

Minutes

Acting Chair: Craig Monk

Present:	Nina Bernstein	Robert Irwin	Susan Mills
	Karen Buro	Shahidul Islam	Peter Myhre
	Sarah Copland	David Johnson	Albena Pergelova
	Debbie Couves	Dave Kato	Michelle Plouffe
	Nancy Digdon	Myrna Khan	Raina Rudko
	Lucio Gelmini	Kari Krell	Masoud Shadnam
	Bob Graves	John McGrath	Josh Toth
	Kimberley Harcombe	Debbie McGugan	Andrea Wagner
	Travis Hatt	David McLaughlin	Lindsey Whitson
	Catherine Hedlin	Heather McRae	Randi Ziorio Dunlop
	Kevin Hood	Kathleen Miller	

SAMU: Ryley Osadchuk Sean Waddingham

Regrets: Deborah Saucier Raymond Baril

Guests/Speakers: Lyndon Agnes, Indigenous Knowledge Keeper, kihêw waciston
Dawn Sadoway, Chair, Academic Planning and Priorities Committee
Dr. Matt Ross, Assistant Professor, Chemistry, A&S
Naomi Beke, Director of Programs & Curriculum, A&S
Marg Leathem, Chief of Staff, President's Office

Resources: Gina DeVeaux, Director, University Governance
Salli Bruno, Recording Secretary

Dr. Craig Monk, Acting President presented ceremony protocol to Lyndon Aginas, Indigenous Knowledge Keeper, kihêw waciston and requested a blessing for the meeting. L. Aginas led a ceremony and prayer in Plains Cree and in English.

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting of the General Faculties Council (the “**GFC**”) was called to order at 5:18 p.m.

MOTION GFC-01-05-09-2019: L. Gelmini moved and K. Hood seconded that the General Faculties Council approve C. Monk, Acting President, chair the May 9, 2019 GFC meeting. The motion was carried.

Dr. Monk welcomed Ryley Osadchuk, President and Sean Waddingham, Vice President Academic of Students' Association of MacEwan University to the GFC.

Dr. Monk delivered regrets for the Deborah Saucier and Raymond Both the Chair and Vice-Chair are currently unavailable to attend this meeting. All in favor. Carried.

2.0 Declarations of Conflict

No conflicts were declared.

3.0 Approval of Agenda

MOTION GFC-02-05-09-2019: Moved by D. Kato and seconded by T. Hatt that the General Faculties Council approve the May 9, 2019 open meeting agenda as presented. The motion was carried.

4.0 Approval of Consent Agenda

MOTION GFC-03-05-09-2019: Moved by H. McRae and seconded by B. Graves that the General Faculties Council approve the items on the consent agenda (noted below) as presented. The motion was carried.

4.1 School of Business Curriculum Changes

5.0 Approval of Minutes

5.1 Minutes from April 23, 2019 Open Session

MOTION GFC-04-05-09-2019: Moved by C. Hedlin and seconded by B. Graves that the General Faculties Council approve the open session minutes from the April 23, 2019 meeting as amended. The motion was carried.

6.0 Presentations

6.1 Integrated Strategic Plan

D. McLaughlin and M. Leatham presented the Integrated Strategic Plan identifying the following priorities:

1. Miyo Wahkotowin (Good Relations) – Prioritize Partnership and reconciliation with the First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Communities.
2. Student Success – Focus on student success and the development of our alumni association to enhance and strengthen our extraordinary University experience
3. Transformative Teaching, Transformative Programs – Emphasize our uncompromising commitment to exceptional teaching and dynamic academic programs.
4. Thriving Communities – Build and develop a safe, engaged and inclusive Downtown University District

The work from this group led to the development of a draft strategic plan that follows from the intense work of four foundation plan committees and community resources where a list of 81 different priorities were compiled from over 200 directions and ideas. Not all these initiatives were focused on strategic planning, so a decision was made to focus on 32 different directions, further refine and then bring it forward to the Board and the GFC in November/December 2019, which would allow for actual implementation in 2020.

The original approach however, has been changed due to the Presidential Search and the planning of MacEwan's 50th Anniversary in 2021. Within the new approach and as part of the Strategic Plan, a team will be coordinating the campaign for the 50th Anniversary and having a plan in place for the Presidential Search.

In addition, the priorities were presented at the Organizational Development Day, which gave to the attendees an opportunity to review, respond and prioritize between impact and effort and look at each of the directions. This facilitated significant input from the 200+ respondents from

Organizational Development Day, input from the Dean's Council and tabulated data including ranking of each priority.

Moving ahead, the new approach for the Strategic Plan will be brought forward to the GFC for Approval and then to the Board in September 2019 which will allow for immediate implementation based upon Board approval.

Questions were raised regarding another opportunity to review the four priorities/strategic plan for additional consultation over the summer months and if so, suggested that information be provided to the community so that they are aware of a possible avenue to provide additional feedback. Committee members were informed that there will not be another meeting; however additional feedback can be provided via email to the Integrated Strategic Plan President prior to the September outcome and we will work on possible global messaging.

A discussion was raised about quantifiable indicators designed for the 16 priorities; how the outcomes will be measured and by what means will they be measured. Committee members were advised that the process is still very preliminary, no indicators are in place yet but will be in position prior to implementation.

GFC has reviewed the draft of the Integrated Strategic Plan and will provide feedback in advance of the draft being presented to the Board of Governors in May.

A revised draft plan will be presented to the Strategy and Stakeholder Relations Committee and the Board of Governors this may with a goal of final approval by GFC and the Board in September 2019.

6.2 Comprehensive Institutional Plan

MOTION GFC-05-05-09-2019: Moved by K. Hood and seconded by L. Gelmini that the General Faculties Council recommend submission of the 2019 -2022 Comprehensive Institutional Plan to the Strategy and Stakeholder Relations Board Committee for endorsement and recommend approval to the Board of Governors.

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7.0 President's Report

7.1 General Faculties Council Update

Executive Summary: The Marshall Report in follow up to an April 23, 2019 GFC meeting. The GFC received a memo from D. Saucier.

Members requested updates on the status of governance activities to complete the transition to a fully constituted GFC, including the timing on key decision points.

8.0 Provost's Report

C. Monk reported on the following items:

- Administrative search updates
- Open textbook fellowship
- Canada Research Chairs
- Distinguished Teachers, Distinguished Researcher and Board Chairs
- Outbound Student Opportunities
- eCV

9.0 Committee Reports

9.1 Academic Planning and Priorities

9.1.1 Bachelor of Science, Chemistry Major

D. Sadoway, Chair of the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee presented item 9.1.1 (Bachelor of Science, Chemistry Major) for approval.

The Bachelor of Science, Chemistry major has been through a long process of development that was originally initiated before 2017. The proposal is a comprehensive response by the Department of Physical Sciences to student demand, academia, professional programs and to the Ministry of Education itself. This degree proposal has been endorsed the Association of Chemical Profession of Alberta and the degree culminates with the potential for students to fulfill the requirements to attain the designation of Professional Chemist.

The proposal has already undergone rigorous review, most recently at the APPC where it has received unanimous support for it to move forward to the GFC for decision.

Naomi Beke, the Director of Programs and Curricular Planning with the Faculty of Arts and Science and Matthew Ross, a faculty member from the Department of Science, were both available to answer any specific questions concerning the degree proposal.

10.0 Question Period

11.0 Future Agenda Items/Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to be held June 7, 2019.

12.0 Adjournment

Moved by T. Hatt to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.