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**GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL – OPEN SESSION**

**February 18, 2022**

**VIRTUAL**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Tim Rahilly, CHAIR	Angela Galeos	Jennifer Pettit
Elizabeth Evans, VICE-CHAIR	Shane Gannon	Stephen Price
Yasmin Ahmed	Leah Hamilton	Michael Quinn
Terri Baker	Sally Haney	Tabussom Qureshi
Arianna Borruel	Travis Imber	Kari Roberts
Meagan Bowler	Brenda Lang	Paul Rossmann
Tom Buchanan	Michelle LoGullo	Peter Ryan
Fiona Chetty	Brad Mahon	Marc Schroeder
Peter Choate	Linda ManyGuns	Bill Scott
Liza Choi	Katharine McGowan	Robyn Stewart
Erik Christiansen	Tori McMillan	Spirit River Striped Wolf
David Clemis	Cari Merkley	Michael Uzoka
Christian Cook	Lavinia Moldovan	Annalise Van Ham
Holly Crowe	Scott Murray	Phil Warsaba
Doug Doucette	Kenna Olsen	Gaye Warthe
Israel Dunmade	Carlton Osakwe	Therese Wiart Jenkinson
Lee Easton	Jill Parnell	Kelly Williams-Whitt
Mohamed El Hussein	Akash Parmar	Jonathan Withey
Maryam Elahi	Aida Patient	

Resources:

Amy Nixon, General Counsel and University Secretary  
Sheena Jensen, RECORDING SECRETARY

**NOT IN ATTENDANCE:**

Trevor Day	Tim Haney
Nader Dehghany	Nabeel Muhammad
Cynthia Gallop	Nancy Ogden
Geri Lynn Gouglas	Paul Varella

T. Rahilly, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. and confirmed quorum.

**TERRITORIAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Kari Roberts opened the meeting with a Territorial Land Acknowledgement.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

***Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** the Agenda for the February 18, 2022 General Faculties Council open session meeting be approved.

***Motion carried by unanimous consent***

## **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

### ***Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** the Minutes of the January 21, 2022 General Faculties Council open session meeting be approved, as presented.

***Motion carried by unanimous consent***

## **Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

## **REVISED 2022-2023 ACADEMIC SCHEDULE FOR THE NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION (SEPTEMBER 30, 2022)**

### ***Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** General Faculties Council approve the revised 2022-2023 Academic Schedule, which identifies September 30, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, as a non-instructional day.

### **Discussion:**

- T. Rahilly clarified that this item is before GFC in light of the impact on the Academic Schedule and provided additional information on how Mount Royal University will mark the day
  - He advised the intent is to give all members of the MRU community the opportunity to recognize the day and to strongly urge participation in programming that would take place that week and on that day
  - If GFC approves the motion, he will move forward on making a final determination on what the day will look like and information will be shared with GFC as plans emerge
- A question asked if there were plans in place to ensure student participation on September 30, noting that it may impact GFC member's vote on the motion to know those plans first
  - T. Rahilly responded that planning will commence following support from GFC on the motion presented, and that he plans to meet with SAMRU on the matter of ensuring student participation

***Motion carried***

## **APPROVAL OF CURRICULUM**

### **Program Termination – Bachelor of Applied Interior Design**

#### ***Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** the General Faculties Council approve the program termination for the Bachelor of Applied Interior Design.

#### **Discussion:**

- P. Choate, Chair of APCC, confirmed that there were no students currently enrolled in the programs submitted for termination, and advised that APCC explored each submission carefully prior to recommending them to GFC for approval.

***Motion carried***

T. Rahilly proposed the remainder of the curriculum submissions (agenda items 5.2. – 5.12.) be carried by a singular motion, and provided GFC members an opportunity to consider any of the curriculum submissions separately.

***Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** GFC approve agenda items 5.2. To 5.12. by a singular motion.

***Motion carried by unanimous consent***

***Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** GFC approve the curriculum submissions:

- Program termination for the Broadcasting Diploma
- New minor for Digital Media, Minor
- Major program change for Journalism and Digital Media, BCMM
- Major program change for the Embalmer, Certificate
- Major program change for the Funeral Director, Certificate
- Major program change for the Funeral Service, Diploma
- New program/major for Athletic Therapy, BHPE (Honours)
- New program/major for Ecotourism and Outdoor Leadership (Honours)
- New program/major for Physical Literacy, BHPE (Honours)
- New program/major for Sport and Recreation Management, BHPE (Honours)
- Major program change for Education – Elementary, B.E.d.

***Motion carried***

### **APPROVAL OF GFC BYLAW REVISION**

The GFC Executive Committee brought forward a recommendation to revise the GFC Bylaws to add the provision 10.2. *Electronic Voting Provision for GFC Committees.*

***Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** the General Faculties Council approve the GFC Bylaw revision, effective immediately.

***Motion carried.***

### **COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS**

#### **Executive Committee (EC)**

T. Rahilly, Chair of EC, submitted a written report for the February 9, 2022 EC meeting. A question was raised regarding concerns of transparency and timelines with the hiring process for the Provost and Vice-President, Academic search. T. Rahilly explained that the search committee is addressing these matters to resolve the issues, and acknowledged the comments received.

#### **Academic Planning and Budget Committee (APBC)**

No report.

### **Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee (APCC)**

P. Choate, Chair of APCC, did not have a report beyond the curriculum items presented for approval.

### **Academic Standards Committee (ASC)**

L. Easton, Chair of ASC, reported that ASC recently approved the Bachelor of Interior Design program review, which will be provided to GFC for information at the next meeting. Updates were given on ASC's work with Dr. Linda ManyGuns on changes to Tenure and Promotion Criteria and other work associated with Tenure and Promotion Handbooks. ASC also plans to address the role of ASC and advise on the changes by moving to 'audit status' with CAQC and internal quality assurance processes.

### **Research and Scholarship Committee (RSC)**

M. Quinn, Chair of RSC, reported on behalf of the working groups of RSC, and advised that RSC recently recommended an Institute Renewal that will be brought to GFC for approval at the next meeting.

### **Student Affairs Committee (SAC)**

P. Warsaba, Chair of SAC, reported that SAC has met to approve awards and will be meeting again next week.

### **Teaching and Learning Committee (TLC)**

C. Cook, Chair of TLC, gave a status update on the LMS project, and reported that communications are regularly shared with the campus community: [mru.ca/LMS](http://mru.ca/LMS).

T. Rahilly concluded the Committee Chair Reports section by confirming he will bring forward a discussion on the timing for submitting written reports for GFC meeting packages to the next Executive Committee meeting.

## **QUESTION PERIOD**

### **Written Questions**

No written questions were submitted to GFC.

### **Questions from the Floor:**

- An additional comment was made with respect to the hiring process for the Provost and Vice-President, Academic search, with concern raised about the process of not having open presentations from candidates for the University community, and an opinion was on the benefits of having this practice
- A question was asked about the return to campus plans commencing February 28 and plans to maintain a safe and healthy campus
  - T. Rahilly and J. Withey provided details about the impact of the Alberta Government's phased approach for lifting restrictions in Alberta and the impacts to post-secondary institutions, and the University's phased return of in-person courses
  - The situation will be monitored closely and updates on further changes will be communicated to students and employees via email and posted on the MRU website, including information on vaccine verifications and masking requirements

## **OTHER REPORTS**

### **President and Vice-Chancellor**

T. Rahilly did not have any additional items to report.

### **Provost and Vice-President, Academic (Interim)**

E. Evans submitted a written report with academic updates, and updates from the Vice-Provost and AVP, Academic, the Vice-Provost and AVP, Students, and the AVP, Indigenization and Decolonization.

### **Discussion of Reports from Senior Administration**

Dr. Linda ManyGuns responded to a question from the floor regarding the section in her report that references changing the membership criteria for *mi sum iasto*, as it was previously approved by GFC. The limit of the current structure was explained in consideration of how the committee was first established, which had a focus on curriculum. Dr. ManyGuns suggested that the membership be broadened to include more student and Elder representation to align with expanding the scope of this committee (in progress).

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **Items Removed for Discussion**

No items were removed for discussion from the consent agenda.

### **Items for Approval**

#### ***Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** the General Faculties Council approve the Consent Agenda items for the February 18, 2022 Open Session:

- Revisions to Arts Tenure and Promotion Criteria  
**THAT** the General Faculties Council recommend to the Board of Governors the proposed revisions to the *Research and Scholarship Criteria, Evidence and Standards for Tenure and Promotion* for the Faculty of Arts at Mount Royal University including the Arts Scholarly Results Chart, to better represent professional and scholarly activities by Interior Design faculty.

#### ***Motion carried***

### **Items for Information**

The following items were received for information:

- GFC Annual Elections
- Committee Meeting Minutes
- Faculty Council Approved Curriculum

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**10:00AM**

***The GFC Closed Session followed.***