**GFC Executive Committee**
**May 6, 2026 at 3pm – 5pm**
**University Boardroom A341**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

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| 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 |
| Margaret MacConnachie | GFC Academic Staff Member |
| Scott Murray | GFC Academic Staff Member |
| Leda Stawnychko | GFC Academic Staff Member |
| Keir Stuhlmiller | GFC Academic Staff Member |
| Julia Madden | Student Member of GFC |
| Resources | |
| Amy Nixon | General Counsel and University Secretary |
| Sheena Dyer | Assistant University Secretary, GFC, RECORDING SECRETARY |

**NOT IN ATTENDANCE:**

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| Katherine Bright | GFC Academic Staff Member |
| Jennifer Pettit | Deans' Council Representative |

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:02PM.

1. **Approval of Agenda**
   ***Moved and seconded:***
   **THAT** the Agenda for the May 6, 2026 Executive Committee meeting be approved.
   ***Motion carried***

2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
   2.1. Minutes from April 8, 2026
   ***Moved and seconded:***
   **THAT** the Minutes of the April 8, 2026 Executive Committee meeting be approved.
   ***Motion carried***

   2.2. Business Arising from the Minutes
   There was no business arising from the minutes.

3. **Debrief of GFC March & April Meetings (Motions for New Business)**
   With respect to the procedural approach at GFC when New Business was brought forward, EC members reiterated that at the March GFC meeting and again at the April meeting that the process undertaken at both meetings was followed appropriately and was open and transparent to all members of GFC.

The Committee discussed the outcomes of the New Business motions regarding Reading Week. Members of the committee observed that there are a number of other ways to bring matters to GFC. It was noted that the motions to consider new business in the last two GFC meetings, while within the right of each member of GFC to move, may not be the most effective way to bring matters to GFC. This is because all members of the body are unlikely to have adequate context to properly debate and make a determination. The GFC Bylaws detail pathways for bringing agenda items forward for inclusion on the GFC agenda. If the matter is to be considered again, ideally it would be brought through a notice of motion and a detailed briefing note would be provided.

EC members discussed the importance of effective GFC meeting management and the role that all members play in ensuring that there is an opportunity for the formation of a speakers' list, and that member contributions are directed through the Chair when recognized to speak by the Chair.

EC will ensure that these observations are considered in the development of a 2026 GFC Governance Essentials topic.

**4. Draft EC 2025-26 Annual Report**

The draft EC 2025-26 Annual Report was reviewed.

**5. Approval of GFC Agenda**

5.1. GFC Open Session Agenda – May 15, 2026

***Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** the Agenda for the May 15, 2026 GFC Open Session meeting be approved, as amended.

Amendment:

- Addition of "Indigenization and Decolonization Strategic Framework (IDSF)" to items For Information.

***Motion carried***

5.2. Speaker for Land Acknowledgement

A new Land Acknowledgement video has been created and it was suggested to show it at GFC with a GFC member to introduce it.

**6. For Information**

The following items were provided for information:

6.1. GFC Committee Charters Review

6.2. GFC Assessment Information

6.3. GFC Annual Elections Results

**7. New Business**

- Length of GFC Executive Committee (EC) meetings:
    - Members discussed reducing its scheduled meeting length from 2 hours to 90 minutes commencing September 2026. This consideration follows observations that most prior EC meetings did not utilize the full two hours. By adjusting the calendar invitations with

this shorter timeframe, the committee aims to respect the busy schedules of both EC members and the University Secretariat.

***Moved and seconded:***
**THAT** GFC Executive Committee meetings be amended to 90 minutes beginning in September 2026.
***Motion carried***

**8. Adjournment 3:58PM**