

**GFC Executive Committee (EC) Annual Report for General Faculties Council  
2020-2021**

**DATE:** May 19, 2021

**SUBMITTED BY:** Tim Rahilly, Chair of EC

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**SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES**

The Executive Committee (EC) met monthly to finalize GFC agendas and ensure items were within GFC's purview, and worked to ensure that requisite materials were available to facilitate discussions and deliberations, and that GFC decisions were recorded, transmitted and implemented. EC also approved a two-year calendar for GFC and GFC Committees (2021-22 and 2022-23).

EC made recommendations to GFC on all Committee charters, the disbandment of the Academic Plan Implementation Committee (APIC), the Fall 2020 withdrawal deadline extension, revisions to the GFC Bylaws, and delegation of the approval of gradstands to the Office of the Registrar.

EC also considered items for referral to other GFC committees, including:

- Referred to the Academic Standards Committee responding to the MOU in the MRFA Collective Agreement with respect to acknowledging Indigenous knowledge and ways of knowing.
- Delegated the authority to the Teaching and Learning Committee to update the guidelines and forms for Evaluation of Teaching to document the unique context of alternative delivery of instruction during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Decisions on behalf of GFC

It was necessary for EC to invoke clause 5.2.(a) of the Bylaws to make decisions on behalf of the GFC in between regular GFC meetings. These decisions were as follows:

- Approval of Graduands
- Approval of a one-time exception to temporarily amend the definition of a full-time student to include eligible fourth-year Nursing students who are registered in the Fall 2020 semester.
- With GFC's endorsement to delay the start of Winter classes to January 11, 2021, EC approved numerous motions related to the approval of the delay, including temporary exemptions to the policies required to enable the changes.

**MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

EC will be overseeing a formal assessment of GFC at the end of the 2021-22 academic year.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

Tim Rahilly, Chair (President and Vice-Chancellor)

Elizabeth Evans, Vice-Chair (Interim Provost and Vice-President, Academic)

Gerri Lynn Gouglas, University Registrar

Jennifer Pettit, Deans' Council Representative

Peter Choate, GFC Academic Staff Member  
Israel Dunmade, GFC Academic Staff Member  
Leah Hamilton, GFC Academic Staff Member  
Elaine Mullen, GFC Academic Staff Member  
Scott Murray, GFC Academic Staff Member  
Carly Bullough, Student Member of GFC (*September – April*)  
Yasmin Ahmed, Student Member of GFC (*May – present*)

### Resources

Jane O'Connor, University Secretary  
Sheena Jensen, Recording Secretary (Governance Assistant, GFC)

### **SUMMARY OF MEETINGS**

EC had nine (9) meetings:

- September 2, 2020
- October 15, 2020
- November 18, 2020
- December 2, 2020 (*Special Meeting*)
- January 6, 2021
- February 2, 2021
- March 3, 2021
- April 14, 2021
- May 19, 2021

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