

MINUTES

September 20, 2021

3:00 – 5:00 PM

Present: Phil Warsaba, Chair, Vice-Provost & Associate Vice-President, Students
Yasmin Ahmed, Vice-Chair, Student Representative
Chris Rogerson, Executive Director, Student Affairs
Brian Nichols, Academic Staff Member - Arts
Cynthia Gallop, Academic Staff Member - Teaching and Learning
Denise Chenger, Academic Staff Member - Business and Communication Studies
Marty Clark, Academic Staff Member - Health, Community and Education
Melanie Rathburn, Academic Staff Member - Science and Technology
Michelle LoGullo, President, MRSA, Ex Officio
Sara Sharun, Academic Staff Member - University Library
Steve Kootenay-Jobin, Iniskim Centre Representative
Patricia Pardo, Student Affairs Representative
Joseph Nguyen, Student Representative
Spirit River Striped Wolf, Student Representative
Geri Lynn Gouglas, Registrar (Registrarial Designate)
Rebecca Bowman, Designate for Executive Director, Development (Resource)
Angela Spinner, Recording Secretary

Regrets: Meagan Bowler, Deans' Council Representative

Land Acknowledgement

1.0 Approval of the Agenda for September 20, 2021

Moved by Denise/Melanie

THAT the Student Affairs Committee approve the September 20, 2021 agenda as distributed.

Carried.

2.0 Committee Orientation

2.1 GFC Student Affairs Committee Charter [attachment]

2.2 Membership 2021/22 [attachment]

2.3 Schedule of Meetings 2021/22 [attachment]

Times have been aligned to fit the schedule of standing meetings. There are day/time conflicts with two student representatives. The chair asked committee members to

provide alternative days/times they would not be available to meet. The recording secretary will collect this information to recommend another day/time for this committee to meet for the remainder of the Fall term.

2.4 Meeting Format (In-Person vs. Online)

The committee agreed to continue with online meetings for the Fall term and will revisit the possibility of in-person meetings for the Winter.

2.5 Student Financial Support Policy [attachment]

2.6 Awards Approval Process

2.7 Appeal of a Scholarship, Bursary or Award Decision [attachment]

In 2.7 there is an outdated reference to the Student Awards committee. The chair noted that revisions to nomenclature could be considered editorial and confirmed that an update to reflect the current committee name will be made.

3.0 Approval of the Student Affairs Committee Minutes for May 17, 2021 [attachment]

Moved by Michelle/Sara

THAT the Student Affairs Committee approve the May 17, 2021 minutes as distributed.

Carried.

4.0 Business Arising from the Student Affairs Committee Minutes of May 17, 2021

4.1 Awards for BIPOC Students and Other Equity-Deserving Groups [attachment]

In several meetings last year there were discussions regarding awards for racialized groups. The committee-approved Agnes Cook award will be moving forward and the Awards application needs to be revised to collect information necessary for the selection of recipients.

The committee was in favour of mirroring the McMaster sample provided, which uses Statistics Canada terminology. In keeping with recommendations provided last year, self-identification as a non-Canadian Indigenous student will be added as an option and options for Indigenous self-identification will be moved to the top of the listing.

The Registrar noted that the Awards application system will be opened in mid-October this year, as the Drop and fee payment deadlines were extended to September 30.

The application form will be reviewed annually and the committee recommended that additional self-identification options be added for other equity-deserving groups. The sample from Ryerson was identified as a model that could be used to guide future additions.

4.2 Application Fee for Indigenous Students

The chair will meet with the Director of Iniskim and the committee's Iniskim Centre representative to more fulsomely capture the scope of access challenges faced before continuing the discussion at the Student Affairs committee.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Student Appeal [attachment distributed in the meeting]

The committee reviewed a student appeal to defer the CPA Education Foundation Accounting Scholarship to the Winter 2022 term.

Following clarification of the number of students eligible for the award, options for disbursement, and outcomes should the appeal not be granted, the committee unanimously voted in favour of deferring the award to the Winter 2022 term.

5.2 Awards Requiring SAC Approval [attachment]

Moved by Steve/Chris

THAT the new and modified awards created from May 8-September 20, 2021 be approved.

Carried.

5.3 Awards Provisionally Approved by Student Awards and Financial Aid [attachment]

Two awards were removed from listing for further discussion:

McDougall United Church Calgary Indigenous Bursary

The committee would like additional information about the change from 'First Nations student' to 'Indigenous student' in the award criteria and would like confirmation that this change was intentional.

Amy Willier Memorial Bursary

The committee would like confirmation that all Indigenous students are eligible for this award, as it was believed the donor had originally identified First Nations students to be the intended beneficiaries.

Moved by Spirit River/Brian

THAT the new and modified awards provisionally approved by the Office of the Registrar from May 8-September 20, 2021 be approved by the Student Affairs committee, with the exception of the McDougall United Church Calgary Indigenous Bursary and the Amy Willier Memorial Bursary.

Carried.

5.4 Updated Awards Procedures [attachment]

The Registrar presented changes to award procedures that better align practices with the Student Financial Support policy.

The first sentence under the selection committee screening section requires revision to clarify that when academic departments are making selections, they will have additional information pertaining to the students' eligibility that is not housed in the Registrar's Office. The Awards office will revise the document accordingly.

5.5 Student Conduct Policy Update

The Executive Director, Student Affairs provided an update to the committee on the process for revising the Code of Student Conduct policy and procedures. The subcommittee established last year will continue to work on this project. The objective is to have a draft of the revised policy presented to the committee this term. The revisions will then move through the policy approval framework, culminating in a motion to approve at GFC.

The Sexualized Violence policy will be reviewed by a subject-specific subcommittee and work on the draft is expected to take place in this academic year.

6.0 Information

6.1 Annual Plan for October 25

The chair reviewed what will be included in this annual plan, including barriers to indigenous students, award application language for equity-deserving groups, and recommended changes to the Student Affairs committee charter. Members were encouraged to send additional items for consideration to the chair prior to the submission deadline.

7.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.