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Guests

D. Bruckner, Senior Director, Student Wellbeing Access and Support, present for Item 8  
J. Ruwanpura, Vice



3. Remarks of the Vice Chair

The Vice Chair included the following in her remarks :

- A decision regarding the cancellation of University summer camps will be made later in May
- Postponement decisions for performance-based Master of Fine Arts theses will be made on a case by case basis. In-person live performances are not permitted at this time.

#### 5. Safety Moment

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Linda Dalgetty, Vice President (Finance and Services), spoke on the topic of "Avoiding Tech Neck"

#### 6. Approval of the March 12, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda.

Moved/Seconded

That the Minutes of the General Faculties Council meeting held March 12, 2020 be approved

Carried

Aniela Dela Cruz abstained

#### 7. Global Engagement Plan 2020-25

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Dru Mars Provoost and Vice President (Academic) Florentine Strzelczyk, Deputy Provost, and Anika Ruwanpura, Vice Provost (International), presented this item.

Highlights:

- The proponents provided an overview of the history of the University's International Strategy (IS), including a review held last Fall. The proponents reported that a Global Engagement Plan (GEP) has been developed as an update of the IS, and they highlighted the differences between the IS and GEP, including the revision of student experience targets, improving intercultural capacity by promoting internationalization at home, and tying more directly to the University's Academic and Research Plans.
- The proponents noted that the federal government has an International Education Strategy 2019-2024, and the University will be able to apply for funding
- In response to questions, the proponents reported that:
  - The GEP is designed to facilitate individual academics in pursuing international collaborations and partnerships, and responsibility for many initiatives now lies at the Faculty level
  - The Intercultural Capacity Study will be important because it is necessary to define learning that can be credited according to duration and depth of experience and, to a certain extent, tangible learning outcomes
- It was suggested that:

- On page 6, reference be made to the high costs of global travel', as these include monetary, environmental, health and personal safety costs
- On page 8, consideration be given to not using the word "radical" in relation to social innovation, as this would not necessarily always be positive
- Within Goal 3 (Enhance Opportunities for Global Partnerships), reference be made to the entrepreneurial spirit of individuals
- The Chair reported that it is expected that the GEP will return to the May 14, 2020 GFC meeting, for approval

## 8. Campus Mental Health Strategy Progress Report

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Andrew Szeto, Director, Campus Mental Health Strategy, and Debbie Bruckner, Senior Director, Student Wellbeing and Support, presented this item.

### Highlights:

- The presenters provided an overview of the history of the University's Campus Mental Health Strategy (CMHS), and the CMHS's focus areas. The presenters reported that a review will soon be undertaken as the CMHS is now five years into implementation.
- The presenters highlighted successful initiatives to date, including:
  - Training for persons who encounter students in distress
  - Peer support programs
  - Participation in events such as the Bell Let's Talk mental illness awareness campaign and Wellness Week
  - Hiring student support advisors specializing in Indigenous and distance students
  - The CMHS website, which has links to support resources and wellbeing webinars
  - The expansion of the programs and services within the Wellbeing and Work/Life portfolio
  - Creation of the Embedded Certificate in Mental Wellbeing and Resilience
- The presenters highlighted next steps, including:
  - Continuing development of the suicide awareness and prevention framework
  - Participation in the launch of the National Standard for Mental Health and Wellbeing
  - Renewal of the CMHS in 2021
- In response to questions, it was reported that:
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