

GFC Executive Committee
February 8, 2023 at 3pm – 5pm
University Boardroom A341

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chad London, Provost and Vice-President, Academic, VICE-CHAIR
Geri Lynn Gouglas, University Registrar
Jennifer Pettit, Deans' Council Representative
Peter Choate, GFC Academic Staff Member
Leah Hamilton, GFC Academic Staff Member
Kari Roberts, GFC Academic Staff Member
Gaye Warthe, GFC Academic Staff Member
Yasmin Ahmed, Student Member of GFC

Resources

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

NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Tim Rahilly, President and Vice-Chancellor, CHAIR
Marc Schroeder, GFC Academic Staff Member

The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 3:03pm.

1. Approval of Agenda (*motion*)

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Agenda for the February 8, 2023 GFC Executive Committee meeting be approved.

Motion carried by unanimous consent

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

2.1. Minutes from January 11, 2023 (*motion*)

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Minutes of the January 11, 2023 GFC Executive Committee meeting be approved.

Motion carried by unanimous consent

2.2. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

3. Approval of GFC and Committees Meeting Schedules for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025

Moved and seconded:

THAT the GFC Executive Committee approve the GFC and Committees schedules for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025, as amended.

Discussion:

- It was highlighted that GFC and EC will meet eight times per year and the standing committees will be scheduled to meet six times per year
- The APCC dates will be amended to align with Registrar timelines

Motion carried.

4. Approval of GFC Agendas

4.1. Written Question Submitted for GFC

A written question for GFC was submitted from Dr. Lee Easton, President, Mount Royal Faculty Association regarding “Institutional Planning in Light of MRU’s High Use of Contract Academic Staff Appointments”. EC affirmed that the question would be included in the EC Open Session meeting package.

It was also noted that as business arising from the October 21, 2022 GFC meeting, the data on MRU Faculty Teaching will be shared with GFC with the February 17, 2023 GFC meeting package distribution email.

4.2. GFC Open Session Agenda – February 17, 2023 (*motion*)

Moved and seconded:

THAT the GFC Executive Committee approve the GFC Open Session Agenda for February 17, 2023.

Motion carried

4.3. GFC Closed Session Agenda – February 17, 2023 (*motion*)

Moved and seconded:

THAT the GFC Executive Committee approve the GFC Closed Session Agenda for February 17, 2023.

Motion carried

4.4. Speaker for Land Acknowledgement

Paul Varella will give the Land Acknowledgement at the February 17, 2023 GFC meeting.

5. Update – Three-Credit Indigenization Component

5.1./5.2. Update from the Interim Vice-Provost, Academic and Recommendation from APCC – Program Definitions Policy (Indigenous Content)

The Interim Vice-Provost, Academic gave an update on the three-credit Indigenous component from meetings with the Associate Deans to explore a solution and address challenges with a three-credit or equivalent solution, and intends to bring an update for the March GFC meeting.

The APCC Chair added that APCC expects to put forward an amended version of the proposed changes to the Program Definitions Policy for discussion at the March GFC meeting to align with the pathway that the Vice-Provost, Academic is exploring.

6. GFC Assessment Survey & Structured Discussion Results

A preliminary discussion took place about the structured discussion results related to the GFC assessment survey. The formal discussion will take place at the next EC meeting, including determining the next steps required and what to bring back to GFC.

7. GFC Committee Structure Review

With additional information provided to assist with EC's review of the GFC Committee structure, it was considered to bring a structured discussion forward to GFC in March 2023 on the two committees that have not been formed (Academic Indigenization and International Activities). The review of the established committees was also considered.

8. Planning for Formal GFC Bylaw Review (commence Fall 2023)

A process for a formal GFC Bylaw review will be explored in the 2023-24 academic year.

9. Committee Chair Report

No report.

10. GFC Annual Election

The GFC Annual Election information was provided.

11. New Business

As a follow-up to the proposed motion at the January 20, 2023 GFC meeting to have a group look at the ChatGPT issues, EC discussed a proposal from Tim Rahilly and was supportive of the following:

- Rather than striking a new group for the ChatGPT issue, Tim Rahilly, with EC's support, will refer the matter to TLC as there is considerable overlap in the membership that was contemplated for a group to address this with the membership of TLC and the issue aligns with TLC's mandate.

12. Adjournment 4:49PM