

GFC Executive Committee

November 16, 2022 at 3pm – 5pm

University Boardroom A341

IN ATTENDANCE:

Elizabeth Evans (Interim), Provost and Vice-President, Academic, VICE-CHAIR
Geri Lynn Gouglas, University Registrar
Jennifer Pettit, Deans' Council Representative
Peter Choate, GFC Academic Staff Member (*via Google Meet*)
Leah Hamilton, GFC Academic Staff Member
Marc Schroeder, GFC Academic Staff Member
Kari Roberts, GFC Academic Staff Member
Gaye Warthe, GFC Academic Staff Member
Yasmin Ahmed, Student Member of GFC (*via Google Meet*)

Resources

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

NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Tim Rahilly, President and Vice-Chancellor, CHAIR

The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 3:15pm and confirmed quorum.

1. Approval of Agenda (*motion*)

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Agenda for the November 16, 2022 GFC Executive Committee meeting be approved.

Motion carried by unanimous consent

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

2.1. Minutes from October 12, 2022 (*motion*)

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Minutes of the October 12, 2022 GFC Executive Committee meeting be approved.

Motion carried by unanimous consent

2.2. Business Arising from the Minutes

2.2.1. Update from APCC Chair: Three-Credit Indigenization Component – P. Choate

P. Choate, Chair of APCC, updated EC that APCC has been working through a number of possible pathways to achieve the decision of GFC Motion of November 2020, and their goal to make a recommendation to GFC at its January 2023 meeting.

Discussion addressed the challenges APCC has had (for example, some of the work extended beyond APCC's mandate, and there are varying levels of flexibility for programs to incorporate this component), and consideration of how other resources would be able to help support the initiative. It was noted that some programs have already been implementing this component already. It was also discussed that APCC's oversight was to advance the initiative, include consideration of EDI, and not develop curriculum content.

ACTION: APCC will be continuing their work in this area, and the Interim Vice-Provost, Academic will explore options for a centralized support for faculty members and departments to incorporate this component.

3. APCC Charter Revision (motion)

APCC recommended adding the Academic Quality Assurance Coordinator as a Resource.

Moved and seconded:

THAT the revisions to the Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee Charter be recommended to the General Faculties Council for approval.

Motion carried

4. Approval of GFC Agenda

4.1. GFC Open Session Agenda – November 25, 2022 (motion)

Moved and seconded:

THAT the GFC Executive Committee approve the GFC Open Session Agenda for November 25, 2022.

Discussion:

- Information was provided on the responses that will be given to GFC as part of business arising from the previous GFC meetings
 - Clarification on the process for responding to questions from the floor of GFC was given

Motion carried

4.2. Speaker for Land Acknowledgement (for information)

The following GFC members were confirmed to give the Land Acknowledgement at the upcoming GFC meetings:

- Adam Cave – November 25, 2022
- Gaye Warthe – January 20, 2023

5. Committee Structure Review – Updates (for information)

5.1. Academic Indigenization Committee and International Activities Committee

EC received a written update from the University Secretariat on the potential establishment of an Academic Indigenization Committee and an International Activities Committee of GFC. EC discussed the potential establishment of an Academic Indigenization Committee and next steps.

ACTION: The decision was made for the Academic Indigenization Committee that the University Secretariat bring further information to EC in January with a recognition that a broader discussion will be necessary at GFC.

ACTION: The decision was made to defer further discussion on the formation of the International Activities Committee until the work of the Academic Planning Steering Committee has completed. The Academic Plan may inform whether there is a need for this committee.

5.2. Academic Planning and Budget Committee (APBC)

EC was informed that Gaye Warthe was acclaimed as Chair of APBC and that APBC had a meeting scheduled for November 17, 2022. A copy of the briefing note for that meeting about the agenda item “*Development of Academic Plan – Stakeholder Consultation*” was shared with EC for information as an update on what APBC will be focusing on.

Questions were responded to about the approval process and timelines for the Academic Plan that may also arise at the GFC meeting.

5.3. January EC Meeting – Committee Structure Review of GFC Standing Committees

EC members gave suggestions for additional information and data analysis for the University Secretariat to compile that would assist with EC’s Committee Structure Review discussion.

6. Materials for GFC Structured Discussion – GFC Assessment Results (*for information*)

The materials for the November 25, 2022 GFC Structured Discussion – GFC Assessment Results were shared for information. EC clarified the purpose for having a member of EC in each group of 9 for the structured discussion. EC members were confirmed as active participants in the discussion as they are members of GFC. The desired outcome is that EC members will be able to bring back to EC a diverse perspective and observations from the discussions to assist EC’s later discussion and decision making arising from the Structured Discussions.

7. New Business

There was no new business.

8. Adjournment 4:35PM