

Academic Standards Committee
October 5, 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
Aida Patient, GFC Academic Staff Member (Arts)
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

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:

Rusna Mahoon, Student Representative

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:02pm and confirmed quorum.

1. Approval of Agenda (*motion*)

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Agenda for the October 5, 2022 Academic Standards Committee meeting be approved.

Motion carried

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

2.1. Minutes from May 4, 2022 (*motion*)

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Minutes of the May 4, 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. ASC Orientation Information (for review)**3.1. Meeting Schedule and Membership**

The 2022-23 ASC meeting schedule and membership list was reviewed.

3.2. ASC Charter

The ASC Charter was reviewed. The Chair explained ASC's role in the quality assurance process as MRU moves towards audit status.

A formal review of the Charter will be done at the end of the year, and further consideration will be given to other matters that would be included (if any) as part of "etc" in section "4.6 *Recommend to the GFC on policies and procedures related to the articulation of academic standards with academic goals and priorities, the academic success of students, admissions, etc.*"

3.3. Process for Program Reviews at ASC Meetings

The process for Program Reviews at meetings was reviewed.

3.4. Criteria and Questions for ASC Review of Cyclical Program Reviews

The criteria and questions that guide ASC's review of Program Reviews was reviewed. It will be reviewed again at the end of the academic year and updated as required.

3.5. Policies:

The following policies were received for information:

- Cyclical Review of Academic Programs Policy and Procedures
- Academic Program Quality Assurance Policy
- Grades Policy
- Examinations Policy and Procedures

3.6. Tenure and Promotion:

The following Tenure and Promotion documents were received for information:

- Tenure and Promotion Handbook – updates to the Handbook will be looked at this year.
- Tenure and Promotion Criteria – updates are in progress to the Tenure and Promotion Criteria (see agenda item 6).

4. ASC 2021-22 Assessment Results (for discussion)

The ASC 2021-22 assessment survey results were reviewed. A discussion took place on student perspectives as an area of feedback identified in the results. To help assess the quality of the student experience in the programs, updates will be made to include this area in the *Criteria and questions for ASC Review of Cyclical Program Reviews* document.

ACTION: The *Criteria and questions for ASC Review of Cyclical Program Reviews* document will be updated to include questions to consider that are related to the student experience in the program review process.

5. Discuss Annual Plan and Working Groups (for discussion)

Matters for future consideration in the previous year's Annual Report will be included in the ASC 2022-23 Annual Plan. Other items for the Annual Plan that were considered included updates to the *Criteria and Questions for ASC Review of Cyclical Program Reviews* document, upcoming program reviews, and changes to the *Institutional Tenure and Promotion Criteria* as that Working Group's recommendations move forward.

l. manyguns joined the meeting.

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

The Working Group presented recommendations for the Committee's consideration of several changes to the *Institutional Promotion and Tenure Criteria*, including a draft version of a proposed Appendix to guide tenure and promotion Committees when assessing the dossiers of Indigenous faculty. linda manyguns led a detailed review of the proposed changes to the Teaching criteria and its illustrative examples. The Working Group also explained their process for developing the recommendations, including discussions with Indigenous faculty and community elders.

At the next meeting, the Committee will review the proposed changes to the Service Documents and the proposed new Appendix 1.

7. Academic Program Review Updates

C. Melatdoost shared updates on academic program reviews.

8. Committee Chair Report

No report. The Chair thanked linda manyguns and Kelly Williams-Whitt for their work on the proposed recommendations for the *Institutional Tenure and Promotion Criteria*.

9. Report from the Senior Administrator to the Committee

No report.

10. New Business

There was no new business.

11. Adjournment 4:55PM