Approved Minutes

Meeting #606 Thursday, April 8, 2021, 1:30 p.m.

By Zoom platform

E. McCauley, Chair T. Balser, Vice-Chair S. Abraha B. Adams A. Alase S. Alexander O. Alp K. Baral S. Barker M. Bauer T. Beattie S. Benseler J. Bergerson	S. Cork L. Dalgetty S. Davidson A. dela Cruz J. Dewald S. Eaton S. Farheen F. Finley M. Fraser D. Gereluk W. Ghali P. Gimby D. Hodgins C. Hoggen	F. Jalilehvand A. Jenney P. Khosla C. Knight J. Kortbeek S. LeBlanc J. Lock M. McDonough B. Maini B. Mayer J. Meddings N. Molina E. Montes Garces G. Nelson	D. Paskevich E. Perrault J. Pieper Q. Pittman J. Poissant M. Qurishi S. Raj L. Reid M.J. Romaniuk W. Rosehart F. Samavati H. Schaetzl for R. McCorkell T. Shandro	D. Stewart M. Tarailo-Graovac S. Thrift A. Timm T. Tombe B. Uppal M. Wang H. Warsame S. Weaver G. Welch P. Werthner J. Winter V. Wood B. Welch
S. Benseler	P. Gimby	N. Molina	H. Schaetzl for R. McCorkell	J. Winter

- D. Book, Legal Counsel present for Item 7
- S Larter, Associate Vice-President (Research Innovation) present for Item 9
- J. Wilson, President and Chief Executive Officer, Innovate Calgary present for Item 9
- J. Alho, Assoc. Vice-President (Government and Community Engagement)
- M. Hart, Vice-Provost (Indigenous Engagement)
- M. Hogan, Faculty of Arts
- K. Jackson, University General Counsel
- J. Krygier, Faculty Association
- A. Morris, Co-Interim Vice-President (Advancement)

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No confli	cts were declare	ed.

The Chair included the following in his remarks:

- Ricky Ramdhaney, member of General Faculties Council (GFC) appointed by Student Enrolment Services, passed away on March 18, 2021
- Teri Balser, Provost and Vice-President (Academic), Corey Hogan, co-Interim Vice-President (Advancement), and Andrea Morris, co-Interim Vice-President (Advancement), were welcomed on this occasion of their first GFC meeting
- Brock Kahanyshyn, Chief Information Officer, Vanessa Wood, Interim Registrar, Frank Finley,
 President, Semhar Abraha, SU Vice-President (Academic), and several of the SU
 Faculty representatives were acknowledged on this occasion of their last GFC meeting
- (GSA) members of GFC Tanille Shandro, GSA President, Alex Paquette, GSA Vice-President (Academic), Kabita Baral, GSA Vice-President (Student Life), and Mary Zhang, GSA Vice-President (Finance and Services), were congratulated on their re-elections
- An event relating to the City
 3, 2021, as part of the Canadian Mental Health Association Mental Health Week, and members of the University community are encouraged to participate
- The federal budget will be announced on April 19, 2021. The University and other post-secondary
 institutions have been advocating for support, and it is hoped that there will be increases in funding
 for scholarships and work-integrated learning opportunities, and the launch of a green infrastructure
 fund.
- Members of the University community we Activities Policy during the upcoming 2021 municipal elections
- Recent achievements at the University were celebrated, including: a 42% increase in Social Sciences
 and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) funding successes; the allocation of 11 more Canada
 Research Chairs to the University; and the naming of Hussein Warsame, Haskayne School of Business,
 as a Fellow of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Alberta

The Vice-Chair included the following in her remarks:

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 President (Academic) has been tremendous and this is appreciated. The University community is congratulated on their successes during COVID-19, and the opportunities and challenges ahead will be worked on together.
- Guidelines for the Fall 2021 term are being developed and will be communicated as soon as possible in order to allow for planning
- The Provost and Vice-President (Academic) will embark on a learning tour of the University soon, and members of the University community are welcomed to make contact to share ideas about the

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There were no questions.	

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Highlights:

- The presenter observed that the last year has been challenging, due to the provincial budgets and impacts of COVID-19, and reported that through this environment the University has continued to look to the future and that the Growth Through Focus (GTF) plan will continue to drive the University forward
- The presenter reported that the GTF Congress activities have concluded, with follow-up meetings

	0	The Social Innovation Taskforce and Indigenous Research Support Team will collaborate with the Vice-Provost (Indigenous Engagement) regarding social innovation and Indigenous communities			
The fol	lowing r	eports were circulated with the Agenda for information only:			
a)	a) Report on the March 24, 2021 GFC Executive Committee Meeting				
b)	b) Report on the March 15 and 29, 2021 Academic Planning and Priorities Committee Meetings				
c)	c) Report on the March 18, 2021 Research and Scholarship Committee Meeting				
d)	d) Report on the March 16, 2021 Teaching and Learning Committee meeting				
e)	e) Report on the March 26, 2021 Board of Governors Meeting				
f)	Policy I	Development Update			
There v	was no c	ther business.			
The A	pril 8, 20	021 General Faculties Council meeting was adjourned by consensus.			
The me	eeting w	as adjourned at 2:45 p.m.			
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