



General Faculties Council
GFC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Approved Minutes

Meeting 81
November 24, 2021, 2:00 p.m.

By Zoom platform

Voting Members

Ed McCauley, Chair
Teri Balsler, Vice-Chair
Jessica Ayala
Joule Bergerson
Rachel Lauer
Meghan McDonough
Alex Paquette
Renzo Pereyra
Bill Rosehart
Richard Sigurdson
April Viczko
Jennifer Winter

Non-Voting Member

David Stewart

Secretary

Lise Houle

Scribe

Elizabeth Sjogren

Staff

Tasha Hodzic

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. and confirmed quorum.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved/Seconded

That the Agenda for the November 24, 2021 General Faculties Council Executive Committee meeting be approved.

Carried

2. Remarks of the Chair and Vice-Chair

The Chair included the following in his remarks:

- Meetings have been held with persons in the federal government, including in the Ministries of Finance, Health, Economic Development and the Privy Council, during which representatives of the University have been advocating for the University and the post-secondary sector. Federal investment in international exchange, work-integrated learning, student bursaries and research granting agencies is needed.
- New federal Ministerial Mandate Letters are forthcoming, and the University will review and identify connections to these
- Lora Pillipow, the new provincial Deputy Minister of Advanced Education, was recently given a

tour of the University's main campus, with indication of needed infrastructure renewals

- The University hosted a table at a Calgary Chamber of Commerce event on November 19, and representatives of the Students' Union and Graduate Students' Association attended
- Representatives of the University are meeting with new City Council members this week, and are highlighting the work of the University and potential areas of collaboration with the City

The Vice-Chair included the following in her remarks:

- Searches for a Dean of the Cumming School of Medicine, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Dean of the Faculty of Kinesiology, and a Vice-Provost (Student Experience) are moving forward
- Virtual consultation sessions will be held on December 3, 2021 (on transdisciplinary scholarly lines of inquiry) and December 7, 2021 (on the results of the recent survey on institutional priorities for moving forward). The Provost's office has teams working on these matters.
- An in-person convocation ceremony was held on November 9, 2021
- Unit Reviews for the Campus Mental Health Strategy and Institutional Sustainability Strategy are underway and the reports on these will be presented to the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee in due course

3. Approval of the October 20, 2021 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 20, 2021 be approved.

Carried

4. Nominations for Election by GFC of Two Academic Staff Members to an Advisory Selection Committee for a Director of the School of Public Policy

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda.

In response to a concern, the Committee discussed why the appointment of a Director of the School of Public Policy closely follows the Procedure for the Appointment and Reappointment of Deans. Following this discussion, it was decided that the Committee would proceed with this nomination work, in order that a ballot can be ready for the December 9, 2021 General Faculties Council (GFC) meeting, and that the President of the Faculty Association and the Provost and Vice-President (Academic) would meet about this appointment process as soon as possible.

The Committee then named, in rank order, academic staff members to be approached by the University Secretariat to stand for election to an Advisory Selection Committee for a Director of the School of Public Policy, with the direction that the ballot should include two persons from the Faculty of Arts. If the election goes ahead, four nominees will be presented for the election of two by a GFC electronic vote to be held immediately after the December 9, 2021 GFC meeting.

5. Nominations for Appointment of One Academic Staff Member to the Academic Staff Criteria and Processes Working Group

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda.

The Committee discussed that making appointments ‘with due consideration to the University’s commitment to Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion’ is difficult, noting that women are often chosen for service because they are more easily identifiable than, for example, persons with disabilities. It was reported that the Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion is working on gathering data about persons at the University who identify as part of an equity seeking group, and it is possible that this might result in appropriately-usable information for the Committee’s appointment work in the future.

The Committee named, in rank order, academic staff members to be approached by the University Secretariat to serve on the Academic Staff Criteria and Processes Working Group. The first individual to agree to serve will be deemed appointed by the Committee.

Secretary’s Note: After the meeting, Rachid Ouyed, Faculty of Science, agreed to serve.

6. Review of the Draft December 9, 2021 GFC Agenda

The Committee reviewed the draft agenda for the December 9, 2021 GFC meeting.

Following discussion, it was decided to postpone the Universal Student Ratings of Instruction (USRI) Working Group Recommendations Report discussion item to a future GFC meeting in light of concerns raised regarding an ongoing grievance potentially relating to this subject.

7. Other Business

There was no other business.

8. Adjournment

Moved/Seconded

That the General Faculties Council Executive Committee adjourn the November 24, 2021 meeting.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 3:11 p.m.