



GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL
Approved Minutes

Meeting #606
Thursday, April 8, 2021, 1:30 p.m.

By Zoom platform

Voting Members

E. McCauley, Chair	S. Cork	F. Jalilehvand	D. Paskevich	D. Stewart
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R. Clements	M. Husein	A. Paquette	F. Smith	M. Zytaruk

Guests

D. Book, Legal Counsel – present for Item 7
S. Larter, Associate Vice-President (Research - Innovation) – present for Item 9
J. Wilson, President and Chief Executive Officer, Innovate Calgary – present for Item 9

Observers

J. Alho, Assoc. Vice-President (Government and Community Engagement)
K. Hamilton, President's Office
M. Hart, Vice-Provost (Indigenous Engagement)
M. Hogan, Faculty of Arts
K. Jackson, University General Counsel
C. Johns, Provost's Office
J. Krygier, Faculty Association
M. Kularatne, Students' Union
C. McVie, Provost's Office
A. Morris, Co-Interim Vice-President (Advancement)
R. Pereyra, incoming Students' Union Vice-President (Academic)
T. Poffenroth, incoming Interim Chief Information Officer
J. Ruwanpura, Vice-Provost (International)
M. Smith, Vice-Provost (Equity, Diversity and Inclusion)
F. Strzelczyk, Deputy Provost
R. Thompson, Associate Vice-President (Research)

Secretary

S. Belcher

Scribe

E. Sjogren

Staff

J. Carter
T. Hodzic
C. Tutt

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. and confirmed quorum.

1. Conflict of Interest Declaration

No conflicts were declared.

2. Remarks of the Chair

The Chair included the following in his remarks:

- Ricky Ramdhaney, member of General Faculties Council (GFC) appointed by Student Enrolment Services, passed away on March 18, 2021
- Teri Balsler, Provost and Vice-President (Academic), Corey Hogan, co-Interim Vice-President (Advancement), and Andrea Morris, co-Interim Vice-President (Advancement), were welcomed on this occasion of their first GFC meeting
- Brock Kahanyshyn, Chief Information Officer, Vanessa Wood, Interim Registrar, Frank Finley, Students' Union (SU) President, Semhar Abraha, SU Vice-President (Academic), and several of the SU Faculty representatives were acknowledged on this occasion of their last GFC meeting
- Graduate Students' Association (GSA) members of GFC Tanille Shandro, GSA President, Alex Paquette, GSA Vice-President (Academic), Kabita Baral, GSA Vice-President (Student Life), and Mary Zhang, GSA Vice-President (Finance and Services), were congratulated on their re-elections
- An event relating to the City of Calgary's Mental Health and Addiction Strategy will be held on May 3, 2021, as part of the Canadian Mental Health Association Mental Health Week, and members of the University community are encouraged to participate
- The federal budget will be announced on April 19, 2021. The University and other post-secondary institutions have been advocating for support, and it is hoped that there will be increases in funding for scholarships and work-integrated learning opportunities, and the launch of a green infrastructure fund.
- Members of the University community were reminded to follow the University's Partisan Political Activities Policy during the upcoming 2021 municipal elections
- Recent achievements at the University were celebrated, including: a 42% increase in Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) funding successes; the allocation of 11 more Canada Research Chairs to the University; and the naming of Hussein Warsame, Haskayne School of Business, as a Fellow of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Alberta

3. Remarks of the Vice-Chair

The Vice-Chair included the following in her remarks:

- The welcome as the University's new Provost and Vice-President (Academic) has been tremendous and this is appreciated. The University community is congratulated on their successes during COVID-19, and the opportunities and challenges ahead will be worked on together.
- Guidelines for the Fall 2021 term are being developed and will be communicated as soon as possible in order to allow for planning
- The Provost and Vice-President (Academic) will embark on a learning tour of the University soon, and members of the University community are welcomed to make contact to share ideas about the University's priorities and needs

4. Question Period

There were no questions.

5. Safety Moment

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Linda Dalgetty, Vice-President (Finance and Services), presented on the topic of “Cybersecurity: Phishing Awareness”, specifically noting that phishing does not always involve an enticement to click a link and can take the form of a direction to do something (e.g. the purchasing of Google Play cards).

6. Approval of the March 11, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda.

Moved/Seconded
That the Minutes of the General Faculties Council meeting held on March 11, 2021 be approved. **Carried**

7. Approval of the Revisions to the Student Non-Academic Misconduct Policy and Procedure

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Deborah Book, Legal Counsel, and Susan Barker, Vice-Provost (Student Experience), presented this item.

Highlights:

- The proponents expressed gratitude for the feedback received to date and noted that the policy and procedure have improved as a result. The proponents then reviewed the history of the policy and procedure, reported that the proposed revisions improve language and will ensure alignment with other related policies, and provided an overview of the changes.
- In response to a question, it was reported that any electronic links within the policy and procedure will be fixed before the documents are posted

Moved/Seconded
That the General Faculties Council (GFC) approve the revisions to the Student Non-Academic Misconduct Policy and Procedure, as set out in the documents provided to the GFC and as recommended by the GFC Executive Committee. **Carried**

8. Growth Through Focus Update

Ed McCauley, President and Vice-Chancellor, presented this item.

Highlights:

- The presenter observed that the last year has been challenging, due to the provincial budgets and impacts of COVID-19, and reported that through this environment the University has continued to look to the future and that the Growth Through Focus (GTF) plan will continue to drive the University forward
- The presenter reported that the GTF Congress activities have concluded, with follow-up meetings held with the Students' Union last week and with the Graduate Students' Association yesterday, and it was noted that the student groups have provided valuable feedback
- The Y Station communications and research company has been engaged to prepare a report setting out the feedback received on GTF, and this report will be shared with the University community
- Future steps will include taking proposals through the University governance process as appropriate
- In response to questions, it was reported that:
 - The specific plan for bringing proposals through the governance system is being developed, but it is possible that some proposals will come through the governance system for decision in June
 - Once the report on the GTF feedback is made public, there will be an opportunity for members of the University community to provide further comment

9. Innovation Ecosystem Update

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Stephen Larter, Associate Vice-President (Research - Innovation), and John Wilson, President and Chief Executive Officer, Innovate Calgary, presented this item.

Highlights:

- The presenters provided an update on innovation initiatives at the University, including the Hunter Hub, Life Sciences Innovation Hub, University Innovation Quarter, and UCEED, and gave a description of the Social Innovation Framework and information about postdoctoral scholars' involvement in innovation at the University
- In response to questions, it was reported that:
 - Transdisciplinary research initiatives, such as the Energy Research Strategy, comprise social and technology components and include researchers from across disciplines
 - The San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA) and the Research Services Office encourage the assessment of the impacts of innovation initiatives and companies
 - Effort is being made to communicate qualitatively, as well as quantitatively, about the innovation initiatives at the University
 - It will take time and resources, such as physical space, to grow the University's innovation ecosystem
 - Persons interested in connecting with or developing innovation initiatives can reach out to the proponents directly, and the Hunter Hub can assist students

- The Social Innovation Taskforce and Indigenous Research Support Team will collaborate with the Vice-Provost (Indigenous Engagement) regarding social innovation and Indigenous communities

10. Standing Reports

The following reports were circulated with the Agenda for information only:

- a) Report on the March 24, 2021 GFC Executive Committee Meeting
- b) Report on the March 15 and 29, 2021 Academic Planning and Priorities Committee Meetings
- c) Report on the March 18, 2021 Research and Scholarship Committee Meeting
- d) Report on the March 16, 2021 Teaching and Learning Committee meeting
- e) Report on the March 26, 2021 Board of Governors Meeting
- f) Policy Development Update

11. Other Business

There was no other business.

12. Adjournment

The April 8, 2021 General Faculties Council meeting was adjourned by consensus.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Susan Belcher
University Secretary