

General Faculties Council – OPEN SESSION
Friday, May 19 at 9am – 11am
Ross Glen Hall EC1050

IN ATTENDANCE:

Tim Rahilly, CHAIR	Cynthia Gallop	Katharin Pritchard
Chad London, VICE-CHAIR	Shane Gannon	Maggie Quance
Tala Abu Hayyaneh	Geri Lynn Gouglas	Tabussom Qureshi
David Bird	Leah Hamilton	Shelley Rathie
Julie Booke	Brenda Lang	Kari Roberts
Vicki Bouvier	Michelle LoGullo	Paul Rossmann
Meagan Bowler	Moussa Magassa	Peter Ryan
Christine Brownell	Tori McMillan	Marc Schroeder
Troy Burnett	Cari Merkley	Cheryl Techentin
Fiona Chetty	Lavinia Moldovan	Deep Upadhyaya
Peter Choate	Mary-Lee Mulholland	Michael Uzoka
Erik Christiansen	Elaine Mullen	Connie Van der Byl
David Clemis	Guy Obrecht	Phil Warsaba
Anupam Das	Nancy Ogden	Gaye Warthe
Lee Easton	Kenna Olsen	Kelly Williams-Whitt
Maryam Elahi	Jennifer Pettit	Jonathan Withey
John Fischer	Stephen Price	

Resources

Amy Nixon, SECRETARY
Sheena Jensen, RECORDING SECRETARY

NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Arianna Borrueal	Trevor Day	Mustansar Nadeem
Adam Cave	Sally Haney	Joseph Nguyen
Liza Choi	Rusna Mahoon	Luis Rios
Christian Cook	Colin Martin	Joyce Totton
Evan Cortens	Nabeel Muhammad	Paul Varella

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:04am.

Land Acknowledgement

Cari Merkey opened the meeting with a Land Acknowledgement.

1. Approval of Agenda (*motion*)

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Agenda for the May 19, 2023 General Faculties Council open session meeting be approved.

Motion carried by unanimous consent

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

2.1. Minutes from April 21, 2023 (*motion*)

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Minutes of the April 21, 2023 General Faculties Council open session meeting be approved.

Motion carried by unanimous consent

- 2.2. Business Arising from the Minutes
There was no business arising from the minutes.

3. Approval of GFC Bylaw Revision – Definition of “Faculty” (*motion*)

Moved and seconded

THAT that General Faculties Council approve the revisions to the GFC Bylaws, as presented:

- Bylaw 1.1(m)
1.1 m) “Faculty” means a collection of Academic Units administered by a Dean. The following units shall be considered equivalent to a Faculty: ~~(1) the Library and (2) the Academic Development Centre (ADC) and the Department of General Education collectively known as “Teaching and Learning”;~~

Discussion:

- J. Pettit delivered a presentation on the administrative restructuring of ADC and General Education and responded to questions.
- It was explained that the approach for the curriculum development process will remain the same for all of the General Education Clusters.
- It was confirmed that the Teaching and Learning representatives elected to GFC and Committees, as part of the annual election cycle this past March and April 2023 for the next academic year, will commence their newly elected terms on July 1, 2023. Any changes to committee composition in consideration of this Bylaw revision, as recommended to GFC by the GFC Executive Committee, would be managed accordingly in the next annual election cycle.

Motion carried

4. Feedback on GFC Assessment Results

The Chair gave an overview of the summary of feedback and suggested actions to consider implementing in the next academic year that were provided in the meeting package in response to the feedback received from GFC’s Structure Discussion on November 25, 2022. Comments were shared on the following themes identified in the feedback: trust, informative discussions (e.g. budget) with GFC, the role of the Chair (with respect to a speaker role), and member participation at GFC meetings.

5. Discussion on the Academic Planning and Budget Committee

G. Warthe, Chair of the Academic Planning and Budget Committee (APBC), gave an overview of the rationale for APBC’s recommendation to dissolve as a standing committee of GFC, as provided in the meeting package.

Discussion:

- Members shared comments and suggestions in support of addressing the Committee's challenges to improve its functioning before any decision to dissolve comes forward to GFC.
- T. Rahilly advised that the comments and suggestions made will help to inform the GFC Executive Committee's GFC Bylaw and GFC Committee Structure review in the fall.

6. Committee Annual Reports

6.1. Executive Committee

A written Committee Chair report of the May 10, 2023 EC meeting and the EC Annual Report 2022-23 was provided.

6.2. Academic Planning and Budget Committee

The APBC Annual Report 2022-23 was provided.

6.3. Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee

The APCC Annual Report 2022-23 was provided and highlighted at the meeting.

6.4. Academic Standards Committee

The ASC Annual Report 2022-23 was provided and highlighted at the meeting.

6.5. Research and Scholarship Committee

A written Committee Chair report of the May 9, 2023 RSC meeting and the RSC Annual Report 2022-23 was provided.

6.6. Student Affairs Committee

A written Committee Chair report of the April 17 and May 10, 2023 SAC meetings and the SAC Annual Report 2022-23 was provided. In response to a question, the Vice-President, Students gave an overview of improvements to the accommodated exams process, which meaningfully impacted student demand in the Winter and which are expected to improve conditions for the next Fall and beyond. Councillors were reminded that the most productive way to manage exam accommodations is to adopt a Universal Design for Learning framework to optimize their courses.

6.7. Teaching and Learning Committee

The TLC Annual Report 2022-23 was provided.

7. Question Period

7.1. Written Questions

No written questions were submitted for inclusion in the package.

7.2. Questions from the Floor

There were no questions from the floor.

8. Other Reports

8.1. GFC Chair and Vice-Chair Report

The GFC Chair and Vice-Chair submitted a written report, and it was highlighted at the meeting that Mount Royal has been granted quality assurance audit status and delegated new program approval status by Campus Alberta Quality Council (CAQC).

In response to a question, it was indicated that as per the Student Evaluation of Teaching Policy, the annual report for SET related data, including prior years, is anticipated to come forward to TLC and GFC in the fall for information.

9. Consent Agenda

9.1. Items Removed for Discussion

No items were removed for discussion.

9.2. Items for Approval

9.2.1. Committee Charter Revisions

Moved and seconded

THAT the General Faculties Council approve the Consent Agenda items for the May 19, 2023 Open Session:

- THAT the revisions to the Academic Standards Committee Charter be approved.

Motion carried by unanimous consent

9.3. Items for Information

The following consent agenda items were received for information:

- 9.3.1. Program Review: Broadcast Media Studies
- 9.3.2. GFC and Committees Election Results
- 9.3.3. Committee Meeting Minutes
- 9.3.4. Faculty Council Approved Curriculum

10. New Business

The Chair recognized the outgoing GFC members for their contributions to GFC this academic year.

11. Adjournment 10:43AM