

Academic Standards Committee

December 7, 2022 at 3pm – 5pm

University Boardroom A341

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lee Easton, GFC Academic Staff Member, CHAIR
Gaye Warthe, Designate for Vice-Provost, Academic, VICE-CHAIR
Phil Warsaba, Vice-President, Students
Peter Ryan, MRFA Academic Liaison Officer
Kelly Williams-Whitt, Dean Representative (*via Google Meet*)
Sally Haney, GFC Academic Staff Member (Business & Communication Studies)
Deep Upadhyaya, GFC Academic Staff Member (Health, Community & Education)
Cynthia Gallop, Academic Staff Member (Teaching & Learning)
Erik Christiansen, Academic Staff Member (University Library)
Tala Abu Hayyaneh, Student Representative
Rusna Mahoon, Student Representative

Resources

Geri Lynn Gouglas, University Registrar
Cheryl Melatdoost, Academic Quality Assurance Coordinator
Sheena Jensen, Assistant University Secretary, GFC, RECORDING SECRETARY

Guests

dr. linda manyguns, Associate Vice-President, Indigenization and Decolonization

NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Aida Patient, GFC Academic Staff Member (Arts)

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:04pm and confirmed quorum.

1. Approval of Agenda (*motion*)

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Agenda for the December 7, 2022 Academic Standards Committee meeting be approved.

Motion carried

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

2.1. Minutes from November 9 , 2022 (*motion*)

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Minutes of the November 9, 2022 Academic Standards Committee meeting be approved.

Motion carried

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

3. Proposed changes to the *Institutional Tenure and Promotion Criteria (with respect to Indigenous Peoples Ways of Knowing and Doing)* (for discussion)

- 3.1. Review of final draft documents (*to present to Faculty Council's*)
Revisions to the proposed Appendix A and Service tables were reviewed with ASC, per the Committee's suggestions from the previous meeting (no changes to the Teaching tables). The intent was that the documents be presented to the Faculty Councils for review and advice in January/February 2023.

ASC gave consensus to proceed with the revised "Appendix A" moving forward to the consultation step.

Revisions to the tables for "MRU Teaching Criteria and Possible Examples" and "Institutional Examples of Evidence of Service" were discussed and agreed to by ASC, including editorial/formatting changes, wordsmithing, and placement of Indigenous examples at the top of each column to recognize the importance of them. For the Service tables, further discussion took place on making edits for clarity of peer evaluations by Indigenous faculty as an optional example (not a requirement), and about including a statement (or guiding principles) for each Appendices to ensure that anyone claiming Indigenous activities and that these examples follow those principles.

ACTION: I. manyguns will draft a statement for ASC's feedback via email to include in the documents that acknowledges how these changes fit with the Seven Grandfather teachings.

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Academic Standards Committee approves forwarding the proposed changes to the *Institutional Tenure and Promotion Criteria (with respect to Indigenous Peoples Ways of Knowing and Doing)* to Faculty Councils for advice.

Motion carried

- 3.2. Draft Presentation to Faculty Council's
The draft presentation for the Faculty Council consultations and letter to the Dean's requesting ASC members to present to their Faculty Council was reviewed. It was suggested and agreed to add the list of other recommendations to be proposed to GFC (such as EDI), as well.

4. Reports

- 4.1. Update on Cyclical Reviews – C. Melatdoost
A written update was shared with members and highlighted at the meeting on upcoming reviews for 2022-23, program reviews in progress, and updates on the programs awaiting feedback from CAQC.

4.1.1. Quality Assurance Website ([Website Link](#))

C. Melatdoost navigated through areas of the website. This will be included in ASC's Orientation information.

4.2. Committee Chair Report

The Chair updated the committee on the status of confirming a resource to update the Tenure and Promotion Handbook (mainly the editorial changes). An update was also given on the development of a contract for Dean's to review regarding improving the format of SPoT's to make them more accessible. No further update at this time regarding a handbook for senior lecturers and lab instructors.

4.3. Report from the Senior Administrator to the Committee

The application for audit status was recently reviewed by CAQC and MRU is awaiting a response, and an update on timelines was shared.

5. New Business

There was no new business.

6. Adjournment 4:25PM