



General Faculties Council
GFC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Approved Minutes

Meeting 76
March 24, 2021, 2:00 p.m.

By Zoom platform

Voting Members

Ed McCauley, Chair
Dru Marshall, Vice-Chair
Semhar Abraha
Joule Bergerson
Sarah Eaton
Meghan McDonough
Mary O'Brien
Alex Paquette
Bill Rosehart
Richard Sigurdson
April Viczko – arrived during Item 2
Hussein Warsame

Non-Voting Member

David Stewart

Secretary

Susan Belcher

Scribe

Elizabeth Sjogren

Staff

Jaclyn Carter

Guests

Susan Barker, Vice-Provost (Student Experience) – present for Item 4
Deborah Book, Legal Counsel – present for Item 4

Observer

Renzo Pereyra, incoming Students' Union Vice-President (Academic)

The 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 March 24, 2021 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:

- Alex Paquette, Graduate Students' Association Vice-President (Academic), was congratulated on his re-election, and Renzo Pereyra, incoming Students' Union Vice-President (Academic), was

welcomed to the meeting as an observer

- Dru Marshall, Provost and Vice-President (Academic) was acknowledged on this occasion of her last General Faculties Council Executive Committee (EC) meeting, and thanked for her contributions to the EC and the University
- The Minister of Advanced Education's Alberta 2030: Building Skills for Jobs recommendations have been approved by the provincial government and the University is expecting information on the new metrics-based funding and Investment Management Agreement soon

The Vice-Chair included the following in her remarks:

- The University's budget will be presented to the Board of Governors on Friday, March 26 for approval, and a budget campus community town hall will be held on Monday, March 29
- The University's Crisis Management Team (CMT) has been discussing the Minister of Advanced Education's March 18 announcement encouraging all post-secondary institutions to prepare for a full return to in-person learning in the Fall 2021 semester and planning is underway

In response to questions, it was reported that:

- Any University rules regarding distancing will align with provincial health guidelines
- With respect to work-integrated learning metrics, the terms 'program' and 'work-integrated learning' will be clearly defined by the Ministry, and the target will be determined by the Ministry and University
- Universities Canada and the U15 continue to work with Immigration Canada to improve the process for international student visas. The Faculty of Graduate Studies has negotiated a reduced rate for international students with two quarantine hotels, and there are resources available through the Registrar and other offices to support international students.

3. Approval of the February 24, 2021 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 February 24, 2021 be approved.

Carried

4. Recommendation of Revisions to the Student Non-Academic Misconduct Policy and Procedure

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Deborah Book and Susan Barker presented this item.

Highlights:

- The proponents provided an overview of the current drafts of the revised Student Non-Academic Misconduct (SNAM) Policy and Procedure and highlighted the changes made since the documents were discussed by the General Faculties Council

- In response to questions, it was reported that:
 - Adjustments appropriate to the local Qatar context are described in an Operating Standard aligned with the SNAM Policy, and this is described in Section 2.2 of the SNAM Policy
 - The Anti-Racism Policy that is being developed will apply to the University as a whole and the student-oriented SNAM Policy and Procedure will not need to be revised in light of the Anti-Racism Policy

Moved/Seconded

That the General Faculties Council (GFC) Executive Committee recommend that the GFC approve the revisions to the Student Non-Academic Misconduct Policy and Procedure, as set out in the documents provided to the Committee.

Carried**5. Review of the Draft April 8, 2021 GFC Agenda**

The Committee reviewed the draft April 8, 2021 GFC Agenda and requested that:

- An update on Growth Through Focus be added as an information item
- Plans for the Fall 2021 semester be presented during the Chair's remarks

6. GFC and GFC Standing Committees Meeting Schedules for 2021-2022 and 2022-2023

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

7. Other Business

There was no other business.

8. Adjournment**Moved/Seconded**

That the General Faculties Council Executive Committee adjourn the March 24, 2021 meeting.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m.