

General Faculties Council – OPEN SESSION

April 25, 2025 at 9am – 11am

Lincoln Park Room J301

IN ATTENDANCE:

Tim Rahilly, CHAIR
Chad London, VICE-CHAIR
Tala Abu Hayyaneh
Ayden Ali
Julie Boone
Meagan Bowler
Katherine Bright
Isabella Carinelli
Fiona Chetty
Peter Choate
Evan Cortens
Anupam Das
Brooks DeCillia
Karim Dharamsi
Maryam Elahi

John Fischer
David Giers
Chris Gillanders
Geri Lynn Gouglas
Sally Haney
Charles Hepler
Kalen Keavey
Lynne Lafave
Brenda Lang
Tori McMillan
Jon Mee
Alexis Morris
Scott Murray
Jacqueline Musabende
Alejandra Perez

Jennifer Pettit
Stephen Price
Kari Roberts
Melanie Rogers
Chris Rogerson
Sara Sharun
Leda Stawnychko
Cheryl Techentin
Jason Unsworth
Deepa Upadhyaya
Connie Van der Byl
Phil Warsaba
Kelly Williams-Whitt
Jonathan Withey

Resources

Sheena Dyer, RECORDING SECRETARY

Guests

Charles Webber, Department of Education

NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Ademola Adesola
Vicki Bouvier
Neil Brigden
Lee Easton
Richard Erlendson
Shane Gannon
Paul Jessop
Michelle LoGullo

Chris Lovallo
Sinclair MacRae
Robyn Madden
Moussa Magassa
Rusna Mahoon
Mary-Lee Mulholland
Elaine Mullen
Mohsen Nasrin

Karen Pheasant-Neganigwane
Qanita Samore
Saron Solomon
Meg Stewart
Keir Stuhlmiller
Joyce Totton

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00AM.

Land Acknowledgement

Stephen Price opened the meeting with a Land Acknowledgement.

1. Approval of Agenda (*motion*)

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Agenda for the April 25, 2025 General Faculties Council open session meeting be approved.

Motion carried by unanimous consent

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

2.1. Minutes from March 21, 2025

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Minutes of the March 21, 2025 General Faculties Council open session meeting be approved.

Motion carried by unanimous consent

2.2. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

3. Approval of Curriculum

3.1. Major Program Change – Bachelor of Education – Elementary

Moved and seconded:

THAT General Faculties Council approve the Major Program Change – Bachelor of Education - Elementary.

Discussion:

- Charles Webber was invited to speak on behalf of the Department of Education regarding the revised curriculum submission.
- He outlined how the revisions addressed concerns raised at a previous GFC meeting when the first proposal was presented for approval, explained that the RTWP (Required to Withdraw from Program) applies to practicum courses, and highlighted both the benefits of the major program change and the departmental resources available to support students.

Motion carried

3.2. Major Program Change – French Language and Francophone Studies, Minor

Moved and seconded:

THAT General Faculties Council approve the Major Program Change – French Language and Francophone Studies, Minor.

Motion carried

3.3. Major Program Change – Peace and Justice Studies, Minor

Moved and seconded:

THAT General Faculties Council approve the Major Program Change – Peace and Justice Studies, Minor.

Motion carried

- 3.4. Major Program Change – Spatial Data Science Post-Bachelor's Certificate

Moved and seconded:

THAT General Faculties Council approve the Major Program Change – Spatial Data Science Post-Bachelor's Certificate.

Motion carried

4. Experiential Learning Steering Committee Presentation & Discussion

K. Dharamsi gave a presentation on *“Phase 1: Experiential Learning Framework (Draft recommendations for discussion)”*. Questions were responded to for additional information and clarification, including additional consultations planned, and preliminary feedback was collected on the draft recommendations. GFC members were also asked to complete the feedback survey after the meeting.

5. Committee Chair Reports

- 5.1. Executive Committee

A written Committee Chair report was provided for information.

- 5.2. Academic Planning and Budget Committee

A written Committee Chair report was provided for information.

- 5.3. Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee

A written Committee Chair report was provided for information.

- 5.4. Academic Standards Committee

No report.

- 5.5. Research and Scholarship Committee

No report.

- 5.6. Student Affairs Committee

A written Committee Chair report was provided for information.

- 5.7. Teaching and Learning Committee

A written Committee Chair report was provided for information. In response to a question, more information was shared on TLC's plans to review SPoT reporting and potentially the instrument itself.

6. Question Period

- 6.1. Written Questions

No written questions were submitted for inclusion in the package.

- 6.2. Questions from the Floor

- What guidance does the University have for faculty for travelling securely abroad, and as it relates to funding if they cancel travel plans?

- Guidance on traveling securely has been posted on the Office of Research, Scholarship and Community Engagement's website. Faculty are encouraged to reach out to that Office for additional guidance related to questions related to funding, or connect directly with the office providing the funding.
- T. Rahilly responded to a follow-up question about providing loaner laptops/phones to faculty while traveling, indicating that it will be taken under consideration.

7. Other Reports

7.1. GFC Chair and Vice-Chair Report

The GFC Chair and Vice-Chair submitted a written report. The 2025 Faculty Excellence Award winners recognized in the report were highlighted. In response to a question about the Advanced Education Expert Panel, led by Dr. Jack Mintz, T. Rahilly shared additional information about the panel, who is involved, the areas of focus, and Mount Royal's participation with the panel.

7.2. Board of Governors Meeting Summary

A written summary of the March 27, 2025 Board of Governors meeting was provided for information.

8. For Information

The following items were provided for information:

- 8.1. Program Reviews:
 - Bachelor of Arts - Anthropology
 - Bachelor of Science - Geology
- 8.2. Draft Biosafety Policy and Procedures
- 8.3. Committee Meeting Minutes
- 8.4. Faculty Council Approved Curriculum

9. New Business

There was no new business.

10. Adjournment 10:08AM