

GFC Executive Committee
October 11, 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 and Associate Vice-President, Enrolment Management
Jennifer Pettit	Deans' Council Representative
Peter Choate	GFC Academic Staff Member
Kari Roberts	GFC Academic Staff Member
Elaine Mullen	GFC Academic Staff Member
Marc Schroeder	GFC Academic Staff Member
Tala Abu Hayyaneh	Student Member of GFC (<i>via Google Meet</i>)

Resources

Sheena Dyer	Assistant University Secretary, GFC, RECORDING SECRETARY
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NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Deepa Upadhyaya	GFC Academic Staff Member
Amy Nixon	General Counsel and University Secretary (<i>Resource</i>)

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

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Agenda for the October 11, 2023 GFC Executive Committee meeting be approved.

Motion carried by unanimous consent

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

2.1. Minutes from September 13, 2023

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Minutes of the September 13, 2023 GFC Executive Committee meeting be approved.

Motion carried

2.2. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

3. Committee Charter Revisions – Membership (APCC, RSC, TLC)

Moved and seconded:

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

Discussion:

- Rationale from the Committees for their proposed membership additions will be included in the documents presented to GFC.

Motion carried

Moved and seconded:

THAT the revisions to the Research and Scholarship Committee Charter be recommended to General Faculties Council for approval.

Motion carried

Moved and seconded:

THAT the revisions to the Teaching and Learning Committee Charter be recommended to General Faculties Council for approval.

Motion carried

4. APCC Chair Update on the 3-Credit Indigenous Content Requirement

With respect to GFC's direction to the Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee to explore amendments to the Program Definitions Policy for Indigenous content, P. Choate (Chair of APCC) and C. London gave an update on the recent discussions with Indigenous faculty, the interim AVP, Indigenization and Decolonization, and others about this requirement:

- P. Choate held a focus group with Indigenous faculty on the various pathways explored as it related to APCC's work.
- C. London has held meetings to gather information for clarifying roles and responsibilities for the development and other aspects of the Indigenous content requirement for programs (discussions are continuing).
- It is anticipated to move forward as soon as possible with a revision to the Program Definitions Policy into 30-day community consultation. It was explained that in light of these recent discussions, APCC's approach supported by GFC in March 2023 of the policy wording that was presented is not ready to move forward at this time.
- EC suggested that when APCC brings the proposed policy revision back to GFC, it would be helpful to provide a written summary of the work to date and options explored, including challenges identified and options that are not feasible.

5. Approval of GFC Agenda

5.1. GFC Open Session Agenda – October 20, 2023

Moved and seconded:

THAT the GFC Executive Committee approve the GFC Open Session Agenda for October 20, 2023, as amended to move Items 6 and 7 to the Consent Agenda – Items for Information.

Discussion:

- An amendment was proposed to move Items 6 and 7 (draft Selection, Review and Reappointment of a Dean policy and procedures, and draft Institutional Surveys Policy)

to the “Consent Agenda – Items for Information” because these items do not require GFC approval, and are provided to GFC for information.

- The process for Consent Agendas allows GFC members to ask for items to be removed for discussion at the meeting.
- A question was asked if red-lined changes for these two policies are available. The member who asked the question will email the Policy Advisor to inquire about this information.

Motion carried, as amended.

5.2. Speaker for Land Acknowledgement

A student representative was confirmed for the next GFC meeting.

6. GFC Orientation Next Steps

- 6.1. GFC September 22, 2023 Orientation Feedback Responses
- 6.2. Draft GFC Placemats for Members
- 6.3. Verbal update on “GFC Governance Essentials” 30-min. sessions at the October 20 and November 24 GFC meetings

Feedback from the September 22, 2023 orientation was reviewed, and updates were given and supported by EC on next steps for ongoing development opportunities for GFC members.

7. Draft EC Annual Plan 2023-24

The Executive Committee 2023-24 Annual Plan was reviewed.

8. Committee Chair Report

T. Rahilly reports that the current Board Chair has resigned and the Government of Alberta will appoint a new Chair.

9. New Business

In response to a question, the Enrolment reports will come to GFC early in the Winter 2024 semester. This is an annual information item for GFC members only.

10. Adjournment 3:53PM