

General Faculties Council – OPEN SESSION
February 13, 2026 at 9am – 11am
Lincoln Park Room J301

IN ATTENDANCE:

Tim Rahilly, CHAIR	Lori Kearney	Jennifer Pettit
Chad London, VICE-CHAIR	Kalen Keavey	Tracy Powell
Tala Abu Hayyaneh	Carol Krol	Katharin Pritchard
Ademola Adesola	Michael Lam	Milena Radzikowska
Ayden Ali	Brenda Lang	Kari Roberts
Karen Atkinson-Leadbeater	Michelle LoGullo	Melanie Rogers
Todd Burton	Chris Lovallo	Peter Ryan
David Clemis	Margaret MacConnachie	Sara Sharun
Trevor Day	Robyn Madden	Nick Strzalkowski
Karim Dharamsi	Moussa Magassa	Keir Stuhlmiller
Lee Easton	Tori McMillan	Terri Tibbel-Mosher
Meekena Erkin	Sara Memon	Tanya Trussler
John Fischer	Lavinia Moldovan	Deepa Upadhyaya
Dimitra Fotopoulos	Amal Mouaouia	Connie Van der Byl
Shane Gannon	Mary-Lee Mulholland	Phil Warsaba
Chris Gillanders	Scott Murray	Gaye Warthe
Geri Lynn Gouglas	Gloria Muskaj	Gini Weber
Sarah Hamilton	Denzel Muzanenhamo	Kelly Williams-Whitt
Kevin Hayes	Monica Pauls	Jonathan Withey

Resources

Amy Nixon, SECRETARY

Sheena Dyer, RECORDING SECRETARY

NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Meagan Bowler	Raniah Khorga	Leda Stawnychko
Neil Brigden	Jon Mee	Cheryl Techentin
Katherine Bright	Chris Rogerson	Michelle Yeo

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:02AM.

Land Acknowledgement

Sarah Hamilton opened the meeting with a Land Acknowledgement.

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Agenda for the February 13, 2026 General Faculties Council open session meeting be approved.

Motion carried by unanimous consent

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes**2.1. Minutes from January 16, 2026**

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Minutes of the January 16, 2026 General Faculties Council open session meeting be approved, as amended.

Amendment:

- Under Agenda Item 4. *Draft Framework for Responsible Artificial Intelligence – AI Steering Group*: added “Environmental impacts and commitment to sustainability” under the areas of feedback that had been discussed.

Motion carried by unanimous consent

2.2. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

3. Proposal for a School of Computing Sciences and Mathematics

Moved and seconded:

THAT the General Faculties Council recommend to the Board of Governors the establishment of the School of Computing Sciences and Mathematics, by restructuring the Department of Mathematics and Computing.

Discussion:

- The APCC Chair noted unanimous APCC support to recommend the proposal to GFC.
- J. Withey, Dean of Science and Technology, summarized key areas of the proposal.
- In response to questions, it was clarified that while no specific metrics were used to determine the creation of a School, multiple internal and external factors were considered in identifying this as the preferred pathway.
- It was also explained that an Academic Director was identified as the lead rather than an Associate Dean to provide a dedicated focus on the School rather than broader Faculty responsibilities.

Motion carried

4. Approval of Curriculum

Moved and seconded:

THAT General Faculties Council approve the Curriculum for the February 13, 2026 GFC meeting:

- 4.1. Major Program Change – General Management, BBA
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- 4.3. Major Program Change – Athletic Therapy, Post Bachelor's Certificate
- 4.4. Major Program Change – Bachelor of Health and Physical Education, Athletic Therapy
- 4.5. Major Program Change – Bridge to Canadian Nursing, BCN
- 4.6. New Program Letter of Intent – Bachelor of Child and Youth Care (BCYC) - Child and Youth Care
- 4.7. New Program Letter of Intent – Bachelor of Early Childhood Studies - Early Childhood Studies

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

4.9. Major Program Change – Interdisciplinary Science, B.Sc.

Motion carried

5. Annual 2023-2030 Academic Plan Update

C. London presented the Annual 2023-2030 Academic Plan update on the 2025 implementation highlights including a look at upcoming implementation work. Questions were responded to for additional information and clarification of the following areas:

- Faculty hiring and funding
- Enrolment growth and targets, including a focus on sustainable, funded growth
- Research focused initiatives
- Support for faculty engagement in research opportunities
- Campus capacity and infrastructure, including accommodation of projected growth with MRU's commitment to in-person learning

6. Statement on Free Expression and Caring for Our Campus

T. Rahilly explained the intention for the draft Statement on Free Expression and Caring for Our Campus, and brought it to GFC for advice on the approach and the scope of the document. He explained that this Presidential Statement would not change or supersede any existing policy (including the Free Speech and Expression Policy), legislative compliance, or obligations contained in collective agreements. The vision would be for the Statement to reside on the President's webpage on the Mount Royal website.

Feedback and discussion focused on the following areas:

- Purpose and value of the statement
- Positioning and framing as a Presidential Statement, with suggestions to ensure wording does not constrain future institutional actions, incorporate language used in policy related to hate speech to strengthen the statement, and more clearly articulate the vision and intent of the statement
- Alignment with existing policies where there may be overlap or potential to be interpreted as contradictory
- In response to a question, consideration was noted for the cyclical policy review of the Free Speech and Expression Policy, including changes in the external environment

7. Committee Chair Reports

7.1. Executive Committee

A written Committee Chair report of the most recent meeting was provided for information.

7.2. Academic Planning and Budget Committee

A written Committee Chair report of the most recent meeting was provided for information.

7.3. Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee

A written Committee Chair report of the most recent meeting was provided for information.

7.4. Academic Standards Committee

No report.

7.5. Research and Scholarship Committee

A written Committee Chair report of the most recent meeting was provided for information.

7.6. Student Affairs Committee

No report.

7.7. Teaching and Learning Committee

A written Committee Chair report of the most recent meeting was provided for information.

8. Question Period

8.1. Written Questions

No written questions were submitted for inclusion in the package.

8.2. Questions from the Floor

There were no questions from the floor.

9. Other Reports

9.1. GFC Chair and Vice-Chair Report

The GFC Chair and Vice-Chair submitted a written report.

10. Consent Agenda – Items for Approval

10.1. Items Removed for Discussion

There were no items removed for discussion.

10.2. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Moved and seconded:

THAT General Faculties Council approve the Consent Agenda – Items for Approval for the February 13, 2026 Open Session:

ITEM 10.2.1. Policy Rescindment: Matching Software Policy and Procedures

THAT General Faculties Council rescind the Matching Software Policy and Procedures.

Motion carried

11. For Information

The following items were provided for information:

11.1. Update on the MRU and Royal Roads University Collaboration

11.2. GFC Annual Elections Information

11.3. GFC & Committees Meeting Schedules

11.4. Committee Meeting Minutes

11.5. Faculty Council Approved Curriculum

12. New Business

There was no new business.

13. Adjournment 10:19AM