

General Faculties Council  
**ACADEMIC PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE**  
Approved Minutes

Meeting #110  
November 4, 2019, 2:00 p.m.

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***Voting Members***

Tara Beattie, Academic Co-Chair  
Elena Braverman  
Nicole Culos-Reed  
Dawn Johnston  
Andy Knight  
Jackie Sieppert  
Barry Wylant

***Non-Voting Members***

Violet Baron  
Paul Rogers  
Florentine Strzelczyk  
Melanie Zimmer

***Secretary***

Susan Belcher

***Regrets***

Dru Marshall  
Mohammed Mansouri  
Jessica Revington

***Scribe***

Cherie Tutt

***Guests***

Lyndsay Campbell, Associate Dean, Faculty of Law – present for Item 5  
Penny Werthner, Dean, Faculty of Kinesiology – present for Item 8  
Robin Yates, Co-Chair of the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee – present for Items 4 & 5

***Observers***

Sara Fedoruk, Analyst, Planning and Reviews – present for Items 5 - 8  
Kelly Hoglund, Program Proposal Specialist – present for Item 5  
Christine Johns, Senior Director (Academic & International Strategies)

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The Academic Co-Chair called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. and confirmed quorum.

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

**Moved/Seconded**

That the Agenda for the November 4, 2019 Academic Planning and Priorities Committee meeting be approved.

**Carried**

## **2. Remarks of the Academic Co-Chair**

The Academic Co-Chair included the following in her remarks:

- Violet Baron, the new Management and Professional Staff (MaPS) representative on the Committee, was welcomed to her first meeting
- The provincial budget was announced on October 24, 2019 and included a significant in-year cut for Post-Secondary Institutions and the end of the tuition freeze. The Executive Leadership Team is currently assessing the impacts to the University and a post-budget town hall will be held on November 18, 2019. With respect to tuition, Management will continue to consult with students as a proposal moves forward, and it was noted that several different tuition models are being considered.
- Fall Convocation will take place on November 15, 2019 members were encouraged to attend

## **3. Approval of the October 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda.

### **Moved/Seconded**

That the Minutes of the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee meeting held on October 21, 2019 be approved with the requested amendments.

**Carried**

## **4. Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee Report for the October 16, 2019 Meeting**

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Robin Yates presented this item.

There were no questions.

## **5. Approval of the Creation of a Course-Based Master of Laws (LLM) General**

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Robin Yates and Lyndsay Campbell presented this item.

Highlights:

- The proponents reported that the Faculty of Law is proposing to create a general (course-based) Master of Laws (LLM) program to expand its current graduate program offerings to reflect a wider range of faculty expertise and attract new students
- The Committee discussed:
  - The admissions requirements
  - The differences between the course-based and thesis-based programs

- The intended audience for this program and how this aligns with the course schedule
- In response to questions, it was explained that:
  - Initially, enrolment in the LLM program is not anticipated to increase, but there will be a change in the composition of the cohort. It was noted there is potential for an increase in the number of students in the LLM.
  - Students will be permitted to take one course outside of the Faculty of Law
- The Committee suggested the following amendments to the proposal:
  - That the reference to “General Faculties Council tuition revenue sharing agreement” be changed to “tuition revenue sharing agreement”
  - It be noted in the Calendar entry that the Graduate Program Director will approve course selection
  - The survey data be clarified
  - The program time-limit be checked to ensure that it aligns with the Faculty of Graduate Studies regulations
  - That the proposal consistently references this as a course-based program and removes references to a research-based program
  - That it needs to be clarified whether this is a terminal program or if a student can progress from this program to a PhD. It was suggested that a survey of other law programs across the country be conducted and that this be made clear to students in recruitment materials.

**Moved/Seconded**

That the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve the creation of a general (course-based) Master of Laws program in the Faculty of Law, as set out in the proposal provided to the Committee, and as recommended by the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee with the requested amendments to the proposal documents to be brought back to the Academic Co-Chair for sign-off.

**Carried****6. Campus and Facilities Development Subcommittee Report for the October 22, 2019 Meeting**

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Florentine Strzelczyk, Co-Chair of the Campus and Facilities Development Subcommittee, presented this item.

**Highlights:**

- In response to questions, it was reported that:
  - The capital projects mentioned in the report are all fully funded and were not impacted by the recent budget announcement
  - Management has been working with the Haskayne School of Business to update the Mathison Hall project plans to ensure the Faculty best utilizes the space to meet its needs

## **7. Approval of the Campus and Facilities Development Subcommittee 2019-2020 Work Plan**

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Florentine Strzelczyk presented this item.

Highlights:

- In response to questions, it was reported that:
  - The government budget announcement relating to capital funding will mean that the list of current projects needs to be re-evaluated. However, it was confirmed that the Interdisciplinary Science and Innovation Centre project is still being prioritized, but it is not listed on the work plan because it is in the early stages of planning. The upgrades to the Kinesiology Complex will also remain on the list to discuss with the government, but funding is not confirmed.
  - The University regularly reviews its space-specific standards in comparison to other U15 post-secondary institutions

### **Moved/Seconded**

That the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee (APPC) approve the Campus and Facilities Development Subcommittee Work Plan for the 2019-2020 academic year, in the form provided to the APPC.

**Carried**

## **8. Quality Assurance Mid-Term Review Report: Faculty of Kinesiology**

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Penny Werthner presented this item.

Highlights:

- The proponent provided an overview of the recommendations from the Faculty of Kinesiology 2016-2017 unit review and reported on progress made, specifically noting that the primary focus was on the integration of the units within the Faculty. It was explained that there have been a number of committees struck to move the recommendations forward.
- The proponent highlighted some of the initiatives resulting from the unit review, including:
  - The development of a formal mentor program for new faculty, post-doctoral fellows and graduate students
  - An increase in undergraduate student enrolment
  - Improving the Faculty's international strategy through the creation of a formal agreement with the Norwegian School of Sport Sciences. It was noted the Faculty is also exploring agreements with other top international schools.
  - Hired a Clinic Manager for the Sports Medicine Centre to assist with integration with the Centre and research in the Faculty and improve the facility's reputation
- The Committee discussed:

- The Faculty's methods for increasing undergraduate student enrolment and whether the new numbers are sustainable. It was noted that the increased numbers are manageable from a teaching perspective, but laboratory space is at capacity.
- The cross-appointments with Medicine and Engineering and the interdisciplinary research conducted with those Faculties
- In response to a question, it was explained that the Faculty has no problem meeting the criteria for Kinesiology accreditation, but that the Faculty may not maintain Physical Education accreditation as there is more research and emphasis around Kinesiology in the Faculty

## **9. Other Business**

There was no other business.

## **10. Adjournment**

### **Moved/Seconded**

That the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee adjourn the November 4, 2019 meeting.

**Carried**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

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Susan Belcher  
University Secretary