

# GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL ACADEMIC STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

## ACADEMIC STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING February 16, 2022 VIRTUAL

**IN ATTENDANCE:** 

Lee Easton CHAIR, GFC Academic Staff Member

Michael Quinn VICE-CHAIR, Vice-Provost and AVP, Academic

Peter Ryan MRFA Academic Liaison Officer

Kelly Williams-Whitt Dean Representative

Aida Patient GFC Academic Staff Member (Arts)

Sally Haney GFC Academic Staff Member (Business and Communication Studies)
Therese Wiart Jenkinson GFC Academic Staff Member (Health, Community and Education)

Bill Scott GFC Academic Staff Member (Science and Technology)

Cynthia Gallop Academic Staff Member (Teaching & Learning)
Erik Christiansen Academic Staff Member (University Library)

Haroon Chehade Student Representative Rusna Mahoon Student Representative

**Resources** 

Geri Lynn Gouglas University Registrar

Sheena Jensen RECORDING SECRETARY, Assistant University Secretary, GFC

**Guests** 

Cheryl Melatdoost Academic Quality Assurance Coordinator

Natalie Badenduck Associate Professor, Department of Interior Design

David Hyttenrauch Chair, Department of Interior Design
Linda ManyGuns AVP, Indigenization and Decolonization

Jennifer Pettit Dean, Faculty of Arts

**NOT IN ATTENDANCE:** 

Phil Warsaba Vice-Provost and AVP, Students

L. Easton, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:02pm and confirmed quorum.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#### Moved and seconded:

**THAT** the Agenda for the February 16, 2022 Academic Standards Committee meeting be approved. *Motion carried.* 

#### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

#### Moved and seconded:

**THAT** the Minutes of the January 19, 2022 Academic Standards Committee meeting be approved.

Motion carried.

#### **Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

### UPDATE ON THE ASC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RECOGNIZING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES WAYS OF KNOWING AND INDIGENOUS SCHOLARSHIP IN THE INSTITUTIONAL TENURE AND PROMOTION CRITERIA

L. ManyGuns summarized the discussions with L. Easton and K. Williams-Whitt and the work in progress regarding recognizing Indigenous peoples ways of knowing and Indigenous scholarship in the *Institutional Tenure* and *Promotion Criteria*, including:

- Updating language in the Tenure and Promotion Policy and Appendix
- Reviewing previous consultations and engaging in further consultations to collect information for understanding the issues
- Clarification of the documents that are being looked at to be updated (Tenure and Promotion Criteria and appendices as the main place for information)

L. ManyGuns left the meeting.

#### **REPORTS**

#### **Update on Cyclical Reviews**

C. Melatodoost provided an update and responded to questions on the upcoming program reviews for 2022-23 in the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Business and Communication Studies, and reviews in progress (BMST, GSCI, ENVS and GNED). An update was also given on the status of CAQC feedback and accreditation of reviews previously approved by ASC (ELLC, INDS, ATTH and PHYL).

#### **Committee Chair Report**

No report.

#### **Report from the Senior Administrator to the Committee**

M. Quinn provided updates on the following and responded to questions:

- Status of the comprehensive evaluation process with CAQC
- Handbook for Lab Instructors and Senior Lecturers and an improved digital format for handbooks to coincide with updates in all related documents per the new Collective Agreement to ensure consistency
- MOU for "Handling of Dossiers in the Transition from Blackboard LMS to RPT"
- Learning Management System project

#### APPROVAL OF BACHELOR OF INTERIOR DESIGN PROGRAM REVIEW

A preliminary discussion took place about the Interior Design program review to identify questions to ask the guests.

Natalie Badenduck, David Hyttenrauch and Jennifer Pettit joined the meeting.

Questions were responded to and discussed regarding the following areas of the program review:

- Scholarly activity recommendations
- Addressing the external reviewer's observations regarding student mental health; the program is actively
  working to improve this, noting it is an issue across many institutions in this area of study and a trend to
  address the program's workload
- Securing an administrative position to support student internships
- Potential for General Education interior design offerings

Natalie Badenduck, David Hyttenrauch and Jennifer Pettit left the meeting.

#### Moved and seconded:

**THAT** the Academic Standards Committee approves the Bachelor of Interior Design program review, with the recommendation that the team add to their Advancement Plan adding the staff position.

#### Discussion:

- Clarified the timing for General Education-related areas within the Advancement Plan and agreed no change is required to the timelines
- Suggestion that the staff position to support student internships be added to the Advancement Plan, which addresses concerns the with resourcing

#### Motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT 4:35PM