

GFC Executive Committee
May 7, 2025 at 3pm – 5pm
University Boardroom A341

IN ATTENDANCE:

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
Peter Choate	GFC Academic Staff Member
Scott Murray	GFC Academic Staff Member
Leda Stawnychko	GFC Academic Staff Member
Elaine Mullen	GFC Academic Staff Member
Deepa Upadhyaya	GFC Academic Staff Member
Meekena Erkin	Student Member of GFC

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

NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Tim Rahilly	President and Vice-Chancellor, CHAIR
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The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 3:02PM.

1. Approval of Agenda***Moved and seconded:***

THAT the Agenda for the May 7, 2025 Executive Committee meeting be approved.

Motion carried**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes****2.1. Minutes from April 16, 2025*****Moved and seconded:***

THAT the Minutes of the April 16, 2025 Executive Committee meeting be approved.

Motion carried**2.2. Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

3. EC 2024-25 Annual Report

The EC 2024-25 Annual Report was reviewed. It was considered whether or not to include EC's previous discussions about the issue of what questions submitted/asked are within GFC's purview. The 2025-26 GFC EC will take into consideration the issue of what questions submitted/asked are within GFC's purview when developing topics for the GFC Governance Essentials. It was agreed it is not necessary to include that previous discussion in the report.

4. Approval of GFC Agenda

4.1. GFC Open Session Agenda – May 16, 2025

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Agenda for the May 16, 2025 GFC Open Session meeting be approved.

Motion carried

5. Land Acknowledgement

5.1. Speaker for May GFC Land Acknowledgement

With suggestions from EC for a speaker at the upcoming GFC meeting, the University Secretariat will confirm the speaker.

5.2. Land Acknowledgements for 2025/26

A discussion was brought forward for EC's consideration of continuing the practice of Land Acknowledgements at GFC meetings for the 2025/26 academic year, given ongoing challenges in confirming speakers. Highlights of discussion:

- General support expressed for continuing land acknowledgements, recognizing its significance
- Proposal for a sign-up sheet at GFC meetings (potentially during sign-in) to help encourage volunteers to deliver the Land Acknowledgement
- Suggestion to consult with the Office of Indigenization and Indigenous GFC members to assess whether the practice has been aligning with its intended purpose

6. For Information

The following items were provided for information:

6.1. GFC Annual Election Results

A status update was shared on the remaining Committee vacancies.

7. New Business

There was no new business.

8. Adjournment 3:32PM