

GFC Executive Committee
March 13, 2024 at 3pm – 5pm
University Boardroom A341

IN ATTENDANCE:

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 (<i>via Google Meet</i>)
Peter Choate	GFC Academic Staff Member (<i>via Google Meet</i>)
Kari Roberts	GFC Academic Staff Member
Elaine Mullen	GFC Academic Staff Member
Deepa Upadhyaya	GFC Academic Staff Member (<i>via Google Meet</i>)
Marc Schroeder	GFC Academic Staff Member
Tala Abu Hayyaneh	Student Member of GFC (<i>via Google Meet</i>)
<u>Resources</u>	
Amy Nixon	General Counsel and University Secretary
Sheena Dyer	Assistant University Secretary, GFC, Recording Secretary

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:03PM.

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Agenda for the March 13, 2024 GFC Executive Committee meeting be approved.

Motion carried

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

2.1. Minutes from February 7, 2024

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Minutes of the February 7, 2024 GFC 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 Agenda

3.1. GFC Open Session Agenda – March 22, 2024

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Agenda for the March 22, 2024 GFC Open Session meeting be approved, as amended.

Discussion:

- Amendments: It was explained that some of the proposed items would be brought forward to the April GFC meeting instead of March as more time was needed to finalize the meeting materials.

Motion carried

3.2. Speaker for Land Acknowledgement

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

4. GFC Committee Structure Review Working Group Update

The working group presented findings from their review of the Committee Charters as they work towards developing recommendations for EC to present to GFC. Feedback was also shared from the Deans' Council discussion of the same information presented. The working group's observations included:

- responsibilities that do not appear to be in alignment with the *Post-secondary Learning Act* (PSLA);
- responsibilities that are more operational than governance related; and,
- responsibilities that appear to overlap between Charters.

Based on discussions, members of the working group will continue to move forward with drafting recommendations.

5. GFC Follow-Up: Request to Review Faculty Council Committee Structures

With advice provided by Deans' Council, EC agreed that as part of collegial governance, each Faculty Council follows a democratic process for the approval of their Faculty Council Charters. There are differences between Faculty Councils in size and scope by virtue of the differences between Faculties. Because all of the Faculty Charters have followed due process having been approved by the Faculty Councils themselves and ultimately approved by GFC, there is no need for specific advice from GFC or the GFC EC at this time.

The University Secretariat is an available resource to Deans to ensure the Faculty Council Terms of Reference are in alignment with the PSLA.

6. GFC Assessment Information

It was reminded that EC was involved with creating the inaugural GFC Assessment process in 2021-22. This will be the second GFC assessment conducted. Preliminary discussion focused on making some revisions to questions about Chairs and to add a question to address the tone of GFC. The University Secretariat will bring a revised set of Assessment questions for EC to finalize. The Assessment will be conducted after the last GFC meeting in May 2024.

7. Committee Chair Report

No report.

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment 4:03PM