

GFC Executive Committee
March 8, 2023 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
Jennifer Pettit, Deans' Council Representative
Peter Choate, GFC Academic Staff Member
Leah Hamilton, GFC Academic Staff Member
Kari Roberts, GFC Academic Staff Member
Marc Schroeder, 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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:05pm.

1. Approval of Agenda (*motion*)

Moved and seconded:

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

Motion carried by unanimous consent

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

2.1. Minutes from February 8, 2023 (*motion*)

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Minutes of the February 8, 2023 GFC Executive Committee meeting be approved.

Motion carried by unanimous consent

2.2. Business Arising from the Minutes

Updates on the Committee Structure Review were provided:

- A discussion with GFC on the two committees that have not been formed (Academic Indigenization and International Activities) will be deferred to April 2023, as the GFC Chair will not be in attendance at the March meeting and it is important he is a part of it
- Current Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs will be asked for input on the committee structure review as part of their annual Charter review with each Committee before the end of this academic year

3. Approval of GFC Agenda

3.1. GFC Open Session Agenda – March 17, 2023 (*motion*)

Moved and seconded:

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

Discussion:

- Background information and context for Item 3. “APCC Recommendation: Program Definitions Policy – Indigenous Content” was reviewed and discussed, with questions responded to for clarification and in anticipation of questions that may arise at the GFC meeting
- EC agreed that APCC’s recommendation for the policy revision and APCC’s response to the original motion from GFC directing their work was ready to be moved forward to GFC for their consideration.
- The policy requires further review and updating, which is underway. The current policy revision is limited to the Indigenous content portions of the policy.
- The policy process for this revision was considered and it was agreed that:
 - The motion to GFC is to receive their support of the revision for Indigenous Content
 - Following GFC’s support, the revision will enter into community consultation consistent with the University’s Policy on Policies
 - Upon completion of the community consultation, GFC will be asked to approve the final policy revision

Motion carried

3.2. Speaker for Land Acknowledgement (*for information*)

Tala Abu Hayyaneh will give the Land Acknowledgement at the March 17, 2023 GFC meeting. Suggestions for speakers for April were considered.

4. GFC Assessment Survey & Structured Discussion Results (*for discussion*)

A discussion of the GFC Assessment Survey and structured discussion results focused on what and how to bring a follow-up back to GFC. Areas discussed included: the role of the Chair, opportunities for change and improvement, clarity of the work of GFC, and onboarding opportunities for new members (including orientation).

It was supported that at the May GFC meeting, the Chair will provide a written response to the summary of comments from the GFC structured discussion and next steps, along with a summary of the themes that came out of the assessment/structured discussions and the actions that will be taken in response to the feedback.

5. Committee Chair Report

EC acknowledged the question raised at the February 17, 2023 meeting of GFC about the format for Senior Administration reports to GFC. The decision was made that a consolidated report will continue to be submitted, and that returning to individual reports could be reconsidered for next year.

6. Items for Information

The following items were received for information:

- 6.1. EC Meeting Schedules 2023-2024 and 2024-2025
- 6.2. Preliminary EC Membership 2023-2024

7. New Business

There was no new business.

8. Adjournment 4:50PM