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September 27, 2016, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.   A167

Voting Members	*Non-Voting Members*
Elizabeth Cannon, Chair	Sandra Hoenle
Dru Marshall, Vice-Chair	
Abubaker Abdelhafiz	*Secretary*
Tara Beattie	Susan Belcher
David Cramb	
Tina Gabriele	*Scribe*
Alicia Lunz	Elizabeth Sjogren
Lorraine Radtke	
Jo Towers	

Regrets
Mike Foley
Nancy Pollock-Ellwand
Dennis Sumara

Guests
Jerome Beaudoin, Chief Information Officer – present for Item 8
Linda Dalgetty, Vice-President (Finance and Services) – present for Item 8
Bruce Evelyn, Vice-Provost (Planning and Resource Allocation) and member of the Energizing *Eyes High*
    Secretariat – present for Item 9
Loren Falkenberg, Associate Dean (Research), Haskayne School of Business, and Chair of the Energizing
    Eyes High Secretariat – present for Item 9

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. and confirmed quorum.

1. **Approval of the Agenda**

Based on information communicated at the meeting that the General Merit Committee (GMC) may be needed this year, the Committee agreed to nominate individuals to serve on the GMC, and this item was added to the Agenda as Item number 6a.

Moved/Seconded
That the Agenda for the September 27, 2016 General Faculties Council Executive Committee meeting be approved, with the suggested amendment.
Carried

2. **Remarks of the Chair**

The Chair included the following in her remarks:

- The new members of the Committee were welcomed to their first meeting

- There have been recent federal announcements regarding funding through the Canada First Research Excellence Fund (CFREF) and Strategic Infrastructure Fund (SIF). The University received CFREF funding for a clean energy research project entitled *Global Research Initiative in Sustainable Low Carbon Unconventional Resources*, and funding for eight SIF projects.

- The federal government's review of funding for fundamental science is underway. This review may result in added investments in the Tri-Council.

- The provincial government will soon make announcements regarding post-secondary tuition and budgets. The government is committed to post-secondary education, but the current economy is challenging.

- The four Alberta Innovates corporations are being merged into a single corporation. A search is underway for a Chief Executive Officer for the new corporation.

- The provincial government has opened the *Post-Secondary Learning Act* (PSLA) to look at adding 'right to strike' and 'lock out' provisions

- The Energizing *Eyes High* process has been launched. Consultation will continue through November, and it is expected that a renewed *Eyes High* strategic direction will start to move through the approval process in January 2017.

- Events celebrating the University's 50th Anniversary will continue throughout the year

3. **Remarks of the Vice-Chair**

The Vice-Chair included the following in her remarks:

- Enrolment is up 2-3% this year

- The University's budget process kicked off today

- It is expected that the University's Indigenous Strategy will be ready for approval in April 2017 and launch in June 2017

- The University's Mental Health Strategy (MHS) was launched in December 2015. Andrew Szeto has been hired as the Director for the implementation of the MHS. UFlourish Week will be held from October 3-7, 2016, and members of the campus community are encouraged to participate in events during this week.

4. **Approval of the June 14, 2016 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 June 14, 2016 be approved.

Carried

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5.   Recommendation of the 2016-2017 General Faculties Council Executive Committee Work Plan

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Elizabeth Cannon, Chair, and Dru Marshall, Vice-Chair, presented this item.

It was reported that the item "Review of the Indigenous Strategy" should be added to the Work Plan for March/April 2017.

Moved/Seconded

That the General Faculties Council Executive Committee (EC) recommend that the General Faculties Council approve the EC Work Plan for the 2016-17 academic year, as set out in the form provided to the Committee, and with the requested amendment.

Carried

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6.   Appointment of One Academic Staff Member to the Campus and Facilities Development Subcommittee

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda.

The EC nominated, in rank order, academic staff members to be approached by the University Secretariat to serve on the Campus and Facilities Development Subcommittee. The first person to agree to serve will be considered appointed by the EC.

6a. Nominations of Academic Staff Members for the General Merit Committee: for GFC Approval of the Slate of 8 and GFC Election of Two Academic Staff Members and Two Academic Staff Members in Reserve

Documentation for this item was tabled during the meeting.

The EC nominated, in rank order, academic staff members to be approached by the University Secretariat to: 1) stand for appointment to the General Merit Committee (GMC) Slate of Eight, and 2) stand for election to the GMC. The first seven professorial academic staff members and first one non-professorial academic staff member to agree to serve will be presented to General Faculties Council (GFC) as a slate for appointment. The first six persons to agree to stand for election will appear on the ballot at the October 13, 2016 GFC meeting.

7.   Review of Draft October 13, 2016 General Faculties Council Agenda

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda.

The Committee reviewed the draft October 13, 2016 GFC agenda, and directed that the GMC appointment/election item be added.

8. **Presentation on Operating Standards**

Jerome Beaudoin, Chief Information Officer, and Linda Dalgetty, Vice-President (Finance and Services) presented this item. Documentation for this item was tabled at the meeting.

Highlights:

- The presenters reviewed draft excerpts of an Information Technologies (IT) Operating Standards and Practices relating to Managed and Unmanaged Devices. The operating standards and practices will apply to all PC and Mac desktops and laptops, but not to other devices such as phones and tablets.

- It was reported that unmanaged devices will not be blocked from critical systems such as webmail, Desire2Learn, PeopleSoft, the ucalgary.ca website, and some web-enabled services, however, unmanaged devices will not have access to managed networks.

- The Committee was informed that IT is working on completing the transfer of University and Faculty servers to managed space, completing an inventory of all hardware, and trying to address challenges as they arise

- The Committee discussed that:

  o Having a device be managed is voluntary

  o There are challenges to loading software to managed machines, including that some older or specialized software is not compatible with the managed space

- The Committee learned that unmanaged devices will likely not be covered by the University's insurer if they are compromised by malware, and suggested that this information be clearly communicated

- The presenters advised that the excerpts of the IT Operating Standards and Practices relating to Managed and Unmanaged Devices will be provided to GFC for information only

9. **Energising Eyes High Update**

Loren Falkenberg, Associate Dean (Research), Haskayne School of Business, and Chair of the Energizing *Eyes High* Secretariat, and Bruce Evelyn, Vice-Provost (Planning and Resource Allocation) and member of the Energizing *Eyes High* Secretariat, presented this item.

Highlights:

- The presenters reported that the process to renew the University's *Eyes High* strategic direction is underway. The consultation process is based on the principles that it be: educational, collaborative, consultative, inclusive, leveraged, aspirational but grounded, and inspirational.

- It is expected that the new strategic direction will be ready for approval in April 2017

- The initiative has five pillars: 1) Sharpen Focus on Research and Scholarship, 2) Enrich the Quality and Breadth of Learning, 3) Fully Integrate the University with the Community, 4) Campus Culture, and 5) Student Experience

- Members of the campus community will be able to engage in the consultation process in a number of ways, including through participation in: focus groups, surveys and polls, a roving video messaging booth, environmental scans, Faculty/unit strategies, and e-mail messages. People can

increase their participation by attending more than one focus group session, answering several weekly polls, or completing more components of the survey.

- There will also be external consultation sessions, such as breakfast and round table events with donors, alumni, business leaders, and community partners

- The proponents reported that a dashboard will be produced and made available every Monday, tracking participation

- The Committee suggested that it be made clear to the campus community that the entire survey does not have to be completed at once, but that it can be done in five sections (one section per pillar)

- The proponents asked that any suggestions for questions to ask in the weekly poll be sent directly to them

10. **Other Business**

There was no other business.

11. **Adjournment**

Moved/Seconded

That the General Faculties Council Executive Committee adjourn the September 27, 2016 meeting.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m.