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**GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL – OPEN SESSION**  
**MARCH 18, 2022**  
**VIRTUAL**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

Resources:

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

Guests:

Evan Cortens, Director, Institutional Research and Planning

**NOT IN ATTENDANCE:**

Holly Crowe	Michelle LoGullo
Trevor Day	Katharine McGowan
Nader Dehghany	Therese Wiart Jenkinson
Tim Haney	

T. Rahilly, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. and confirmed quorum.

**TERRITORIAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Fiona Chetty opened the meeting with a Territorial Land Acknowledgement.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**THAT** the Agenda for the March 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 February 18, 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.

## **COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS**

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

T. Rahilly, Chair of EC, submitted a written report for the March 9, 2022 EC meeting, and highlighted the update on the Investment Management Agreement (IMA) that the GFC Executive Committee had discussed. It was explained that MRU received the documentation that week, and the final document will be included on the agenda for the next GFC meeting. It was noted that while there are new metrics, the targets and tolerances are achievable.

P. Choate, J. Pettit and L. ManyGuns provided additional information about the update on the implementation of the three-credit Indigenous component and its complexities, and responded to questions for clarification. A more detailed update will be provided at the May 2022 GFC meeting, and it is planned to come forward to GFC as a discussion item in Fall 2022.

In response to comments made by members regarding the IMA information provided in the meeting package, T. Rahilly reminded members that this item came forward to this meeting for information, and that full documentation will be provided at the next GFC meeting for discussion. A question raised about the Work Integrated Learning metric was noted for when this item is brought forward at the next meeting.

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

E. Evans, Vice-Chair and acting Chair of APBC, gave an update on the March 10, 2022 meeting. The topics brought forward were updates on Strategic Planning Process and framework and a faculty hiring update. It was explained that the committee is still working to understand the role it plays in the GFC governance model and will continue to address that matter with EC.

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

P. Choate, Chair of APCC, submitted a written report for the March 8, 2022 APCC meeting.

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

L. Easton, Chair of ASC, did not have an update, as ASC had not met since the previous GFC meeting.

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

M. Quinn, Chair of RSC, gave a brief update on the work progressing with the Research Policies working group and the Research and Scholarship Days working group. Research and Scholarship Days will be held from April 4 – 8, 2022.

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

P. Warsaba, Chair of SAC, submitted a written report for the February 28, 2022 SAC meeting.

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

C. Cook, Chair of TLC, submitted a written report for the February 24, 2022 TLC meeting, highlighting at the meeting that the LMS Renewal Project Steering Committee has identified a vendor and an announcement to the MRU community is forthcoming. She noted that there is a call for proposals open for presenting at Celebrate! Teaching and Learning on May 4 – 5, 2022. In response to a question about the impact of potential additional work for contract faculty with training and migration of data to the new LMS, it was explained that plans are being made to reduce the administration aspect for faculty members as much as possible.

T. Rahilly concluded the Committee Chair Reports section by congratulating Kenna Olsen on her nomination by GFC to the Board of Directors from 2022-2025.

## **QUESTION PERIOD**

### **Written Questions**

No written questions were submitted to GFC.

### **Questions from the Floor**

A question was responded to about the University's plans for the review of the Sexual Violence Response policy to address a letter emailed to Board Chairs from Demetrios Nicolaides, Minister of Advanced Education, on February 15, 2022 regarding "Reducing Sexual Violence on Campus":

- Work that is underway on the policy review and that there are interim measures in place while it is in progress
- The review is also being done in coordination with revisions to the Code of Student Community Standards policy and related policies and procedures, which need to be done first, due to significant intersections between the two policies
- Consultations are occurring for the Code of Student Community Standards policy and related policies and procedures, including with the GFC Student Affairs Committee, and it will come forward to GFC by May 2022

The leadership of SAMRU was recognized for being a leader in the province on student advocacy about sexual violence on campus.

## **OTHER REPORTS**

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

T. Rahilly submitted a written report with updates on the return to campus, acknowledgement of the invasion of Ukraine by Russia, Office of the President staff update, and updates on executive searches and collective bargaining. GFC thanked Annalise Van Ham, VP Finance & Administration and GFC member, who is retiring this month.

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

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

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

A question was raised asking for information about the decision to remove the mask mandate on campus. T. Rahilly explained that with the removal of the COVID-19 public health orders and related restrictions and the inability to effectively enforce a continued mask mandate on campus, the decision was made to remove the mandate.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **Items Removed for Discussion**

No items removed for discussion.

### **Items for Approval**

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

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

- Institute Renewal: Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship  
**THAT** General Faculties Council approve the continuation of the Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship for five years (2027).

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

### **Items for Information**

The following items were received for information:

- Investment Management Agreement worksheets
- Program Review: Bachelor of Interior Design
- Committee Meeting Minutes
- Faculty Council Approved Curriculum

**NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**9:55AM**