

GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL
Approved Minutes

Meeting #627

Thursday, March 7, 2024, 1:30 p.m.

Zoom

Voting Members

P. Werthner, Vice-Chair

B. Adams for T. Anderson

S. Al-Khaz'Aly

J. Allan

S. Amin

C. Cloutier

E. Cobo

A. Dambrowitz

S. Davidson

J. Dinh

K. Donlevy

P. Doyle-Baker for N. Holt

J. Fewell

V. Gabriel

D. Gereluk

G. Grandy

A. Harvey

C. Heggerud

A.-M. Hubert

M. Husein

J. Jenkins

A. Jenney

V. Jones

C. Joseph

R. Kim

A. Knight

S. Lane

R. Lauer

S. LeBlanc

K. Lukowiak

A. Mac Namara

K. Milaney for W. Ghali

A. Musgrove

K. O'Keefe

T. O'Neill

E. Perrault

1. **Conflict of Interest Declaration**

No conflicts were declared.

2. **Inclusive Practice Moment**

Dianne Gereluk, Dean of the Werklund School of Education (WSE), presented the meeting's Traditional Land Acknowledgment and then highlighted inclusive initiatives in her area, including that:

The WSE has created an inclusive gathering space on the (t)-67133(0)-007(0)-453(0)71(9)816(0)128(8)287(3)107(0)

Finance Minister Nate Horner delivered the provincial budget on February 29, 2024. The budget is anchored on two themes: fiscal responsibility and structural reforms to the healthcare system. The government has committed that prior years of provincial cost-cutting have ended, which is good news for postsecondary institutions, and the provincial government has confirmed that the University's Operating and Program Support grant will stay unchanged. A zero percent increase to the \$374.1 million provincial grant does not address inflationary increases, however, and effectively amounts to a \$12.7 million cut if using a Consumer Price Index (CPI) rate of 3.4. The University has been informed that the capital maintenance and renewal grant will decrease from \$24.8 million to \$22.5 million. Confirmed commitments have been made to the University's Multidisciplinary Science Hub capital project, the multi-institutional Rural Physician training program, the University's Veterinary Medicine Learning Commons capital project and Veterinary Medicine Diagnostic Services Unit capital expansion program, and targeted enrolment expansion funding.

The Dinos women's basketball team is participating in a

Highlights:

The proponents noted that the Campus Mental Health Strategy has been successful since its creation in 2015, and that the University is seen as a national leader in this area. The proponents reported that it is now necessary to update er-1.4 (sC (a)-3.7)1(e)-3 (0 Tw 9.359 0 (a) Tc 0.142 Tw 00974 0

- a) Report on the February 14, 2024 GFC Executive Committee Meeting
- b) Report on the February 5, 2024 Academic Planning and Priorities Committee Meeting
- c) Report on the February 15, 2024 Research and Scholarship Committee Meeting
- d) Report on the February 13, 2024 Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting
- e) Report on the February 22, 2024 Senate Meeting

12. **Other Business**

There was no other business.

13. **Adjournment**

Moved/Seconded

That the General Faculties Council adjourn the March 7, 2024 meeting.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Courtney McVie
University Secretary