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General Faculties Council
GFC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Approved Minutes

Meeting 46
September 26, 2017, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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Voting Members

Dru Marshall, Vice-Chair
Tara Beattie
David Cramb
Tina Miller
Lorraine Radtke
Lesley Rigg
Trevor Tombe
Jo Towers

Non-Voting Member

Sandra Hoenle

Secretary

Susan Belcher

Scribe

Elizabeth Sjogren

Regrets

Elizabeth Cannon, Chair
Eloise Carr
Negar Mohammadi
Dennis Sumara

Guests

Deborah Book, Legal Counsel – present for Item 7
Shawna Cunningham, Director of the Native Centre and member, Indigenous Strategy Task Force Steering Committee – present for Item 4
Jackie Sieppert, Dean of the Faculty of Social Work and member, Indigenous Strategy Task Force Steering Committee – present for Item 4

The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. and confirmed quorum.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved/Seconded

That the Agenda for the September 26, 2017 General Faculties Council Executive Committee meeting be approved.

Carried

2. Remarks of the Vice-Chair

The Vice-Chair included the following in her remarks:

- The provincial government's tuition review and agencies, boards and commissions governance review are continuing through the Fall
- The University's budget planning process is underway
- The University has submitted a brief regarding partnering with Calgary Economic Development, which could lead to exciting opportunities for collaboration
- The University's Community Report 2017 will be made available soon
- Consultation has occurred, and soon the draft documents for the renewal of the University's Academic and Research Plans will be shared for feedback

In response to a question regarding taking action on the recommendations in the Naylor Report (*Strengthening the Foundations of Canadian Research – Canada's Fundamental Science Review*), the Vice-Chair indicated that university leaders are actively involved in developing institutional strategies, submitting formal responses, writing op-ed pieces, and communicating with government. Individuals do not need to take action now, but there will be opportunities to be involved in the future. It is expected that the next federal budget will respond to the report.

3. Approval of the September 5, 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 September 5, 2017 be approved.

Carried

4. Recommendation of the Indigenous Strategy

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Dru Marshall, Provost and Vice-President (Academic), Shawna Cunningham, Director of the Native Centre and member of the Indigenous Strategy Task Force Steering Committee, and Jackie Sieppert, Dean of the Faculty of Social Work and member of the Indigenous Strategy Task Force Steering Committee, presented this item.

Highlights:

- The proponents reported on the development of the Indigenous Strategy, focusing on the guiding principles and the consultation process. The Committee learned that the strategy was bestowed the Blackfoot name *li' taa' poh' to' p* (which signifies "a place to rejuvenate and re-energize during a journey").
- The proponents reviewed the model for the Indigenous Strategy, which will involve constant renewal and includes four key components; 1) Transforming Ways of Being, 2) Transforming Ways of Connecting, 3) Transforming Ways of Doing, and 4) Transforming Ways of Knowing

- The proponents presented both the conceptual and the cultural models and explained the symbols that were gifted to the University
- The Committee discussed:
 - That reconciliation is achievable through respecting differences and forming relationships, and not through integration or assimilation
 - The recommendations within the Indigenous Strategy, and in particular the need to be open to flexible University processes
 - That we are at the start of a journey in resetting relationships with our Indigenous communities
- The Committee suggested some minor revisions to the document, including the need to update the reference to the Faculty of Science's First Light Initiative and revise the reference to the Cumming School of Medicine's Pathways to Medicine program

Moved/Seconded

That the General Faculties Council (GFC) Executive Committee recommend that the GFC approve the Indigenous Strategy, as set out in the document provided to the Committee, and authorize the proponents to make non-substantive changes to the document prior to its presentation to GFC.

Carried**5. Recommendation of the GFC Executive Committee 2017-2018 Work Plan**

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. The Vice-Chair presented this item.

Highlights:

- The Vice-Chair reminded the Committee that all of the GFC standing committees prepare a work plan at the beginning of each meeting year
- The Committee reviewed the items on its 2017-2018 work plan
- In response to a question, the University Secretary reported that the GFC Charter is an updated and expanded version of the existing GFC Terms of Reference, will incorporate processes approved by GFC, and that the structure of GFC as set by the task force will not change

Moved/Seconded

That the General Faculties Council (GFC) Executive Committee (EC) recommend that the GFC approve the EC Work Plan for the 2017-2018 academic year, in the form provided to the Committee.

Carried**6a. Additional Nominations for the Election by GFC of Two Academic Staff Members to the Advisory Search Committee for a Vice-Provost (Libraries and Cultural Resources)**

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda.

The Committee nominated, in rank order, additional academic staff members to be approached by the

University Secretariat to stand for election to the Advisory Search Committee for a Vice-Provost (Libraries and Cultural Resources). The election will take place at the October 19, 2017 meeting of GFC.

6b. Additional Nominations for the Election by GFC of Two Academic Staff Members to the Advisory Review Committee for the Dean of the Haskayne School of Business

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda.

The Committee nominated, in rank order, additional academic staff members to be approached by the University Secretariat to stand for election to the Advisory Review Committee for the Dean of the Haskayne School of Business. The election will take place at the October 19, 2017 meeting of GFC.

7. Revisions to the Enterprise Risk Management Policy

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Deborah Book, Legal Counsel, presented this item.

Highlights:

- The presenter reviewed the proposed changes to the Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) Policy. The Committee learned that the proposed changes are intended to bring the policy in line with current practices relating to ERM, and to reduce redundancies.
- During discussion, the Committee questioned the appropriateness of removing the GFC's Academic Planning and Priorities Committee, Research and Scholarship Committee, and Teaching and Learning Committee from the ERM process, and requested that the proponents reconsider this. The Committee discussed that the one risk currently assigned to the GFC, Student Attraction and Retention, could be better addressed by a GFC standing committee other than the Executive Committee. While it is understood that the Executive Committee could refer ERM-related business to a GFC standing committee, it was suggested that this should be formally referenced in the ERM Policy.
- In response to a question, it was explained that ERM falls within the Board of Governors' authority, but that the GFC has oversight of one institutional risk
- The Vice-Chair reported that this item will return to the Committee at a future meeting

8. Review of the October 19, 2017 GFC Agenda

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda.

The Committee reviewed the draft October 19, 2017 GFC agenda, and, in particular, discussed the length of time to devote to the Indigenous Strategy.

9. Other Business

There was no other business.

10. Adjournment

Moved/Seconded

That the General Faculties Council Executive Committee adjourn the September 26, 2017 meeting.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Susan Belcher
University Secretary