

GFC Executive Committee
February 4, 2026 at 3pm – 5pm
University Boardroom A341

IN ATTENDANCE:

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
Scott Murray	GFC Academic Staff Member
Leda Stawnychko	GFC Academic Staff Member
Keir Stuhlmiller	GFC Academic Staff Member
Meekena Erkin	Student Member of GFC

Resources

Amy Nixon	General Counsel and University Secretary
Sheena Dyer	Assistant University Secretary, GFC, RECORDING SECRETARY

NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Tim Rahilly	President and Vice-Chancellor, CHAIR
Katherine Bright	GFC Academic Staff Member

The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 3:00PM.

1. Approval of Agenda***Moved and seconded:***

THAT the Agenda for the February 4, 2026 Executive Committee meeting be approved.

Motion carried**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

2.1. Minutes from January 7, 2026

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Minutes of the January 7, 2026 Executive Committee meeting be approved.

Motion carried

2.2. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

3. Approval of GFC and Committee Meeting Schedules

An overview of the meeting schedules was provided.

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Executive Committee approves the GFC Standing Committees meeting schedules for 2026-27 and the General Faculties Council and Executive Committee meeting schedules for 2027-28.

Motion carried

4. Approval of GFC Agenda

4.1. GFC Open Session Agenda – February 13, 2026

Clarification was provided on the purpose of the agenda item for the President’s statement on free expression. Members recommended that a briefing note accompany the item to provide context for the attachment in the GFC package.

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Agenda for the February 13, 2026 GFC Open Session meeting be approved.

Motion carried

4.2. Speaker for Land Acknowledgement

A GFC member was confirmed as the speaker for the Land Acknowledgement at the next GFC meeting.

5. GFC Formal Assessment 2025/26

Discussion focused on the format and timing of this year’s GFC assessment, as required by the GFC Bylaws. There was support for streamlining the survey, including the use of stop/start/continue open-ended questions and maintaining some consistent questions from the previous survey for comparison.

Concerns about survey fatigue and the frequency of the two-year cycle were raised, and it will be flagged for consideration during the upcoming GFC Bylaw review in September. Confidentiality of survey responses was considered, and it was agreed that individual responses are confidential, and aggregate results will be shared in the GFC Closed Session.

A draft assessment plan will be provided at the next meeting for feedback.

6. For Information

The following items were provided for information:

6.1. GFC Annual Elections Information

7. New Business

There was no new business.

8. Adjournment 3:35PM