

**GFC Executive Committee**

**October 12, 2022 at 3pm – 5pm**

**University Boardroom A341**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Tim Rahilly, President and Vice-Chancellor, CHAIR  
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  
Marc Schroeder, GFC Academic Staff Member  
Kari Roberts, GFC Academic Staff Member  
Gaye Warthe, GFC Academic Staff Member  
Yasmin Ahmed, Student Member of GFC

Resources

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

**NOT IN ATTENDANCE:**

Leah Hamilton, GFC Academic Staff Member

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:00pm and confirmed quorum.

**1. Approval of Agenda (*motion*)**

***Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** the Agenda for the October 12, 2022 GFC Executive Committee meeting be approved.

***Motion carried***

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

2.1. Minutes from August 31, 2022 (*motion*)

***Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** the Minutes of the August 31, 2022 GFC Executive Committee meeting be approved.

***Motion carried***

2.2. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**3. Business Arising from the Draft September 9, 2022 GFC Meeting Minutes (*for discussion*)**

Two items were noted for follow-up from the September 9 GFC meeting:

- A. Nixon explained how attendance is notated for the purpose of the minutes to track who was in attendance for discussions and decisions, and comments in support of the current process

were shared; GFC members are encouraged to provide notice of absence in advance of meetings, if possible, as this also helps with ensuring quorum for upcoming meetings

- The GFC Bylaws have a provision that addresses member absences (Bylaw 3.3.)
- EC discussed the request to livestream GFC meetings for observers, but due to technology limitations in the meeting space, it is not possible at this time; supervisors are encouraged to provide the opportunity for their employees to observe GFC meetings in person where operationally possible, and meeting minutes are made available for review on the [GFC website](#)

#### 4. Approval of GFC Agenda

##### 4.1. GFC Open Session Agenda – October 21, 2022 (*motion*)

***Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** the GFC Executive Committee approve the GFC Open Session Agenda for October 21, 2022.

***Motion carried***

##### 4.2. Speaker for Territorial Land Acknowledgement (*for discussion*)

The list of speakers for upcoming meetings was reviewed and confirmed for the October GFC meeting.

#### 5. Structured Discussion of GFC – GFC 2021-22 Assessment Survey Results (*for discussion*)

Support was shared for the proposed plan for facilitating a structured discussion of GFC on the assessment survey results at the November 2022 GFC meeting, including confirmation of the questions for GFC members to help frame the discussion.

To maximize effectiveness of the structured discussion, GFC members will need to prepare for this discussion in advance by reading the survey results and responding to the discussion questions on their own to bring to the group discussion. Logistics for the structured discussion were considered and a final review of the details will be done at the next EC meeting.

#### 6. GFC and Committee Vacancies (*for discussion*)

An update on the current GFC and committee vacancies was provided to EC, as EC has a role in the Charter to encourage nominations for vacant positions. A suggestion to expand eligibility criteria for the vacant committee positions where a GFC member is required was discussed, and it was decided not to make changes to the criteria at this time. This is because GFC members are strongly encouraged to sit on at least one committee, as much of the work of GFC happens at the committee-level. It is also a way to increase members' understanding of GFC's governing roles and accountabilities. This expectation for members (and interested candidates) will be highlighted during the annual election cycle and orientation.

A review of GFC's committee structure will come forward at the next meeting, including a review of the membership composition of committees for further discussion.

**7. Committee Chair Report**

Good news stories were shared on the recent announcements about the MRU Aviation Diploma and the Bridge to Canadian Nursing programs.

**8. New Business**

An update was provided and discussed regarding APCC's work on the three-credit Indigenization component for programs, including:

- discussions between the Chair of APCC and dr. linda manyguns
- challenges the committee is coming across for a solution, including administrative aspects for the Registrar's Office
- related discussions at Provost's Council
- successes and challenges across programs with incorporating this component

P. Choate, Chair of APCC, will provide a summary of APCC's work, and the University Secretariat will review the original motion from GFC directing this work of APCC for further discussions with EC.

**9. Adjournment 4:10PM**