

GFC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
October 13, 2021
University Boardroom A341

IN ATTENDANCE:

Tim Rahilly	CHAIR, President and Vice-Chancellor
Elizabeth Evans	VICE-CHAIR, Provost and Vice-President, Academic
Geri Lynn Gouglas	University Registrar
Jennifer Pettit	Deans' Council Representative
Marc Schroeder	GFC Academic Staff Member
Peter Choate	GFC Academic Staff Member
Kari Roberts	GFC Academic Staff Member
Israel Dunmade	GFC Academic Staff Member (<i>via video conference</i>)
Leah Hamilton	GFC Academic Staff Member
Yasmin Ahmed	Student Member of GFC

Resources

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

T. Rahilly, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:03pm and confirmed quorum.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Agenda for the October 13, 2021 GFC Executive Committee meeting be approved.

Motion carried by unanimous consent.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Minutes of the September 1, 2021 GFC Executive Committee meeting be approved.

Motion carried by unanimous consent.

[For Information: Drop Date Extension

The following motion was approved by EC on behalf of GFC via email on September 16, 2021:

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Fall Semester 2021 Add/Drop date be divided and the registration drop deadline be extended to September 30, 2021. The registration add deadline will remain as previously approved, September 17, 2021.

Motion carried.]

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**Electronic Voting Provision for GFC Committees for the GFC Bylaws**

At the September 10 GFC meeting, GFC requested that EC revisit the wording for a proposed Bylaw provision for electronic voting for committees. EC discussed the concern with the wording in the provision that the Committee Chair has to give consent for an item to be voted on electronically, which some GFC members expressed they are uncomfortable with.

It was suggested to make changes to the order of the items within the provision, and to amend the wording as follows, in order to ensure the intent of the provision is not to give control to the Committee Chair about items to be voted on electronically:

- *“Under exceptional circumstances, and at the request of the Chair and without objection from any member of the committee, ~~with the consent of the committee chair,~~ GFC Committees may use an electronic process for voting on motions outside of its regular meeting schedule.”*

Alternative wording was also considered to require two-thirds majority of members to consent to the Chair’s request.

A. Nixon and S. Jensen will present a revised provision with EC’s suggestions at the next EC meeting to finalize before bringing it back to GFC for approval.

Territorial Land Acknowledgements at GFC 2021-22 Meetings

EC considered speakers for the Territorial Land Acknowledgement at GFC meetings for the year with the aim of hearing from a variety of GFC members and new voices. A Google doc will be shared for EC members to suggest individuals, which will be confirmed ahead of each meeting. Student members were confirmed to give the acknowledgement at the October and March meetings.

Draft Annual Plan

The EC draft annual plan was reviewed.

GFC AGENDA APPROVALS FOR OCTOBER 22, 2021

The GFC October 22, 2021 meeting agenda was reviewed. Discussion focused on potential questions that may arise from the floor of GFC and who would be prepared to respond.

Moved and seconded:

THAT the General Faculties Council October 22, 2021 Open Session Agenda be approved, as presented.

Motion carried.

REPORTS

Committee Chair Report

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

ADJOURNMENT

3:32PM