
**Academic Standards Committee (ASC) Annual Report for General Faculties Council
2025-2026**

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SUBMITTED BY: Lee Easton, Chair of ASC

It is my pleasure to submit this Annual Report on the work of the Academic Standards Committee based on the [Annual Plan](#) the Committee submitted to GFC on November 20, 2025. I am pleased to report that we have completed much of the work we contemplated in the Plan as outlined below.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES (Based on Annual Plan 2025-26)**1) Consider revisions to the Admissions Policy.**

We reviewed and recommended for GFC approval to changes to the Admissions Policy.

2) Consider Program Reviews

GFC has delegated to the Academic Standards Committee (ASC) the responsibility to assess the cyclical Program Reviews and to approve them on behalf of the General Faculties Council. As outlined in the Annual Plan, the Committee undertook consideration of the following Program Reviews

- Bachelor of Arts-Psychology
- Bachelor of Social Work
- Bachelor of Business Administration- General Management

These Reviews were approved by the Committee and the Executive Summary and Advancement Plans sent to GFC for its information. We will take up the Program Review of Chemistry next year.

This was a comparatively lighter year for ASC with three reviews to assess; however, looking ahead, there may be challenges with the number of reviews planned to come to ASC.

3) Finalize ASC processes and templates for approval of program reviews.

In October, the Committee undertook a review of established processes and granted approval for a template designed to collect members' inquiries and observations during their examination of Review documentation. We discussed Advancement Plans and what role, if any, ASC may play in subsequent reporting and clarified that reporting was an operational matter. The Committee finalized a template for the formal communication of approvals to individual Programs. Thanks to Sheena Dyer for developing these templates.

4) Review and recommend changes to the *Scholarship for Tenure and Promotion* from the Faculty of Health, Community and Education

After some discussion about how the proposed revisions fit with aspects of the Collective Agreement, GFC returned the proposed revised criteria to ASC for further reflection and possible amendment.

Following further consultations with the Dean and Vice-Dean, Faculty of HCE, the proposed Criteria were amended and ASC recommended the revised scholarship criteria documents to GFC who in turn recommended them to the Board of Governors for approval.

5) Review and recommend to GFC for approval changes to the *Tenure, Promotion and Permanency Handbook*

As stated in the Plan, after appropriate consultations with the University and the MRFA, the ASC did align with revision in the recent Collective Agreement.

6) Review processes for amending the *Tenure, Promotion and Permanency Handbook*

In March the Committee began to address this item. Then, at its last meeting, the ASC created a Working Group to evaluate and record the processes by which both the *TPP Handbook* and the *Institutional Tenure and Promotion Criteria* have been amended and to recommend, if necessary, changes to those processes. This work will be captured in ASC's next Annual Plan.

7) Other Activities

The ASC heard updates and presentations from the General Education Steering Committee and the Experiential Learning Steering Committee.

MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

There are some matters for future consideration emanating from this year's work

- Program Review Bachelor of Science Chemistry
- Reports from the Working Group Reviewing Processes to Amend the ITPC and TPP Handbook
- Continue to monitor the impact of Generative AI on academic standards

Many thanks to the hard working members of the Academic Standards Committee for their insights and thoughtful contributions to all this work.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Easton
Chair, ASC

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Lee Easton	GFC Academic Staff Member, CHAIR
Karim Dharamsi	Vice-Provost, Academic, VICE-CHAIR
Phil Warsaba	Vice-President, Students
Peter Ryan	MRFA Academic Policy and Governance Officer
Kelly Williams-Whitt	Dean Representative
Mary-Lee Mulholland	GFC Academic Staff Member (Arts)
Todd Burton	GFC Academic Staff Member (Business & Communication Studies)
Sarah Hamilton	GFC Academic Staff Member (Health, Community & Education) (<i>Jan-Current</i>) (<i>Joyce Totton – until Dec</i>)
Jon Mee	GFC Academic Staff Member (Science & Technology)
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Meekena Erkin	Student Representative
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Geri Lynn Gouglas	University Registrar & Associate Vice-President, Enrolment Management
Radwa Mohamed	Academic Quality Assurance Coordinator <i>(Mar-Current) (Tabussom Qureshi – until Feb)</i>
Sheena Dyer	Assistant University Secretary, GFC, RECORDING SECRETARY

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

1. September 16, 2025
2. October 28, 2025
3. December 2, 2025
4. March 17, 2026
5. April 21, 2026

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