

**Academic Standards Committee (ASC) Annual Report for General Faculties Council
2020-2021**

DATE: May 18, 2021

SUBMITTED BY: Lee Easton, Chair of ASC

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES

The Academic Standards Committee examined 9 program reviews including:

- Aviation Diploma
- Bachelor of Nursing
- Bachelor of Child Studies: Major in Child and Youth Care Counsellor (CYCC)
- Bachelor of Child Studies: Major in Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC)
- Bachelor of Health and Physical Education- Major in Sports and Recreation
- Bachelor of Health and Physical Education- Major in Athletic Therapy
- Bachelor of Health and Physical Education- Major in Physical Literacy
- Bachelor of Health and Physical Education- Major in Ecotourism and Outdoor Leadership
- Diploma in Social Work

The Committee struck a working group to respond to the *Board of Governors of Mount Royal University and the Mount Royal Faculty Association 2018-2020 MOU regarding Acknowledging Indigenous Knowledge and Ways of Knowing through Changes to Institutional Tenure and Promotion Criteria.* The working group submitted a report outlining its recommendations to the ASC, which has reviewed and forwarded those to General Faculties Council for consideration and decision.

In response to direction from the Interim Provost in a memo dated December 8, 2020, the ASC struck a working group to address the process and timelines for permanency of lab instructors and senior lecturers. That working group has recommended that, based on the differences between tenure and permanency processes, two different documents be created to support permanent lab instructors and senior lecturers in their probationary period. Other recommendations can be found in the Academic Standards Committee May 2021 report.

MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

- Continue to work on the required forms and documentation for permanent lab instructors and senior lecturers during their probationary period
- Complete any amendments to the Institutional Tenure and Promotion criteria to acknowledge Indigenous knowledge and ways of knowing
- Consult with Faculty Councils about amendments, if any, to the Institutional Tenure and Promotion Criteria and make revisions, if necessary, before recommending those changes to the General Faculties Council.
- Role of ASC in moving to 'audit status' with CAQC - internal quality assurance processes

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Lee Easton, Chair (GFC Academic Staff Member)
Michael Quinn, Vice-Chair (Vice-Provost and AVP, Academic)
Phil Warsaba, Vice-Provost and AVP, Students
Carlton Osakwe, MRFA Academic Liaison Officer
Brian Traynor, Dean Representative
Aida Patient, GFC Academic Staff Member - Arts
Sally Haney, GFC Academic Staff Member - Business and Communication Studies
Yasmin Dean, GFC Academic Staff Member - Health, Community and Education
Tonya Mousseau, GFC Academic Staff Member - Science and Technology
Cynthia Gallop, Academic Staff Member - Teaching & Learning
Erik Christiansen, Academic Staff Member - University Library
Olga Barceló, Student Representative (*September – January*)
Anna Dinh, Student Representative (*September – January*)
Sarah Micho, Student Representative (*February – present*)
Tala Abu Hayyaneh, Student Representative (*February – present*)

Resources

Gerl Lynn Gouglas, University Registrar
Sheena Jensen, Recording Secretary (Governance Assistant, GFC)

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

ASC had seven (7) meetings:

- October 7, 2020
- November 12, 2020
- December 9, 2020
- January 14, 2021
- March 11, 2021
- April 8, 2021
- May 6, 2021

For additional information and meeting minutes, visit the [ASC](#) webpage.