

General Faculties Council
GFC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Approved Minutes

Meeting 63
September 4, 2019, 2:00 p.m.

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Voting Members

Ed McCauley, Chair
Dru Marshall, Vice-Chair
Mohamed Abdelsamie
Joule Bergerson
Eloise Carr
Sarah Eaton
Mary O'Brien
Jessica Revington
Lesley Rigg
Richard Sigurdson
Trevor Tombe
Hussein Warsame

Non-Voting Member

Paul Rogers

Secretary

Susan Belcher

Scribe

Elizabeth Sjogren

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. and confirmed quorum.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved/Seconded

That the Agenda for the September 4, 2019 General Faculties Council Executive Committee meeting be approved.

Carried

2. Remarks of the Chair and Vice-Chair

The Chair included the following in his remarks:

- Sarah Eaton, Mary O'Brien, and Richard Sigurdson were welcomed to their first meeting as new members of the Committee, and all members were thanked for their service
- The federal government is funding several initiatives relating to Work Integrated Learning, the Business/Higher Education Roundtable, and the international mobility of students, and the University will work to attain some of these funds in order to help improve the student experience
- It is a priority for the University that international travel by students, staff and faculty, outbound and inbound, be safe and secure, and that appropriate guidance is provided
- Meetings over the summer with representatives of the provincial government provided

opportunities to emphasise the University's value to the province. The recently-released MacKinnon report to the provincial government, which examines the province's finances, includes some recommendations relating to post-secondary education. The University is well positioned to respond to an austerity budget or other changes.

- The University is supportive of the Calgary Economic Development Strategy, and has strong relationships with the City's leadership including the Mayor, Naheed Nenshi, and the new City Manager, David Duckworth
- The Minister of Advanced Education recently appointed new members to the University's Board of Governors, including Geeta Sankappanavar as a new Chair and two new public members

The Vice-Chair included the following in her remarks:

- The induction ceremonies for undergraduate and graduate students were held yesterday, and the new academic staff member orientation sessions were held last week
- The International Strategy is currently being reviewed, including a review by an external team. It is expected that the review team's report will be submitted in October, and then a process to renew the International Strategy over the course of this academic year will be established.
- A review of the Office of Diversity, Equity and Protected Disclosure (ODEPD) was completed in June. Action items are currently being identified, and then a proposal for the ODEPD will come forward.
- A dashboard presenting data on the University's metrics for equity, diversity and inclusion will be presented to the Committee in October and to the General Faculties Council (GFC) in November

3. Approval of the May 28, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda.

Moved/Seconded

That the Minutes of the General Faculties Council Executive Committee meeting held on May 28, 2019 be approved.

Carried

4. Appointment of Two Academic Staff Members to the Academic Program Subcommittee

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. The Chair and Susan Belcher presented this item.

The Committee named, in rank order, academic staff members to be approached by the University Secretariat to serve on the Academic Program Subcommittee. The first two individuals to agree to serve will be deemed appointed by the Committee.

5. Appointment of One Member of the Teaching and Learning Committee to the Campus and Facilities Development Subcommittee

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. The Chair and Susan Belcher presented this

item.

The Committee named, in rank order, members of the Teaching and Learning Committee to be approached by the University Secretariat to serve on the Campus and Facilities Development Subcommittee. The first individual to agree to serve will be deemed appointed by the Committee.

6. Nominations for Election by GFC of Two Academic Staff Members to an Advisory Selection Committee for a Dean of the Faculty of Social Work

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. The Chair and Susan Belcher presented this item.

The Committee named, in rank order, academic staff members to be approached by the University Secretariat to stand for election to an Advisory Selection Committee for a Dean of the Faculty of Social Work. Ideally, four nominees will stand for election at the October 10, 2019 GFC meeting.

7. Revisions to the Terms of Reference of the Schulich School of Engineering Faculty Council and Faculty Council Committee

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda for information only.

8. Other Business

There was no other business.

9. Adjournment

Moved/Seconded

That the General Faculties Council Executive Committee adjourn the September 4, 2019 meeting.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

Susan Belcher
University Secretary