



Guests

Observers

Secretary
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7. **Approval of the June 8, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Documentation was circulated with the Agenda.

Moved/Seconded

That the Minutes of the General Faculties Council meeting held on June 8, 2023 be approved.

Carried

8. **Election: Two Academic Staff Members to the Advisory Selection Committee for a Dean and Vice-Provost (Graduate Studies)**

Documentation was circulated with the Agenda. The Chair explained that the election will be conducted via an electronic form and a link to this will be sent by email immediately following the meeting. Members will have until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 6 to follow the link and submit their votes.

No nominations from the floor were received.

Secretary's Note: The following persons were elected:

Michael Kallos, Schulich School of Engineering
Melanie Noel, Faculty of Arts

9. **Academic and Research Plans**

Penny Werthner, Interim Provost and Vice-President (Academic), presented this it04 Tc 0.2 -2 (n)-T2 (i)2.7 (s)1.7 ()12.6 (e

to implement these and the priority order of what the University will do. Feedback is also being sought on how to measure the University's progress in moving forward.

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- The GFC was then given opportunity to respond to a live survey about the proposed new core questions, and the proponents subsequently reported that the live survey responses indicate strong endorsement for three of the proposed questions (*I understood what was expected of me as a student in this course, I received feedback during the course that contributed to my learning, and I was provided opportunity through the course assessments to demonstrate my learning*), lesser support for one question (*In this course, I became more aware of the ways that I learn*), and that the wording of the fifth question (*I felt there was a respectful learning atmosphere in this course*) has generated conversation at previous consultation sessions and receives mixed response
- Discussion included:
 - There is a difference between memory/recall and learning, and the new survey questions do not delve into this. The proponents reported that the CFIWG did consider the cognitive skills that students need apply in a course and that this varies across courses, and so the Faculty or instructor could ask about this as Explorance Blue allows for custom questions in addition to the questions in the question bank.
 - Response rates to the USRI have been low, and it was used by some as a tool to express complaints. The proponents observed that the new platform is more accessible, the course survey will be open for longer, and a communications plan and instructor toolkit about the value of the survey is being developed.
 - Appreciation for the new platform was expressed, as it works well on a cellphone and this should improve response rates
 - The new title, *UCalgary Course Experience Survey*6 () 7 pe6a3dtl4.9 (a4.98.8t thd13o)-9.-4 (7w0JJ)-6TD T

- The presenters reported that the University has reduced costs, shifted funds, embraced new ways of doing things, and consulted about areas of priority. The University has received funding to add students to high demand programs including in Nursing, Computer Science, Quantum Science, Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, and Business, and has received funding to build a new building at the Spy Hill campus.
- The presenters reported that the 2024-2025 budget is currently in thambm
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- The stated student population of 37,398 is a weighted head count and not full-time equivalents (FTE)
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15. 2023 Institutional Sustainability Report

Documentation was circulated with the Agenda. Joanne Perdue, Associate Vice-President (Sustainability), presented this item.

Highlights:

- The presenter provided an overview of the 2023 Institutional Sustainability Report, including:
 - The University has taken a pan-institutional approach to enhancing sustainability. The three frameworks within the 2016 Institutional Sustainability Strategy are Advancing Sustainability in Education and Research, Enriching Engagement for Sustainability, and Sustainability in Administration and Operations, and the University's efforts align with the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals.
 - Benchmarking ranks the University in the top 5% globally for advancing the UN Sustainable Development Goals, and this is the fourth consecutive year that the University has held
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Moved/Seconded

That the General Faculties Council adjourn the October 5, 2023 meeting.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

Courtney McVie
University Secretary