



General Faculties Council  
Executive Committee  
Approved Open Session Minutes

Monday, October 17, 2016  
2-31 South Academic Building (SAB)  
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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**ATTENDEES:**

Voting Members:

Steven Dew (Delegate)	Acting Chair, President and Vice-Chancellor, University of Alberta
Marina Banister	Member, Vice-President (Academic), SU
Lisa Collins	Member, Vice-Provost and University Registrar
Duncan Elliott	Member, Academic Staff, elected from/by GFC
Paul Jurasz	Member, Academic Staff, elected from/by GFC
Sarah Ficko (Delegate)	Member, Vice-President (Academic), GSA
Anita Molzahn	Member, Academic Staff, elected from/by GFC
Eleni Stroulia	Member, Academic Staff, elected from/by GFC
Kathleen Weiss	Member, Academic Staff, elected from/by GFC
Jonathan White	Member, Academic Staff, elected from/by GFC
Sheena Wilson	Member, Academic Staff, elected from/by GFC

Presenter(s):

Steven Dew	Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and Acting Chair, GFC Executive Committee
Lisa Collins	Vice-Provost and University Registrar
Meg Brolley	GFC Secretary and Manager of GFC Services
Mary Persson	Associate Vice-President (Audit and Analysis) and University Auditor, Internal Audit Services
Logan Mardhani-Bayne	Initiatives Manager, Audit & Analysis
Andrew Sharman	Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)
Naomi Krogman	Director of Sustainability Scholarship and Education, Office of the Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
Shannon Leblanc	Sustainability Coordinator, Office of Sustainability

Staff:

Meg Brolley, General Faculties Council (GFC) Secretary and Manager of GFC Services  
Marion Haggarty-France, University Secretary  
Andrea Patrick, Scribe

**OPENING SESSION**

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Molzahn/Ficko

THAT the GFC Executive Committee approve the Agenda.

**CARRIED**

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of September 12, 2016

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Wilson/Ficko

THAT the GFC Executive Committee approve the Minutes of September 12, 2016.

**CARRIED**

3. Comments from the Acting Chair

The Acting Chair commented on the recent passing of alumnus and former Premier Jim Prentice. He also provided members with an update in regards to various review and search committees, the status of input from the academy regarding changes to Provincial labour legislation, and an update in regards to the GFC *Ad Hoc* Committee on Academic Governance Including Delegated Authority.

On behalf of the Chair, the Acting Chair invited members to provide feedback on the GFC meeting of September 26, 2016.

**ACTION ITEMS**

4. Revision to Parchment for the Joint Shared Credential graduate Programs Universidade Estadual de Campinas (Unicamp), Brazil and University of Alberta (Faculty of Graduate Studies and Faculty of Science) to remove Master of Science

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter(s)*: Lisa Collins

*Purpose of the Proposal*: To revise the parchment for the Joint Shared Credential Graduate Programs with Universidade Estadual de Campinas (Unicamp) to include only the Doctor of Philosophy degree (as the Master of Science option will not be offered).

*Discussion*:

Ms Collins explained that revisions to this agreement reflect the revision made to the program.

Members briefly discussed the purpose of this proposal.

Motion: Collins/Stroulia

THAT the GFC Executive Committee approve, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, revisions to the parchment for the Joint Shared Credential Graduate Program between the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research and the Faculty of Science, and Universidade Estadual de Campinas (Unicamp), to apply only to the Doctor of Philosophy degree, to take effect upon final approval.

**CARRIED**

5. Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research - Renumbering AGRMT 900 to AGRMT 903 (within the same level)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter(s):* Meg Brolley

*Purpose of the Proposal:* To renumber AGRMT 900 to AGRMT 903 (course at the same level).

Motion: Collins/Molzahn

THAT the GFC Executive Committee approve, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the proposed renumbering of AGRMT 900 TO AGRMT 903, as submitted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, effective Spring 2017.

**CARRIED**

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### 6. For the Public Good: Preliminary Recommendations for Performance Indicators

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter(s):* Mary Persson; Logan Mardhani-Bayne

*Purpose of the Proposal:* For information/discussion.

#### *Discussion:*

Ms Persson explained that document before members is for feedback as part of the consultation process, adding that a revised version would come back to committee for information. While the indicators presented are quantitative, Ms Persson noted that qualitative data would also be very important and was being developed. Mr Mardhani-Bayne emphasized that the process will be designed to avoid additional administrative burdens.

During the discussion in relation to this proposal, members discussed how these metrics may overlap with other measures, as well as a suggestion to include qualitative measures. In addition, members discussed that there may be problems identifying measures which would work across all Faculties. Members discussed how data from the Annual Report may contribute to the performance indicators.

Ms Persson clarified that the some of the targets used within the document was taken from other institutional reports, and should not be considered definitive at this time.

### 7. Sustainability Plan 2016-2020

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter(s):* Andrew Sharman; Naomi Krogman; Shannon Leblanc

*Purpose of the Proposal:* For information/discussion.

#### *Discussion:*

Mr Sharman explained that this new sustainability plan has been developed for 2016-2020 and includes a companion document on academic programming. He reported that the plan outlines areas for improving the academy's sustainability performance and educational planning, and that it will be used to help guide strategic decisions across the institution, including academic opportunities and operational initiatives.

Dr Krogman provided members with the history of the University's performance under the STARS (Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System), noting that the institution moved from a Silver to a Gold rating in 2014. She reported that the new plan sets the course for the next several years, and was based on extensive consultation with over 600 individuals. She stated that the academic companion document contains numerous goals and strategies for both faculty and students, and is reflective of a growing academic interest in sustainability.

In response to this presentation, members sought clarification about the link between this plan and *For the Public Good*, and there was discussion surrounding IST infrastructure in relation to sustainability. A member suggested adding citations to the document.

8. Question Period

There were no questions.

**INFORMATION REPORTS**

9. Items Approved by the GFC Executive Committee by email ballots

There were no items.

10. Information Items Forwarded to GFC Executive Committee between Meetings

There were no items.

**CLOSING SESSION**

11. Adjournment

The Acting Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.