

General Faculties Council  
**GFC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
Approved Minutes

Meeting 48  
November 17, 2017, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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***Voting Members***

Elizabeth Cannon, Chair  
Tara Beattie \*  
Eloise Carr  
David Cramb  
Lorraine Radtke  
Lesley Rigg  
Jo Towers

***Non-Voting Member***

Sandra Hoenle

***Secretary***

Susan Belcher

***Scribe***

Elizabeth Sjogren

***Regrets***

Dru Marshall, Vice-Chair  
Tina Miller  
Negar Mohammadi  
Dennis Sumara  
Trevor Tombe

***Observer***

Branden Cave, President, Students' Union

\* by telephone

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. and confirmed quorum.

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

**Moved/Seconded**

That the Agenda for the November 17, 2017 General Faculties Council Executive Committee meeting be approved.

**Carried**

**2. Remarks of the Chair**

The Chair included the following in her remarks:

- The Indigenous Strategy was launched on November 16, 2017
- Several of the provincial government's initiatives, such as the post-secondary funding review, and the agencies, boards and commissions review, are continuing
- As the provincial government prepares its budget, representatives of the University continue to emphasise the importance of research-intensive universities and infrastructure spending

- David Naylor gave a presentation on the Foothills campus last week on the Naylor Report, scientific freedom, and the state of research in Canada

### **3. Approval of the October 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 October 31, 2017 be approved.

**Carried**

### **4. Recommendation of the New Agreement (January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2022) with the State of Qatar to Deliver Nursing Programs**

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

Highlights:

- The proponent reviewed the history of the University of Calgary in Qatar (UCQ), and described the role of UCQ in the region
- The proponent reported that the Provost and Vice-President (Academic), the Dean of the Faculty of Nursing, and the University's General Counsel are currently on their way to Qatar to negotiate the final terms and conditions of the new agreement
- The Committee discussed:
  - The growth of UCQ, including the enrolment statistics and the shift to employing more Qatari persons as staff
  - That the UCQ is funded by the Qatari government, and any further growth in the UCQ programs will be decided by the Qatari government
  - The leadership structure of UCQ. In response to a question, it was confirmed that the title "President and CEO" is not unusual for entities like UCQ.
  - That the proposal documents should provide the General Faculties Council (GFC) with more information on the mechanisms in place to assess the academic quality of the programs being offered at UCQ, and make clear the differences between the previous agreement with the State of Qatar and the new agreement
- In response to a question, it was confirmed that diplomatic relations between Qatar and other countries such as Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, and Egypt do not currently present a significant risk to the University's operations at UCQ
- The Chair reported that the GFC will be asked to recommend to the Board of Governors the material terms and conditions of the new agreement at its December 7, 2017 meeting, and that, if approved, the new agreement will take effect on January 1, 2018.

- The Committee agreed that, because the terms and conditions are not finalised, the Committee was not comfortable recommending the terms and conditions to the GFC as presented. The Chair reported that she would pass along the Committee's requests for additional information to be added to the proposal documents going to the GFC.

*Secretary's note: The motion for this item was withdrawn.*

**5. Appointment of One Academic Staff Member of GFC to the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee**

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

The Committee named, in rank order, academic staff members to be approached by the University Secretariat to serve as a member of the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee, for a six-month term, and the first nominee to agree to serve will be appointed to the Subcommittee.

**6. Review of the December 7, 2017 GFC Agenda**

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. The Committee reviewed the draft December 7, 2017 GFC agenda.

**7. Other Business**

There was no other business.

**8. Adjournment**

The November 17, 2017 General Faculties Council Executive Committee meeting was adjourned by consensus.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

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Susan Belcher  
University Secretary