

1. ESTABLISHMENT

The General Faculties Council (GFC) hereby establishes a standing committee called the Academic Planning and Budget Committee (Committee) as provided for in the GFC Bylaws, and delegates to the Committee the authorities set out herein.

The Provost and Vice-President, Academic shall act as the responsible senior administrator to the Committee, providing the link between senior administration and the Committee.

2. MEMBERSHIP

Chair

Academic Staff Member of GFC, elected by GFC

Vice-Chair

Provost and Vice-President, Academic

Members

- Vice-President, Finance and Administration
- Vice-Provost, Academic
- Vice-President, Students
- One (1) Deans' Council Representative, elected by Deans' Council
- One (1) Academic Staff Member of GFC from each of the Faculties of Arts, Business and Communication Studies, Science and Technology, and Health, Community and Education, elected by the respective Faculty Council
- One (1) Academic Staff Member from each of the Faculties of Teaching & Learning and the University Library, elected by the respective Faculty Council¹
- One (1) Academic Staff Member of the Academic Indigenization Committee, elected by the Academic Indigenization Committee
- Two (2) Student Representatives, elected by SAMRU

¹ *The Academic Staff Members of GFC from Teaching & Learning and the University Library will have the right of first refusal to serve on this Committee on behalf of the Faculty. If the Member does not wish to serve, the Academic Staff Member will be elected by the respective Faculty Council.*

Resources

- Associate Vice-President, Finance and Commercial Operations (or designate)
- Director, Institutional Research and Planning
- Director, Provost's Office

Recording Secretary

Assistant University Secretary, GFC

3. ROLE/PURPOSE

The Committee provides advice and recommendations with respect to policies and other matters related to academic and budget planning, principles and priorities.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES

Without restricting the generality of its role and within its delegated authorities, the Committee shall:

- 4.1 Recommend on planning, policies and priorities with respect to the University's longer-term academic mission.
- 4.2 Recommend on technological and physical infrastructure as it relates to academic priorities and plans.
- 4.3 Recommend on the establishment, dissolution or merger of Faculties, Departments and other academic units or programs of study.
- 4.4 Recommend on proposals to change the names of Faculties and Departments.
- 4.5 Recommend on affiliations and other collaborative initiatives with other institutions and organizations.
- 4.6 Recommend on budget principles, priorities and academic implications of the budget.
- 4.7 Establish, as required, subcommittees/work groups to address emerging issues as they relate to academic and budget planning matters.

5. POWERS

Other than, or in the absence of, specific delegations of authority from GFC or the GFC Executive Committee to act autonomously, the Committee's powers shall be limited to providing input and ideas, advising and making recommendations to GFC and other GFC standing committees.