

GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL
Approved Minutes

Meeting #621
Thursday, March 9, 2023, 1:30 p.m.

Zoom

Voting Members

E. McCauley, Chair	E. Cobo	R. Lauer	F. Smith
P. Werthner, Vice-Chair	A. Dambrowitz	A. Mac Namara	J. Spangler
A. Akbari	S. Davidson	M. MacKenzie	J. Steele
S. Alexander	A. dela Cruz	E. Macphail	D. Stewart
O. Alp	D. Fine	A. Musgrove	S. Sulemana Saaka
D. Anderson	D. Gadbois	E. Perrault	R. Thompson for W. Ghali
T. Anderson	D. Gereluk	Q. Pittman	P. Toohey
G. Assefa	A. Harvey	R. Plume	N. Tschupruk
J. Ayala	N. Holt	T. Poffenroth	V. Turpin
K. Baetz	M. Husein	J. Priest	N. Van Den Hoogen
B. Barton	A. Jenney	S. Raj	M. Van Hee
S. Benseler	S. Jinnah Morsette	L. Reid	S. Weaver
W. Bridel	V. Jones	M-J. Romaniuk	R. Weller
J. Brown	C. Joseph	W. Rosehart	R. Yates
A. Burns	A. Kenward for J. Allan	S. S. Saaka	
W. Cai	R. Kim	A. Schmal	
O. Chapman	Y. Kim	N. Schmidt	
T. T. Chowdhury	J. Knibbe	J. Seidel	
R. Clements	A. Knight	R. Sheldon	
C. Cloutier	S. Lane	D. Slater	

Guests

M. Grantham O'Brien, Senior Assoc. Dean, Policy and Program Dev., Graduate Studies – present for Item 8
M. Leait, Director - Environmental Health and Safety – present for Item 3

Observers

J. Alho, Assoc. Vice-President (Government Relations)
K. Hamilton, President's Office
M. Hart, Vice-Provost and Assoc. Vice-President Research (Indigenous Engagement)
C. Johns, Provost's Office
D. Kozak, Faculty Association
S. Luthy, Provost's Office
M. Smith, Vice-Provost and Assoc. Vice-

1. **Conflict of Interest Declaration**

No conflicts were declared.

2. **Inclusive Practice Moment**

Todd Anderson, Dean, Cumming School of Medicine (CSM), presented the Territorial Acknowledgment and then some information relating to inclusion:

- x The Territorial Acknowledgement is a way to honour Truth and Reconciliation and moving forward in a good way
- x The University has a Circle of Advisors, of which the CSM Dean is a member. The Circle of Advisors brings Indigenous leaders together with University leaders, and the resulting

- x Representatives of the University continue to communicate to the provincial government about the constraints to providing high-quality programs and student experiences, supporting the community, and improving the world. Further increases to funding, such as for a second targeted enrolment expansion program and the operating grant, are needed.
- x Despite challenges, the University is achieving tremendous successes. Members of the University community are thanked for all that they do.

5. Remarks of the Vice-Chair

Penny Werthner, Vice-Chair, included the following in her remarks:

- x The President's Task Force on Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (EDIA) met yesterday, and will continue its work to help ensure the University is equitable for all
- x At the last General Faculties Council (GFC) meeting it was suggested that the University issue a statement regarding the recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. A statement of compassion does not provide positive change for those affected, and in instances such as this the University amplifies the messages of others at the local level and takes actions that the University can take such as: the University's International Student Services (ISS) team sent messages to students in those countries and to students and staff here with Turkish and Syrian 5-0.004 4[(.)pc 0..00p-5.9 (r.25 -45 D Tdr (

In response to a question, the Chair confirmed that representatives of the University, and allies such as the Business Council of Alberta, do advocate for investment in the University generally and not just for targeted investments. Members of the GFC attested to the efforts of the University's leadership and to the importance of targeted and untargeted funding, and noted that information needs to be available so that students and other members of the University community understand how budget decisions are made.

In response to an observation, the Chair clarified that stating that the provincial government has a mandate for what it is doing is referring to the fact that the provincial government was elected by the people of Alberta.

In response to a question, it was confirmed that proposals for funding for targeted programs include operational budget factors such as staffing and facilities.

7. **Approval of the February 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Documentation was circulated with the Agenda.

Moved/Seconded

That the Minutes of the General Faculties Council meeting held on February 9, 2023 be approved.

Carried

13. Adjournment

Moved/Seconded

That the General Faculties Council adjourn the March 9, 2023 meeting.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

Courtney McVie
University Secretary