

General Faculties Council  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
Approved Minutes

Meeting 32  
March 1, 2016, 2:00 p.m.

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***Voting Members***

Elizabeth Cannon, Chair  
David Cramb  
Sam Hossack  
Cynthia Mannion  
Rob Newton (via telephone, arrived at 2:28 p.m. during Item 6)  
Brenda O'Neill  
Jo Towers

***Non-Voting Member***

Sandra Hoenle

***Regrets***

Lynne Cowe Falls  
Alastair Cribb  
Stephan Guscott  
Dru Marshall, Vice-Chair  
Nancy Pollock-Ellwand

***Secretary***

Susan Belcher

***Scribe***

Elizabeth Sjogren

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m. The Chair remarked that because there was no quorum present, the General Faculties Council (GFC) Executive Committee (EC) would proceed with the meeting's discussion items while the University Secretariat pursued the attendance of additional EC members.

Quorum was achieved at 2:28 p.m. during Item 6, which was handled first.

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

**Moved/Seconded**

That the Agenda for the March 1, 2016 General Faculties Council Executive Committee meeting be approved.

**Carried**

**2. Remarks of the Chair**

The Chair included the following in her remarks:

- The provincial government's budget planning is underway. In addition to operating funding, the

University is hopeful to receive some infrastructure funding. The provincial budget will be announced in early April, after the federal government's budget announcement.

- Diversification is a priority for the provincial government during these difficult economic times. Data shows that students often remain where they took their education, and so it makes sense that the provincial government would invest in the post-secondary sector.
- The University is sending strong and consistent messages to the provincial and federal governments, as well as other stakeholders, and is planning responsibly

### **3. Approval of the February 2, 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 February 2, 2016 be approved.

**Carried**

### **4. Nominations for Election by GFC to the Advisory Review Committee for the Dean of the Faculty of Arts**

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda.

The EC nominated, in rank order, tenured academic staff members to be approached by the University Secretariat to stand for election to the Advisory Review Committee (ARC) for the Dean of the Faculty of Arts. The first four persons to agree to stand for election will appear on the ballot at the March 17, 2016 GFC meeting.

### **5. Nominations for Election by GFC to the Advisory Review Committee for the Dean of the Faculty of Kinesiology**

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda.

The EC nominated, in rank order, tenured academic staff members to be approached by the University Secretariat to stand for election to the ARC for the Dean of the Faculty of Kinesiology. The first four persons to agree to stand for election will appear on the ballot at the March 17, 2016 GFC meeting.

### **6. Energizing the *Eyes High* Strategic Direction**

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Elizabeth Cannon, President and Vice-Chancellor, presented this item.

Highlights:

- The *Eyes High* strategic direction was approved in 2011, with a five-year span linked to the University's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. An effort to renew the *Eyes High* strategic direction has been initiated, starting with a preliminary consultation period to help define the principles, timeline,

and scope for this, and then a more fulsome consultation will be started in September 2016 that will end with the approval of the new strategy in the Winter term of 2017. It is felt that the foundational commitments in *Eyes High* are enduring, but the narrative should be updated to reflect the University now, and the current economic climate and post-secondary trends.

- The EC discussed the following:
  - As many members of the campus community weren't here in 2011, it is important to educate the current community about the purpose of *Eyes High* and to highlight the University's accomplishments over the life of the strategy
  - It will need to be determined whether the *Eyes High* title should be maintained as is or as part of a new title. The EC was not able to reach consensus around a new title to suggest.
  - It was agreed that it is important to emphasise the University's positive forward momentum, and it was suggested that this be included in the bulleted list of principles
  - The *Eyes High* goals resonate with members of the campus community, including students, staff and faculty, and many smaller initiatives have been tied to *Eyes High*. As *Eyes High* is renewed, it is therefore desirable to maintain many of its stated goals.
  - Some units have undergone significant change in recent years, and it was suggested that the pace of change should be taken into account in developing the new strategy
- The proponent invited the EC to send any additional feedback directly to her

#### **7. Review of Draft March 17, 2016 General Faculties Council Agenda**

The EC reviewed the draft Agenda for the March 17, 2016 meeting of GFC.

In response to a question, the Chair confirmed that there has been progress on implementing the University's International Strategy, and that the Vice-Chair could give an update on this to GFC before the end of the academic year.

#### **8. Other Business**

There was no other business.

#### **9. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

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Susan Belcher  
University Secretary