

General Faculties Council
GFC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Approved Minutes

Meeting 58
December 18, 2018, 2:00 p.m.

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Voting Members

Elizabeth Cannon, Chair
Dru Marshall, Vice-Chair
Tara Beattie – absent for Item 6
Joule Bergerson
Jessica Revington
Lesley Rigg
Dennis Sumara

Non-Voting Member

Paul Rogers

Secretary

Susan Belcher

Scribe

Elizabeth Sjogren

Regrets

Eloise Carr
Elena Favaro
Lorraine Radtke
Trevor Tombe
Hussein Warsame

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 December 18, 2018 General Faculties Council Executive Committee meeting be approved.

Carried

2. Remarks of the Chair and Vice-Chair

The Chair included the following in her remarks:

- Development of the University's Code of Conduct is continuing. Discussions are being held with the province's Ethics Commissioner regarding the University's concerns with the concurrent employment and gifts pieces, and it is hoped that the document will be finalised in January.
- The Interdisciplinary Science and Innovation Centre project was approved at the December 14, 2018 Board of Governors meeting
- *Energize: The Campaign for Eyes High* is on track to raise \$1.175 billion in gifts by the end of 2018

- The University's pre-budget letter has been submitted to the provincial government. If an early election is called, the provincial budget may not be passed in the spring.

The Vice-Chair included the following in her remarks:

- The University's budget planning is well under way, with the Vice-Presidents reviewing their units' budgets last week. If the provincial budget is delayed, the Board of Governors will approve the University's budget subject to necessary adjustments based on the provincial budget once it is passed.
- The Talent Advisory Council on Technology continues to meet, and will submit its recommendations to the provincial government in January. The University will be poised to submit proposals for funding.
- The University is generally supportive of Bill 19, the *Act To Improve the Affordability and Accessibility of Post-Secondary Education*, because it provides stability and predictability, but some aspects are concerning to the University such as assigning veto power to student councils with respect to mandatory non-instructional fees and special tuition. David Williams, chair of the province's tuition task force, has been invited to the University to talk about the new Act.
- The Chair was acknowledged for her leadership of the Committee and of the University on this occasion of her last Committee meeting

3. Approval of the November 20, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. One revision to the Minutes was reported.

Moved/Seconded

That the Minutes of the General Faculties Council Executive Committee meeting held on November 20, 2018 be approved, with the reported amendment.

Carried

4. Naming of a New Academic Co-Chair for the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee (GAPS)

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

The Committee named, in rank order, academic staff members of the GAPS to be approached by the University Secretariat to serve as the Academic Co-Chair of the GAPS. The first nominee to agree to serve will be deemed appointed by the Committee. The term will be until June 30, 2021 or until his or her term on the GAPS ends if that is sooner.

5. Appointment of an Academic Staff Member to the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee (APPC)

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. The Chair and Susan Belcher 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 APPC. The first nominee to agree to serve will be deemed appointed by the Committee for a term ending on June 30, 2022.

6. Naming of a New Academic Co-Chair for the APPC

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

Secretary's note: Tara Beattie declared a conflict of interest as she is interested in the position, and left the meeting for the discussion and decision on this matter.

Moved/Seconded

That the General Faculties Council Executive Committee name Tara Beattie, Cumming School of Medicine, as the Academic Co-Chair of the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee (APPC), effective immediately, for a term ending on the earlier of June 30, 2021 or the end of her membership on the APPC.

Carried

7. Review of the Draft January 17, 2019 GFC Agenda

The Committee reviewed the current draft January 17, 2019 GFC Agenda.

The Committee discussed whether the companion document, *Academic Quality Assurance Process Overview*, approved by GFC in June 2013, will need to be revised or rescinded when the new *Quality Assurance Academic Unit Review Handbook* and *Quality Assurance Curriculum Review Handbook* are approved. The Vice-Chair indicated that she would look into this before these items are presented at the January GFC meeting.

8. Other Business

There was no other business.

9. Adjournment

Moved/Seconded

That the General Faculties Council Executive Committee adjourn the December 18, 2018 meeting.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m.