

General Faculties Council
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Approved Minutes

Meeting 41
February 24, 2017, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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Voting Members

Elizabeth Cannon, Chair
Dru Marshall, Vice-Chair
Tara Beattie
David Cramb
Mike Foley
Tina Gabriele
Alicia Lunz
Adrienne Offenbecker
Jo Towers *

Secretary

Susan Belcher

Scribe

Elizabeth Sjogren

Regrets

Sandra Hoenle
Nancy Pollock-Ellwand
Lorraine Radtke
Dennis Sumara

Guests

Loren Falkenberg, Chair of the Energizing *Eyes High* Secretariat – present for Item 5
Leslie Reid, member of the Energizing *Eyes High* Secretariat – present for Item 5

**by telephone*

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and confirmed quorum.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved/Seconded

That the Agenda for the February 24, 2017 General Faculties Council Executive Committee meeting be approved.

Carried

2. Remarks of the Chair

The Chair included the following in her remarks:

- Adrienne Offenbecker, representative of the Graduate Students' Association, was welcomed to her first meeting
- This week's trip to New York and Washington, D.C. included a number of successful alumni events

3. Remarks of the Vice-Chair

The Vice-Chair included the following in her remarks:

- The process to select a Dean for the Qatar Faculty is continuing, and the agreement with the State of Qatar is currently under re-negotiation
- The Post-Secondary Learning Act will be on the provincial government's spring docket
- The provincial government's task force reviewing tuition and mandatory fees has had productive discussions, and will report to the government in due course
- The provincial government's post-secondary funding model is in development

In response to a question, it was reported that the report to the federal government on the review of federal funding for fundamental science will be made publicly available after the federal budget is announced.

4. Approval of the January 31, 2017 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 January 31, 2017 be approved.

Carried

5. Recommendation of the Energized Eyes High Strategy Document

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Loren Falkenberg, chair of the Energizing *Eyes High* Secretariat, and Leslie Reid, member of the Energizing *Eyes High* Secretariat, presented this item.

Highlights:

- The Chair reported that the Executive Leadership Team reviewed the document earlier today, and recommended the following revisions:
 - Page 10, Where We Are: “We ~~want to be~~ are recognized...” and “We ~~will also work to increase~~ are increasing opportunities...”

- The presenter reviewed the changes to the document made since the February 14, 2017 General Faculties Council (GFC) meeting, including making the concepts of ‘leadership and innovation in teaching and learning’ and ‘quality instruction’ more distinct, and revising the definition of entrepreneurial thinking
- The Committee expressed strong support of the document, and during discussion made suggestions for further editing including:
 - Making the second box on page 10 consistent with the other boxes: “We value sustainable ways of living, working and learning. ~~We care about and take~~ and taking responsibility for our physical, natural and fiscal environments.”
 - Page 9, Relevant Curriculum: “...teaches students how to explore bold new approaches ~~while managing risk~~”
- In response to questions, it was stated that:
 - Additional details and examples of initiatives will be included in the Academic Plan (AP), Strategic Research Plan (SRP), and Report to Community
 - It is not necessary to develop a standalone Community Plan because the AP and SRP both incorporate strategies and activities relating to the community
 - “Local and extended communities” refers to the University’s global reach and includes regional, national, and international locales

Moved/Seconded

That the General Faculties Council Executive Committee recommend that the General Faculties Council approve the energized *Eyes High* strategy document, in the form provided to the Committee, with the reported and recommended amendments.

Carried

The Chair reported that the *Eyes High Strategy 2017-2022* will be presented to GFC on March 9, 2017, and the Board of Governors on March 17, 2017, for approval, and then will be launched in April.

In response to the Chair’s request for the Committee’s opinions on whether the visual identity of *Eyes High* should be changed, the Committee suggested that the branding should be energized.

6. Item withdrawn

7. Academic Program Subcommittee: Appointment of One Academic Staff Member and Naming of the Academic Co-Chair

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda.

The Committee nominated, in rank order, academic staff members of GFC to be approached by the University Secretariat for appointment to the Academic Program Subcommittee (APS) for a term ending June 30, 2020. The first nominee to agree to serve will be deemed appointed by the EC.

Secretary’s note: Following the meeting, Shahirose Premji, Faculty of Nursing, was appointed.

The Committee also nominated, in rank order, current academic staff members of the APS to be approached by the University Secretariat to serve as the Academic Co-Chair of the APS. The first nominee to agree to serve will be deemed appointed by the EC.

Secretary's note: Following the meeting, Joelle Welling, Faculty of Arts, was appointed.

8. Approval of the 2017 GFC Member Survey

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. The Chair and the University Secretary presented this item.

Highlights:

- The proponents reported that the survey was revised based on the feedback received from the Committee at its January 31, 2017 meeting and a meeting with Dr. Sarah Eaton from the Werklund School of Education who provided advice on the format of the questions
- In response to questions, it was stated that:
 - The survey will be made available to the members of the GFC either through the Desire2Learn platform or through Survey Monkey
 - The responses to the survey will be anonymous
- The proponents indicated that a report on the survey results will be presented to the GFC before the end of the meeting year

Moved/Seconded

That the General Faculties Council Executive Committee approve the 2017 General Faculties Council Member Survey, in the form provided to the Committee.

Carried

9. Review of the Draft March 9, 2017 General Faculties Council Agenda

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda.

The EC reviewed the draft agenda for the March 9, 2017 meeting of GFC.

A member of the Committee signalled concern about the approved Reading Days in the Academic Schedule for 2017-2018, as these fall on the Friday of one week and the Monday of the next week and this is problematic for teaching. The Vice-Chair stated that she would alert the Registrar to this concern prior to the March 9, 2017 GFC meeting.

10. Other Business

There was no other business.

11. Adjournment

The February 24, 2017 General Faculties Council Executive Committee meeting was adjourned by consensus.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Susan Belcher
University Secretary