
General Faculties Council – OPEN SESSION
January 16, 2026 at 9am – 11am
Lincoln Park Room J301

IN ATTENDANCE:

Tim Rahilly, CHAIR	Kalen Keavey	Milena Radzikowska
Chad London, VICE-CHAIR	Raniah Khorga	Kari Roberts
Tala Abu Hayyaneh	Michael Lam	Melanie Rogers
Ademola Adesola	Michelle LoGullo	Chris Rogerson
Ayden Ali	Chris Lovallo	Peter Ryan
Karen Atkinson-Leadbeater	Margaret MacConnachie	Sara Sharun
Meagan Bowler	Robyn Madden	Leda Stawnychko
Neil Brigden	Moussa Magassa	Nick Strzalkowski
Katherine Bright	Tori McMillan	Cheryl Techentin
Todd Burton	Jon Mee	Terri Tibbel-Mosher
David Clemis	Sara Memon	Tanya Trussler
Karim Dharamsi	Lavinia Moldovan	Deepa Upadhyaya
Lee Easton	Amal Mouaouia	Connie Van der Byl
Meekena Erkin	Mary-Lee Mulholland	Phil Warsaba
John Fischer	Scott Murray	Gaye Warthe
Dimitra Fotopoulos	Denzel Muzanhamo	Gini Weber
Shane Gannon	Monica Pauls	Kelly Williams-Whitt
Geri Lynn Gouglas	Jennifer Pettit	Jonathan Withey
Sarah Hamilton	Tracy Powell	Michelle Yeo

Resources

Amy Nixon, SECRETARY

Sheena Dyer, RECORDING SECRETARY

NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Trevor Day	Carol Krol	Katharin Pritchard
Chris Gillanders	Brenda Lang	Keir Stuhlmiller
Kevin Hayes	Gloria Muskaj	

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

Land Acknowledgement

Scott Murray opened the meeting with a Land Acknowledgement.

1. Approval of Agenda (motion)***Moved and seconded:***

THAT the Agenda for the January 16, 2026 General Faculties Council open session meeting be approved.

Motion carried by unanimous consent

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes**2.1. Minutes from November 21, 2025*****Moved and seconded:***

THAT the Minutes of the November 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. Revised *Research and Scholarship Criteria, Evidence and Standards for Tenure and Promotion for the Faculty of Health, Community and Education****Moved and seconded:***

THAT the General Faculties Council recommend to the Board of Governors the proposed revisions to the *Research and Scholarship Criteria, Evidence and Standards for Tenure and Promotion for the Faculty of Health, Community, and Education*.

Discussion:

- An overview of the revision process since the document was previously brought forward was shared. The document was returned to the Academic Standards Committee, and feedback was incorporated.
- Changes discussed and supported by the committee were highlighted, explaining that wording revisions were made to clarify the intent of the document.

Motion carried

4. Draft Framework for Responsible Artificial Intelligence – AI Steering Group

Meagan Bowler shared highlights of the context and background for the draft Framework for Responsible Artificial Intelligence (AI), and GFC provided feedback. Areas of feedback and questions discussed included:

- Framework scope and purpose (does not override policies or agreements)
- Gaps in Guiding principles, including AI with policy intersections (e.g. copyright, academic freedom) and with the collective agreement between the University and the MRFA
- Teaching and learning considerations, including AI literacy
- Student perspectives for workforce readiness
- Academic freedom and access
- Operational considerations
- Environmental impacts of AI and commitment to sustainability

5. Committee Chair Reports**5.1. Executive Committee**

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

5.2. Academic Planning and Budget Committee

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

5.3. Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee

No Report.

5.4. Academic Standards Committee

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

5.5. Research and Scholarship Committee

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

5.6. Student Affairs Committee

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

5.7. Teaching and Learning Committee

No Report.

6. Question Period

6.1. Written Questions

No written questions were submitted for inclusion in the package.

6.2. Questions from the Floor

There were no questions from the floor.

A comment was made and acknowledged by the Chair about the General Education Steering Committee and a communications gap was noted for that committee as they continue their work.

7. Other Reports

7.1. GFC Chair and Vice-Chair Report

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

7.2. Board of Governors Meeting Summary

A written summary of the December 11, 2025 Board of Governors meeting was provided for information.

8. Consent Agenda – Items for Approval

8.1. Items Removed for Discussion

There were no items removed for discussion.

8.2. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Moved and seconded:

THAT General Faculties Council approve the Consent Agenda – Items for Approval for the January 16, 2026 Open Session:

ITEM 8.2.1. Institute for Community Prosperity 5 Year Renewal

THAT General Faculties Council approve the continuation of the Institute for Community Prosperity for 5 years (2030).

Motion carried

9. For Information

The following items were provided for information:

9.1. Program Review: Bachelor of Social Work

9.2. Investment Management Agreement

- A suggestion was acknowledged for the Academic Planning and Budget Committee to review the IMA, reiterating that the IMA is completed.

9.3. Office of Student Community Standards Statistics Report

9.4. Access and Inclusion Services Annual Report

9.5. Policy on University Policies and Procedures

9.6. Committee Meeting Minutes

10. New Business

There was no new business.

11. Adjournment 9:42AM