this area, and that solutions are being considered.
- In response to a question, it was explained that video recordings of major corridors go to Campus Security's Operations Centre, and that these are viewed and retained in compliance with FOIP and privacy rules
- It was suggested that:
 - The IT Strategic Plan reference "scholarship" as well as "teaching, learning, research and administration" as there are distinct IT needs for scholarship
 - Language from the Academic and Research Plans be incorporated into the IT Strategic Plan, as the current document seems somewhat generic. The proponent noted that an Appendix will list specific deliverables to meet the objectives of the Academic and Research Plans.
- The Chair reported that the IT Strategic Plan will be approved by the Board of Governors in December, and stated that any additional feedback should be sent directly to the proponent

9. Enrolment Report 2018

Angelique Saweczko, Registrar, presented this item.

Highlights:

- The presenter reviewed the data in the 2018 Enrolment Report, including:
 - Enrolment is 2.5% above the Fall 2018 target, in part because of increased retention rates in some Faculties
 - Compared to Fall 2017, undergraduate enrolment is up 2.3%, graduate enrolment is up 2.8%, Indigenous enrolment is up 16.7%, international undergraduate enrolment is up 15.9%, and international graduate enrolment is up 1.8%
 - International and Indigenous enrolments are coming closer to the University's targets. The Indigenous data relies on individuals to self-identify.
 - Of the University's 33,492 students (27,093 undergraduate and 6,399 graduate), 54% are female and 46% are male, and this distribution is the same as last year. In the future, there will be another category in addition to female and male.
 - The majority of the University's undergraduates are still from the Calgary area (65%), but the number of students from around Alberta and beyond is increasing

- The top countries of origin for undergraduate students are China, India, Pakistan, Nigeria, and Bangladesh, and the top countries of origin for graduate students are China, Iran, India, the United States, and Mexico
- The retention rate from 2017 for students who enrolled out of high school is 90%, for Indigenous students is 85%, and for International students is 86%
- Discussion included:
 - The University has a sustainable enrolment model, and additional infrastructure and funded student spaces are necessary in order to grow enrolment
 - The province of Alberta has announced the creation of 3,000 new student spaces for technology programs, and the Talent Advisory Council on Technology is advising the government on the allocation of these spaces over five years
 - Universities can offer fee rebates, scholarships, and other supports to international graduate students

10. Institutional Sustainability Strategy 2017-2018 Year-End Progress Report

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Craig Gerlach, Academic Coordinator for Sustainability, presented this item.

Highlights:

- The presenter reviewed the initiatives and accomplishments under the Institutional Sustainability Strategy in 2017-2018, which include:
 - The maintenance of a listing of over 400 sustainability-related courses
 - The Sustainability Studies Embedded Certificate is in its second year, and has students enrolled from a broad range of Faculties
 - Over 80 undergraduate and graduate students were involved in more than 25 'Campus as a Learning Lab' sustainability-related projects. The research aims to solve the complex social, economic, and environmental challenges of sustainability, both locally and globally, utilizing holistic, interdisciplinary, and collaborative approaches.
 - More than 100 events with a sustainability focus took place on campus, and more than 20 student clubs are involved in the Sustainable Development Goals Alliance
 - The University has been certified as a Fair Trade Campus
 - In 2017, the University's greenhouse gas emissions were 36% lower than in 2008
 - The University was named a 2017 Greenest Campus in Canada by Corporate Knights, and has a Gold certification with the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System

11. Student-at-Risk Annual Report

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 remarked that, following the introduction of the stand-alone Student-At-Risk Policy in 2014, the number of reports went up significantly, but have now begun to plateau. There were 182 reports of concern about at-risk behaviour in 2017-2018, which was up 11% from 2016-2017. Through resources such as the Campus Mental Health Strategy, the University community knows to be concerned about the wellbeing of students, and where to access information on what to do if at-risk behaviour needs to be reported.
- In response to questions, the presenters reported that:
 - The SU Wellness Centre sets aside three spots for emergency appointments every day. The presenters observed that screening processes may need to be improved if at-risk students are not being seen quickly.
 - Suicide data is not included in the annual report, in part out of respect for families, but the University's suicide rate is not different from that of institutions of a similar size
- Several members of the GFC thanked the presenters for their efforts in helping students and assisting Faculties

12. Standing Reports

The following reports were received by the GFC for information:

- a) Report on the October 15, 2018 Academic Planning and Priorities Committee Meeting
- b) Report on the October 23, 2018 Research and Scholarship Committee Meeting
- c) Policy Development Update

There were no questions.

12. Other Business

There was no other business.

13. Adjournment**Moved/Seconded**

That the General Faculties Council adjourn the November 8, 2018 meeting.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 3:14 p.m.