University Governance

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Post-Secondary Learning Act

• All governing powers derive from the PSLA (formerly the Universities Act)
• Mandates the following bodies:
  • Board of Governors
  • General Faculties Council & Council on Student Affairs (COSA)
  • Senate
  • Deans’ Council
  • Faculty Councils
• Lays out the Campus Alberta system, including quality assurance
Governance in a Nutshell

Campus Alberta

University of Alberta

Advisory Groups
- General Faculties Council (GFC)
- Board of Governors (BoG)

Executive
- Faculty Councils
- Academic Units
- Administrative and Ancillary Units
University Policy and Procedure

- Policies and procedures cover every aspect of operation at the University
  - Generally created through GFC
  - Exists in a number of sources: GFC policy manual, UAPPOL, the UofA Calendar
- Example: Indirect Costs of Research Policy
  - Application for Indirect Cost Recovery Rates Procedure
University Legislation

• Bicameral:
  • Board of Governors (the Board, or BoG) has authority over *business* governance;
  • General Faculties Council (GFC) has authority over *academic* governance
• The powers of GFC are subject to the authority of the Board
General Committee Structure

Legislatively Established Main Body

Committee

Subcommittee

Committee

Committee
Board of Governors (BoG)

- Responsible for the business of the University

- Seven standing committees pursuant to the PSLA

- Delegates power to the General Faculties Council (GFC) on academic matters
Board of Governors

Board Chairs

• Chair: Michael Phair
• Vice-Chair: Dick W. Wilson

SU Members

• Marina Banister
• Reed Larsen
### Board of Governors Committees

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<td><strong>Audit</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Finance &amp; Property</strong></td>
<td>Chair: Dick Wilson</td>
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<td>Chair: James Heelan</td>
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Board of Governors Committees

**Investment**
- Chair: David Lawson
- Vice-Chair: Jim Drinkwater
- SU Members: None

**Learning & Discovery**
- Chair: Shenaz Jeraj
- Vice-Chair: Ray Muzyka
  - SU Members: Marina Banister

**Safety, Health, & Environment**
- Chair: Steven LePoole
- Vice-Chair: Gordon Winkel
  - SU Members: Mike Sandare

**University Relations**
- Chair: Rob Parks
- Vice-Chair: Vacant
  - Student Members: Mike Sandare
General Faculties Council (GFC)

- Responsibility over “academic affairs”, as delegated by the Board

- Ten standing committees established by GFC pursuant to the PSLA
General Faculties Council (GFC)

Chair & Staff
- Chair: David Turpin (President)
- Secretary: Meg Brolley

SU Members
- Shane Scott
- Ilya Ushakov
GFC Committees

**Academic Planning**
- Chair: Steven Dew
- Staff: Meg Brolley
- SU Members: Marina Banister

**Academic Standards**
- Chair: Tammy Hopper (delegate of Provost)
- Vice-Chair: Janice Causgrove Dunn
- Staff: Meg Brolley
- SU Members: Shane Scott

**Subcommittee on Standards**
- Chair: Tammy Hopper (delegate of Provost)
- Staff: Meg Brolley
- SU Members: Shane Scott
GFC Committees

Campus Law Review
- Chair: Steven Penney
- Staff: Andrea Patrick
- SU Members: Ilya Ushakov

Committee on the Learning Environment
- Chair: Sarah Forgie
- Staff: Meg Brolley
- SU Members: Shane Scott

Executive
- Chair: David Turpin
- Staff: Meg Brolley
- SU Members: Shane Scott
GFC Committees

**Facilities Development**
- Chair: Wendy Rodgers (delegate of Provost)
- Staff: Andrea Patrick
- SU Members: Robyn Paches

**Nominating**
- Chair: Mirko van der Baan (acting)
- Staff: Ann Hodgson
- SU Members: Shane Scott

**Replenishment**
- Chair: Fay Fletcher
- Staff: Meg Brolley
- SU Members: Shane Scott
# GFC Committees

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<td>Uwe Hacke</td>
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<td>COSA</td>
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University Executive

• Set tone and direction of the University
  • Therefore play a significant role in planning as well as in major policy

• Responsible for the administrative and management duties of the University
  • Therefore responsible for the implementation of planning

• Ultimately responsible to the Board
University Executive Responsibility

Board of Governors

President David Turpin

Provost Steven Dew

VP (Academic)

VP (Finance and Administration)

VP (Facilities and Operations)

VP (Research)

VP (External Relations)

Vice-Provosts

Deans and Faculties

Resource Planning

Strategic Analysis

Buildings and Infrastructure

Ancillary Services
University Executive

President
- President’s Advisory Committee of Chairs (PACC)
- President’s Executive Committee (PEC)
- Deans’ Council

Provost and VP (Academic)
- Executive Planning Committee (EPC)
- Strategic Initiatives Group (SIG)
- Budget Advisory Committee (BAC)
- Teaching, Learning and Technology Council (TLAT)

VP (Research)
- University Research and Policy Committee (URPC)

VP (Finance and Administration)
- Administrative Information Systems Steering Committee (AIISSC)
- BAC (joint with Provost)

VP (Facilities and Operations)
- Alcohol Policy Review Committee (APRC)
Advisory Groups

Senate
- Power comes from influence and power of voice
- Periodically produces well-written, well-discussed, well-researched and widely ignored recommendation documents

Deans’ Council
- Regular meeting of University Executive and faculty Deans
- Very important advisory council, taken extremely seriously

Alumni Association
- Provides services to Alumni and produces New Trail Magazine
- Becoming more important

President’s Advisory Committee of Chairs (PACC)
- Advisory board to the President on matters of great import to Department Chairs
- Shady committee