

Academic Planning and Budget Committee
April 27, 2026 at 3pm – 5pm
University Boardroom A341

IN ATTENDANCE:

Leda Stawnychko	GFC Academic Staff Member, CHAIR
Chad London	Provost and Vice-President, Academic, VICE-CHAIR
Michael Lam	Vice-President, Finance and Administration
Karim Dharamsi	Vice-Provost, Academic
Phil Warsaba	Vice-President, Students
Jonathan Withey	Deans' Council Representative
Milena Radzikowska	GFC Academic Staff Member (Business, Communication Studies & Aviation)
Chris Lovallo	GFC Academic Staff Member (Science and Technology)
Meekena Erkin	Student Representative
Rida Ansari	Student Representative

Resources

Mo Sadek	Associate Vice-President, Finance
Linda Van der Zande	Director, Office of the Provost
Stephanie Schneider	Director, Budgets and Resource Planning
Sheena Dyer	Assistant University Secretary, GFC, RECORDING SECRETARY

Guest

Julia Madden	Student Representative
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NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Katharine Barrette	Academic Staff Member (University Library)
Lee Easton	GFC Academic Staff Member (Arts)
Robyn Madden	GFC Academic Staff Member (Health, Community and Education)

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:02PM.

1. Approval of Agenda***Moved and seconded:***

THAT the Agenda for the April 27, 2026 Academic Planning and Budget Committee meeting be approved.

Motion carried**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes****2.1. Minutes from January 26, 2026*****Moved and seconded:***

THAT the Minutes of the January 26, 2026 Academic Planning and Budget Committee meeting be approved.

Motion carried

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

3. Presentations & Discussion: ELSC and GESC

- 3.1. Experiential Learning Steering Committee (ELSC)
K. Dharamsi presented the Experiential Learning Framework - Draft Recommendations (ELSC Phase 2).

The committee was asked to review the Experiential Learning Framework - Draft Recommendations (Google Site), as prepared by the Experiential Learning Steering Committee (ELSC). In response to questions and observations, it was explained that the EL & WIL Council membership and aspects of the Indigenous-Informed areas are still under consideration.

- 3.2. General Education Steering Committee (GESC)
An update was shared on the Draft Liberal Education Model (GESC Phase 2).

The committee was asked to review the Draft Liberal Education Model (Google Site), as prepared by the General Education Steering Committee (GESC). Clarifications were provided in response to questions and observations on various aspects of the proposed model.

4. APBC Committee Charter Review

The APBC Committee Charter was reviewed. No changes were recommended.

5. Draft APBC 2025-26 Annual Report

The Chair will prepare the report and circulate it to members by email for feedback in advance of submission to the GFC May meeting.

6. Updates and Reports

- 6.1. 2023-2030 Academic Plan Implementation Update
In addition to the ELSC and GESC presentations, Chad London added that the Indigenization and Decolonization Strategic Framework has been developed and approved, and shared highlights of that development process. It will be made available on the Mount Royal University website.
- 6.2. 2026-27 Budget Update
Stephanie Schneider shared an update on the budget process this past year, and following the funding announcement from the Government of Alberta, and shared highlights of that announcement and impact on MRU's budget. The 2026-27 budget was approved by the Board of Governors in March. More information will be shared with Mount Royal soon.
- 6.3. 2025-26 Year-end Financial Results and Audit Update
Mo Sadek shared highlights of the auditing process and expected year-end financial results this academic year, noting that this work is still in progress. In response to a question, it was explained that no recommendations for reconsidering the budget are anticipated to come forward at this time.

6.4. Committee Chair Report

A copy of the previous Committee Chair Report to GFC was provided for information.

7. For Information:

The following items were provided for information:

7.1. APBC Meeting Schedule 2026-27

7.2. Draft APBC Membership List 2026-27

It was affirmed that the meeting dates align similarly to this year and have considered budget development timelines.

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment 3:55PM