

GFC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

January 12, 2022

Virtual

IN ATTENDANCE:

Tim Rahilly	CHAIR, President and Vice-Chancellor
Elizabeth Evans	VICE-CHAIR, Provost and Vice-President, Academic
Geri Lynn Gouglas	University Registrar
Jennifer Pettit	Deans' Council Representative
Marc Schroeder	GFC Academic Staff Member
Peter Choate	GFC Academic Staff Member
Kari Roberts	GFC Academic Staff Member
Israel Dunmade	GFC Academic Staff Member
Leah Hamilton	GFC Academic Staff Member
Yasmin Ahmed	Student Member of GFC

Resources

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

T. Rahilly, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:02pm and confirmed quorum.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Agenda for the January 12, 2022 GFC Executive Committee meeting be approved.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Minutes of the November 17, 2021 GFC Executive Committee meeting be approved.

Motion carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising.

GFC AGENDA APPROVAL FOR JANUARY 21, 2022 and TERRITORIAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SPEAKER

Moved and seconded:

THAT the General Faculties Council January 21, 2022 Open Session Agenda be approved, as amended.

Discussion:

- A. Nixon agreed to give the Territorial Land Acknowledgement at GFC
- Amendments to the GFC agenda:
 - A separate section will be added after the Curriculum approval item for “COVID-19 Updates”
 - The two items for that section will be a discussion of Winter 2022 semester and decision for COVID Pass/Fail grades for the semester, which will include materials similar to the ones provided for the decision in March 2020

Motion carried**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION****Three-Credit Indigenization Component – Next Steps for APCC**

P. Choate, as Chair of APCC, summarized the request from APCC for EC to provide guidance on next steps for implementing APCC’s recommendation on the three-credit Indigenous component for programs across the University, with concerns expressed by APCC on the amount of time it has taken.

It was acknowledged that a pathway or mechanism to implement the objective had not been created when the objective was set, which has contributed to the issues arising. It was agreed that this should go to GFC for discussion only after consultations have taken place for an approach to meeting the objective, and to consider the capacity of Indigenous faculty, staff and Elders in the consultations.

With agreement that the consultation piece extends beyond APCC’s mandate, P. Coate and J. Pettit will meet to discuss the consultation process for discussion at the next EC meeting. P. Choate will report back to APCC.

GFC Meeting Locations for Winter 2022 Meetings

At the November 2021 meeting, EC committed to reviewing GFC meeting locations at this meeting. Under the current circumstances with COVID-19, it was agreed meetings will continue to be held virtually.

GFC Bylaws Revision – Electronic Voting Provision for Committees

As requested, a previous version of the electronic voting provision for committee was provided for consideration, along with research of similar electronic voting Bylaws used by other universities. It was asked if a minimum time to respond to an email vote should be included. It was explained that if a time longer than 24 hours is specified, it would indicate that a special meeting be called instead, so it was deemed not necessary to include in the provision. There was support shared for the wording presented.

The proposed Bylaw revision will go to GFC at the February meeting as a follow-up to their request for EC to reconsider the wording of the proposed provision and as such, a Notice of Motion was not required.

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Executive Committee recommends that GFC approve the proposed Bylaw *10.2. Electronic Voting Provision for GFC Committees*, as presented.

Motion carried

GFC October and November Meeting Follow-upsAPBC Chair Vacancy and Charter Review

T. Rahilly explained that he reviewed APBC's Charter and does not recommend any changes. With respect to the matter of the Chair vacancy, as a way to move it along T. Rahilly proposed appointing an Interim Chair, such as the VP, Finance and Administration, if a GFC academic staff member cannot fill the vacancy. Discussion took place on the similar approach taken when the Vice-Provost and AVP, Academic was approved as Chair of the Research and Scholarship Committee. EC reconsidered potential GFC academic staff members to approach for the role, but no new suggestions were brought forward.

Point of Information re: new system for Tenure and Promotion dossiers

T. Rahilly framed the discussion of meeting processes at GFC and how to address matters that arise that are not on the agenda, and the role of the Chair in determining the business of GFC. An open discussion took place that provided advice to the Chair on how to consider items brought forward during GFC meetings that are not on the agenda.

Academic Schedule Policy and Approval Process

It was clarified that this item was with respect to the matter of holding classes on the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (September 30) that was raised at the October 2021 GFC meeting. The matter will go forward to the President's Executive Committee for consideration which may include a proposal being brought forward to GFC.

GFC Formal Assessment – Preliminary Discussion and Timelines

A preliminary discussion took place on an approach to the GFC formal assessment. It was agreed to conduct an assessment this year and suggestions were discussed that it should focus more on capturing the functioning of GFC and the experiences of GFC members (specifically the experiences of folks from equity deserving groups and through an EDI lens), and not as much on the structure of GFC and its committees.

The Office of General Counsel and University Secretariat will coordinate the assessment. There were offers to consult with A. Nixon and S. Jensen on the development of the assessment, and all EC members were asked to think about ideas for the focus of the assessment for further discussion at the next meeting.

M. Schroeder left the meeting.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

GFC Annual Election information was provided.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

IN-CAMERA SESSION

An *in-camera* session took place.

ADJOURNMENT**4:50PM**