**GFC Executive Committee**
**October 7, 2026 at 3pm – 4:30pm**
**University Boardroom A341**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

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| 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 *(virtual)* |
| Margaret MacConnachie | GFC Academic Staff Member |
| Tanya Trussler | GFC Academic Staff Member |
| Julia Madden | Student Member of GFC |
| Resources | |
| Amy Nixon | General Counsel and University Secretary |
| Sheena Dyer | Assistant University Secretary, GFC, RECORDING SECRETARY |

**NOT IN ATTENDANCE:**

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| Scott Murray | GFC Academic Staff Member |
| Tim Rahilly | President and Vice-Chancellor, CHAIR |
| Michael Roberts | GFC Academic Staff Member |
| Christina Tortorelli | GFC Academic Staff Member |

The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 3:02PM.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

***Moved and seconded:***
**THAT** the Agenda for the October 7, 2026 Executive Committee meeting be approved.
***Motion carried***

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

2.1. Minutes from September 9, 2026

***Moved and seconded:***
**THAT** the Minutes of the September 9, 2026 Executive Committee meeting be approved.
***Motion carried***

2.2. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**3. SAC Charter – Proposed Revisions**

***Moved and seconded:***
**THAT** the GFC Executive Committee recommend that General Faculties Council approve the revisions to the Student Affairs Committee Charter, effective immediately upon approval.
***Motion carried***

**4. Approval of GFC Agendas**

4.1. GFC Closed Session Agenda – October 16, 2026

***Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** the Agenda for the October 16, 2026 GFC Closed Session meeting be approved.

***Motion carried***

4.2. GFC Open Session Agenda – October 16, 2026

***Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** the Agenda for the October 16, 2026 GFC Open Session meeting be approved.

***Motion carried***

4.3. Speaker for Land Acknowledgement

A GFC member was confirmed as the speaker for the Land Acknowledgement at the next GFC meeting.

**5. Formal GFC Bylaw Review – Preliminary Proposed Revisions**

EC discussed each of the proposed changes and provided the following advice:

- Additional member categories and renaming the "Other" category:
  - Reorganize the list of additional members, which includes bringing Indigenous members to the top of the section.
  - Replacing the "Other" category name by renaming each Additional member sub-category according to how they are added to GFC (Ex officio, Elected, or Appointed by GFC), mirroring the organization of the statutory membership, which is per the *Post-secondary Learning Act* (PSLA). This provides better alignment with the PSLA and removes the "Other" sub-category name.
  - It was agreed that the individual titles listed for each additional member sufficiently clarify whether they are an Administrator, Student, or academic staff member.

- Roll call votes at GFC and whether to include them in the Bylaws:
  - EC considered the recent GFC motion to use a roll call vote that was defeated.
  - Consideration was also given to specific situations where a roll call vote could be appropriate.
  - While it was considered there might be times when a roll call vote could be beneficial, members overall felt it does not fit GFC's culture and is counter to the historical preference for anonymous iClicker voting. A show of hands still remains an option when needed.
  - EC asked the Secretariat for a rationale to remove roll call votes from the Bylaws for discussion at the next meeting, along with a look at what other universities do.
  - The Secretariat will also clarify the Bylaw phrase "or otherwise in such a manner that clearly evidences a member's vote" at the next meeting.

A reminder was shared that the Academic Indigenization Committee listed in the bylaws has not yet been established.

- The University Secretary shared with members the reasons why this committee has not yet been established.
- It was explained that since it was first proposed in June 2020, plenty of work on Indigenization and decolonization has moved forward through existing GFC committees, and in a variety of ways across programs, research, community initiatives, and the new strategic framework. There has not been a clearly identified need for a standalone GFC committee.
- It was suggested that removal of this committee from the Bylaws might be appropriate given how Indigenization and decolonization is advancing across the university.
- The Provost and Vice-President, Academic will connect with GFC Indigenous Members, including the AVP, Indigenization and Decolonization, before EC brings forward any Bylaw changes related to the committee.
- This will be put on an agenda as a separate discussion item for an upcoming EC meeting (possibly after November to allow enough time for conversations and gathering details).

The Secretariat also noted that AI recorders are included under Bylaw 9.1.a., in which members are not permitted to record meetings. While the bylaw cannot prevent recording, it allows for action if a recording is used improperly in another forum. EC agreed with the current language, and no revisions were proposed.

**6. For Information**

The following items were provided for information:

6.1. GFC Governance Essentials Session – October 2026

**7. New Business**

C. London brought forward an item of new business for consideration as an agenda item at the next EC meeting regarding an article in the Calgary Journal recently published about the timing of reading week. He explained that it contained inaccuracies related to GFC, and the matter relates to previous EC meetings that have addressed misinformation regarding reading week proposals.

EC had a preliminary discussion about the article and agreed to include it as an item for discussion on the agenda for the November 10 EC meeting, providing time to gather relevant information and facts alongside a copy of the article for members to prepare in advance for the discussion. Building on previous EC discussions that related to this issue, the intent of the discussion will be to consider whether and how to respond.

**8. Adjournment 4:01PM**