



General Faculties Council
GFC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Approved Minutes

May 17, 2023, 2:00 p.m.

AD 167 (Governors Boardroom)

Voting Members

Ed McCauley, Chair* – arrived during Item 7
Penny Werthner, Vice-Chair
Joule Bergerson*
Olive Chapman
Shaziah Jinnah Morsette*
Rachel Lauer* – arrived during Item 7
Satish Raj
Bill Rosehart – stepped out for Item 9
James Steele* – left during Item 12

Non-Voting Member

David Stewart

Secretary

Courtney McVie

Scribe

Elizabeth Sjogren

Regrets

Jessica Ayala
Aoife Mac Namara
Melanee Thomas

Guests

Kate Hamilton, Executive Director & Chief of Staff, Office of the President – present for Item 12
Corey Hogan, Associate Vice-President (Communications) and Chief Communications Officer, Office of Advancement – present for Item 12
Aritha Van Herk, Faculty of Arts and member of the Strategic Plan drafting team – present for Item 12
Mohammad Keyhani, Haskayne School of Business and member of the Strategic Plan drafting team – present for Item 12

**Attended by Zoom*

The Vice-Chair delivered a Territorial Acknowledgement, called the meeting to order at 2:13 p.m., and confirmed quorum.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved/Seconded

That the Agenda for the May 17, 2023 General Faculties Council Executive Committee meeting be approved.

Carried

2. Remarks of the Vice-Chair

The Vice-Chair included the following in her remarks:

- The Inaugural Black Scholars and Staff Reception was held May 16, 2023 and included speeches by students, Deans, and other leaders
- Additional volunteers are needed for the convocation ceremonies being held May 29-June 2, 2023

3. Approval of the April 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Documentation was circulated with the Agenda.

Moved/Seconded

That the Minutes of the General Faculties Council Executive Committee meeting held on April 28, 2023 be approved, with the requested amendment.

Carried

4. Appointment Work: Naming of the Academic Co-Chair of the Academic Program Subcommittee

Documentation was circulated with the Agenda.

Discussion included that the Committee should maintain awareness of the Faculties of the Academic Co-Chairs, so that no Faculty is dominating the leadership of the General Faculties Council (GFC) standing committees. The University Secretary observed that the Academic Co-Chair recommendations received for this meeting's work are motivated by desire for continuity and experience as 2023-2024 will be a year of Co-Chair transition for some of the GFC standing committees.

Moved/Seconded

That the General Faculties Council Executive Committee name Amy Burns, Werklund School of Education, as the Academic Co-Chair of the Academic Program Subcommittee (APS), for a term until June 30, 2025 or until her time on the APS ends, if that is sooner.

Carried

5. Appointment Work: Naming of the Academic Co-Chair of the Teaching and Learning Committee

Documentation was circulated with the Agenda.

Moved/Seconded

That the General Faculties Council Executive Committee re-name Barbara Brown, Werklund School of Education, as the Academic Co-Chair of the Teaching and Learning Committee, for the 2023-2024 meeting year.

Carried

6. Appointment Work: Appointment of One Member of GFC to the Senate

Documentation was circulated with the Agenda.

In response to a question, it was reported that the University Secretariat has records on the service of GFC members within the GFC standing committees system but does not have records on the service of GFC members beyond that.

The Committee named, in rank order, members of the General Faculties Council (GFC) to be approached by the University Secretariat to serve as a GFC representative on the Senate. The first individual to agree to serve will be deemed appointed by the Committee.

Secretary's Note: Olive Chapman, Werklund School of Education, agreed to serve.

7. Appointment Work: Nominations for Election by GFC of One Academic Staff Member of GFC to the GFC Executive Committee

Documentation was circulated with the Agenda.

The Committee named, in rank order, academic staff members of the GFC to be approached by the University Secretariat to stand for election to the GFC Executive Committee. The first four individuals to agree to stand for election will be presented on a ballot for the election of two by the GFC. The election will be held electronically following the June 8, 2023 GFC meeting.

8. Appointment Work: Nominations for Election by GFC of Two Academic Staff Members to the Advisory Selection Committee for a Dean of the Faculty of Law

Documentation was circulated with the Agenda.

The Committee named, in rank order, academic staff members to be approached by the University Secretariat to stand for election to the Advisory Selection Committee for a Dean of the Faculty of Law. The first four individuals to agree to stand for election will be presented on a ballot for the election of two by the GFC. The election will be held electronically following the June 8, 2023 GFC meeting.

9. Appointment Work: Nominations for Election by GFC of Two Academic Staff Members to the Advisory Selection Committee for a Dean of the Schulich School of Engineering

Documentation was circulated with the Agenda.

The Committee named, in rank order, academic staff members to be approached by the University Secretariat to stand for election to the Advisory Selection Committee for a Dean of the Schulich School of Engineering. The first four individuals to agree to stand for election will be presented on a ballot for the election of two by the GFC. The election will be held electronically following the June 8, 2023 GFC meeting.

10. Appointment Work: Appointment of the Chair, Research Ethics Appeal Board

Documentation was circulated with the Agenda.

Moved/Seconded

That the General Faculties Council Executive Committee re-appoint Chris Sears, Faculty of Arts, as the Chair of the Research Ethics Appeal Board, effective May 20, 2023 and for a three-year term, as recommended by the Vice-President (Research).

Carried

11. Appointment Work: Appointment of a GFC Representative to the University of Calgary Properties Group (formerly West Campus Development Trust Board)

Documentation was circulated with the Agenda.

In response to questions, it was reported that Scott Radford's expertise makes him a valuable member of the Board and that this will be his final term.

Moved/Seconded

That the General Faculties Council (GFC) Executive Committee re-appoint Scott Radford, Haskayne School of Business, as the GFC representative on the University of Calgary Properties Group (formerly the West Campus Development Corporation Board), for a three-year term effective June 18, 2023.

Carried

12. Proposed Strategic Plan – Ahead of Tomorrow

Documentation was circulated with the Agenda. Ed McCauley, President and Vice-Chancellor, Penny Werthner, Provost and Vice-President (Academic), Kate Hamilton, Corey Hogan, Aritha Van Herk, and Mohammad Keyhani presented this item.

Highlights:

- The proponents reviewed the current draft of the proposed Strategic Plan, noting that recent revisions include adding a definition of 'entrepreneurial thinking' that clarifies the meaning of this for the University and including recognition of former faculty and staff as valuable contributors to the University's mission
- The Committee expressed satisfaction with the definition of 'entrepreneurial thinking' and its placement within the document, and expressed appreciation that one of the Strategy 1 initiatives now reads "required programming" rather than "required courses"
- Discussion resulted in the following suggestions:
 - Strategy 1 preamble: revise "ethical entrepreneurialism" to "ethical thinking"
 - Strategy 1, Objective B: clarify the target enrolment numbers
 - Strategy 1, Objective C: revise to read "opportunity for meaningful entrepreneurial and

critical thinking”

- Strategy 1, Initiatives: reorder/renumber these to move “create required programming focussed on entrepreneurial thinking” after “develop innovative programming” and “expand understanding of the University’s foundational commitments”, and then revise the required programming initiative to read “expand” rather than “create” as some programs already exist
- Strategy 4, Objective A: revise “ease and speed of services and supports” to read “availability, ease and speed of services and supports”
- In response to questions, it was reported that:
 - There will be a dashboard setting out metrics relating to the Strategic Plan, including enrolment data starting from now and showing progress toward targets
 - The University’s commitment to equity, diversity, inclusion and accessibility and *ii’ taa’poh’to’p* (the University’s Indigenous Strategy) will be reinforced in communications relating to the Strategic Plan

Moved/Seconded

That the General Faculties Council (GFC) Executive Committee recommend that the GFC approve the Strategic Plan ‘Ahead of Tomorrow’, in the form provided to the Committee and with the requested amendments.

Carried

13. Review of the Draft May 11, 2023 GFC Agenda

Documentation was circulated with the Agenda.

It was reported that:

- A demonstration of the new University Calendar software, CourseDog, is added to the agenda for information
- The Student Experience annual report will be given in the Fall rather than at the June 8 meeting

14. Annual Committee Performance Review and Review of the General Faculties Council Executive Committee Terms of Reference

Documentation was circulated with the Agenda.

There was no discussion.

15. Other Business

There was no other business.

16. Adjournment

Moved/Seconded

That the General Faculties Council Executive Committee adjourn the May 17, 2023 meeting.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

Courtney McVie
University Secretary