
**GFC Executive Committee (EC) Annual Report for General Faculties Council
2025-2026****DATE:** May 6, 2026**SUBMITTED BY:** Tim Rahilly, Chair of EC

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES

The Executive Committee (EC) met monthly to approve GFC agendas, ensured that requisite materials were available to facilitate discussion and deliberations, and that GFC decisions were recorded, transmitted and implemented. GFC governance processes were also reviewed, as applicable throughout the year. EC approved a recommendation to GFC to revise the membership in the APCC Charter. EC approved the GFC and GFC Committees Meeting Schedules for 2026-27 and GFC/EC Schedules for 2027-28.

EC oversaw and participated in the GFC Governance Essentials sessions, and reviewed feedback from each session. The session topics were:

- September: Supporting the Work of GFC – How operational functioning feeds into and supports the work of GFC.
- October: Impact and Purpose of GFC – to strengthen member understanding of GFC's role, impact, and committee work, while fostering engagement and development across faculty, staff, and student representatives.
- November: Understanding GFC Committees – roles and responsibilities of key GFC committees; how committees advance GFC's mandate and governance priorities; and, opportunities for members to contribute effectively.

EC members also joined various GFC new member orientation opportunities alongside the GFC Chair Tim Rahilly and GFC Vice-Chair Chad London, which included two GFC Member Orientation Meet and Greet sessions in September before the first GFC meeting, and a GFC Student Lunch after the October GFC meeting.

In accordance with the [GFC Bylaws](#), EC oversaw the following this academic year:

- Formal Committee Charter Review (Bylaw 11.2(e)) – *Standing Committees will review their charters at least once every three (3) years and when necessary recommend changes to GFC. Committees will submit their recommendations to EC for review and GFC approval at the end of this academic year.*
 - No changes were recommended by all of the committees, except SAC who will be submitting revisions in Fall 2026.
- GFC Assessment (Bylaw 13) – *GFC will carry out an assessment of its performance and operations no later than two years following its last assessment in accordance with a process approved by GFC Executive Committee.*
 - EC considered streamlining the assessment process based on previous feedback, where a formal assessment will be conducted every other assessment. This will also be addressed during the next formal Bylaw review in September 2026.
 - A streamlined assessment will be conducted in May 2026.

MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

For the upcoming year, the Executive Committee will continue to review and discuss matters that arise from the work of Standing Committees and new business that comes forward for consideration.

EC will review the results of the 2025-26 GFC assessment, and also consider the results to inform GFC Governance Essentials session topics in the 2026-27 academic year.

In accordance with the GFC Bylaw 16.2. *Review and Changes to Bylaws*, EC will conduct a formal review of the GFC Bylaws commencing in September 2026.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Tim Rahilly	President and Vice-Chancellor, CHAIR
Chad London	Provost and Vice-President, Academic, VICE-CHAIR
Geri Lynn Gouglas	University Registrar and Associate Vice-President, Enrolment Management
Jennifer Pettit	Deans' Council Representative
Margaret MacConnachie	GFC Academic Staff Member
Katherine Bright	GFC Academic Staff Member
Scott Murray	GFC Academic Staff Member
Leda Stawnychko	GFC Academic Staff Member
Keir Stuhlmiller	GFC Academic Staff Member
Meekena Erkin/Julia Madden	Student Member of GFC (<i>Meekena Erkin – until April; Julia Madden – May</i>)
<u>Resources</u>	
Amy Nixon	General Counsel and University Secretary
Sheena Dyer	Assistant University Secretary, GFC, RECORDING SECRETARY

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

1. September 10, 2025
2. October 8, 2025
3. November 12, 2025
4. January 7, 2026
5. February 4, 2026
6. March 11, 2026
7. April 8, 2026
8. May 6, 2026

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