

General Faculties Council
GFC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Approved Minutes

Meeting 43
May 2, 2017, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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Voting Members

Elizabeth Cannon, Chair
Dru Marshall, Vice-Chair
David Cramb
Mike Foley – arrived during Item 3
Tina Gabriele
Negar Mohammadi
Lorraine Radtke
Jo Towers

Secretary

Susan Belcher

Scribe

Elizabeth Sjogren

Regrets

Tara Beattie
Sandra Hoenle
Tina Miller
Nancy Pollock-Ellwand
Dennis Sumara

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m. and confirmed quorum.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved/Seconded

That the Agenda for the May 2, 2017 General Faculties Council Executive Committee meeting be approved.

Carried

2. Remarks of the Chair

The Chair included the following in her remarks:

- The *Eyes High Strategy 2017-2022* was launched at an event on Friday, April 28, 2017
- The Naylor report to Kirsty Duncan, federal Minister of Science, on Canada's Fundamental Science Review was published on April 10, 2017. The report has been well received for being evidence based and containing rigorous benchmarking and analysis, and will inform dialogue with the Minister and Prime Minister in advance of the next federal budget.

3. Remarks of the Vice-Chair

The Vice-Chair included the following in her remarks:

- The Advisory Search Committee for a Vice-Provost (Indigenous Engagement) has started meeting, and the appointment will be made this summer. The Vice-Provost (Indigenous Engagement) will be involved in finalising the Indigenous Strategy and its implementation.
- The provincial government's tuition and mandatory fees working group has nearly completed its work, and soon Caucus will discuss possible new models
- A retreat for representatives of the Comprehensive Academic and Research Institutions (CARI) will be held this week, and topics for discussion will include CARI funding and the recent changes to the Post-Secondary Learning Act with respect to labour relations

4. Approval of the March 28, 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 March 28, 2017 be approved.

Carried

5. Approval of Revision to the GFC Student Academic Appeals Committee Terms of Reference

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

Highlights:

- The presenters reported that:
 - The proposal to increase the number of Co-Chairs of the General Faculties Council (GFC) Student Academic Appeals Committee (SAAC) from three to five was prepared at the direction of the Committee in order to allow for greater workload sharing and flexibility in scheduling appeal hearings
 - At its May 2, 2017 meeting, the Committee made nominations for the appointment of two new Co-Chairs of the SAAC. If this proposal is approved, this list will be used to appoint the additional two new Co-Chairs.
- A member of the Committee remarked that it will be important to train the new SAAC Co-chairs, and the University Secretary confirmed that training documentation and meetings will be provided

Moved/Seconded

That the General Faculties Council (GFC) Executive Committee approve the revisions to the GFC Student Academic Appeals Committee Terms of Reference and the Processes for Appointing to the General Faculties Council Student Academic Appeals Committee for Hearings, as set out in the documents provided to the Committee.

Carried**6. Nominations for Appointment to the Academic Program Subcommittee**

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

The Committee nominated, in rank order, academic staff members to be approached by the University Secretariat to serve on the Academic Program Subcommittee. The first two persons to agree to serve will be considered appointed by the Committee. A report listing the persons appointed will be circulated with the Agenda for the June 15, 2017 meeting of GFC.

7. Nominations for Appointment to the Campus and Facilities Development Subcommittee

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

The Committee 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 three persons to agree to serve will be considered appointed by the Committee. A report listing the persons appointed will be circulated with the Agenda for the June 15, 2017 meeting of GFC.

8. Nominations for Appointment to the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee

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

The Committee nominated, in rank order, academic staff members to be approached by the University Secretariat to serve on the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee. The first two persons to agree to serve will be considered appointed by the Committee. A report listing the persons appointed will be circulated with the Agenda for the June 15, 2017 meeting of GFC.

9. Naming of the Academic Co-Chair of the Research and Scholarship Committee

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

The Committee discussed that Nancy Arthur was appointed to a one-year term as the Research and Scholarship Committee (RSC) Academic Co-Chair last year, because her term as a member of the RSC was until June 30, 2017, but that she has now been re-appointed by the Werklund School of Education to serve

as the Faculty's representative on the RSC until June 30, 2019.

Moved/Seconded

That the General Faculties Council Executive Committee appoint Nancy Arthur, Werklund School of Education, as the Academic Co-Chair of the Research and Scholarship Committee, for a two-year term effective July 1, 2017.

Carried**10. Appointment of 15 Current Faculty Appeals Committee Members to the GFC Student Academic Appeals Committee Pool of Academic Staff Members**

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

The Committee appointed fifteen current Faculty Appeals Committee members to form a pool of academic staff members to be approached to serve for SAAC hearings as needed.

11. Review of the Draft May 18, 2017 General Faculties Council Agenda

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda.

The Committee reviewed the draft agenda for the May 18, 2017 meeting of GFC and provided feedback.

12. Process for the Renewal of the Academic and Research Plans

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Dru Marshall, Provost and Vice-President (Academic), presented this item.

Highlights:

- The presenter reported that:
 - The process to renew the Academic Plan (AP) and Strategic Research Plan (SRP) will be co-led by the Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and the Vice-President (Research)
 - The AP and SRP will be renewed following a parallel consultation and drafting process, rather than a sequential process as was done in 2012
 - The process will include reviewing the feedback collected during the Energizing *Eyes High* consultation, and reviewing the higher education trends literature. Using this information, a questionnaire will be developed and sent to the campus community in late May/early June. Data will be collected and analyzed in late June/early July, and drafting will occur over the summer. Drafts of the new plans will be broadly circulated for feedback in the Fall, and it is anticipated that the renewed plans will be ready for approval in December 2017.
- The Committee discussed that many of the AP and SRP's priorities are still relevant, but that there must be consideration of how to include emerging priorities, particularly emerging research

priorities

- The Chair remarked that the Committee will have opportunities to discuss the AP and SRP again, as the renewal process moves forward

13. Other Business

There was no other business.

14. Adjournment

Moved/Seconded

That the General Faculties Council Executive Committee adjourn the May 2, 2017 meeting.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

Susan Belcher
University Secretary