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**Academic Planning and Budget Committee (APBC) Annual Report for General Faculties Council  
2020-2021**

**DATE:** 19 May 2021

**SUBMITTED BY:** Paul Varella, Chair of APBC

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**SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES**

These were the considerations that APBC members undertook during the year of 2020/21

- Establishing priorities for the year
- Received fiscal updates for MRU, provided by the Vice-President of Finance and Administration
- Evaluation from previous decisions by the:
  - Academic Plan Implementation Committee (APIC)
  - Budget and Finance Advisory Committee (BFAC)
- Now that the institutional strategic plan is coming to its final design, APBC will work with the Vice-President Academic in 2021/22 in helping develop the new academic plan.
- The committee has worked with the Vice-President of Finance and Administration to establish a procedure in which it will provide meaningful input into the budgeting process.
- The committee will have a meeting on 27 May 2021, which will happen after the deadline of the annual report. The related activities will be added to the 2021/22 annual report.

**MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

These three initiatives are the current focus of APBC:

1. Establish the process for APBC to facilitate the designing of the new academic plan.
2. Continue work with the Vice-President of Finance and Administration, to include APBC as a consultative step in generating MRU budget
3. APBC will work on developing a suggestion for new terms of reference, in early 2021/22. That work is pending the definitions from the Vice-President Academic and the Vice-President of Finance and Administration in relation to both aspects of APBC work, academic plan development and MRU budget, respectively.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

Paul Varella, Chair (GFC Academic Staff Member)

Elizabeth Evans, Vice Chair (Interim Provost and Vice-President, Academic)

Annalise Van Ham, Vice-President, Finance and Administration

Michael Quinn, Vice-Provost and AVP, Academic

Phil Warsaba, Vice-Provost and AVP, Students

Jonathan Withey, Deans' Council Representative

Tim Haney, GFC Academic Staff Member - Arts

Katharine McGowan, GFC Academic Staff Member - Business and Communication Studies (*January – present*)

Gaye Warthe, GFC Academic Staff Member - Health, Community and Education

Michael Uzoka, GFC Academic Staff Member - Science and Technology

Christian Cook, Academic Staff Member - Teaching & Learning  
Cari Merkley, Academic Staff Member - University Library  
Olga Barceló, Student Representative (*September – November*)  
Tala Abu Hayyaneh, Student Representative (*January – present*)  
Carly Bullough, Student Representative

#### Resources

Connie Young, AVP, Finance, Risk and Commercial Operations  
Evan Cortens, Manager, Academic Initiatives  
Sheena Jensen, Recording Secretary (Governance Assistant, GFC)

#### **SUMMARY OF MEETINGS**

APBC had five (5) meetings:

- October 8, 2020
- November 5, 2020
- January 7, 2021
- February 4, 2021
- March 4, 2021

*For additional information and meeting minutes, visit the [APBC](#) webpage.*