

**General Faculties Council – OPEN SESSION**

**March 22, 2024 at 9am – 11am**

**Lincoln Park Room J301**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Tim Rahilly, CHAIR  
Chad London, VICE-CHAIR  
David Bird  
Julie Boone  
Katherine Bright  
Fiona Chetty  
Peter Choate  
Liza Choi  
David Clemis  
Evan Cortens  
Karim Dharamsi  
Trevor Day  
Brooks DeCillia  
Lee Easton  
Maryam Elahi  
John Fischer  
Angela Faye Galeos  
Shane Gannon

Geri Lynn Gouglas  
Lisa Graham  
Sally Haney  
Gillian Hynes  
Kalen Keavey  
Brenda Lang  
Robyn Madden  
Moussa Magassa  
Rusna Mahoon  
Tori McMillan  
Jon Mee  
Lavinia Moldovan  
Alexis Morris  
Elaine Mullen  
Scott Murray  
Jacqueline Musabende  
Mustansar Nadeem  
Anh Nguyen

Joseph Nguyen  
Nancy Ogden  
Jennifer Pettit  
Stephen Price  
Katharin Pritchard  
Chris Rogerson  
Glen Ryland  
Marc Schroeder  
Sara Sharun  
Saron Solomon  
Leda Stawnychko  
Keir Stuhlmiller  
Marwaa Tahir  
Cheryl Techentin  
Joyce Totton  
Connie Van der Byl  
Phil Warsaba  
Kelly Williams-Whitt  
Jonathan Withey

Resources

Amy Nixon, SECRETARY  
Sheena Jensen, RECORDING SECRETARY

**NOT IN ATTENDANCE:**

Tala Abu Hayyaneh  
Vicki Bouvier  
Meagan Bowler  
Haroon Chehade

Anupam Das  
Carol Krol  
Lynne Lafave  
Michelle LoGullo

Colin Martin  
Mary-Lee Mulholland  
Kari Roberts  
Deepa Upadhyaya

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

**Land Acknowledgement**

Rusna Mahoon opened the meeting with a Land Acknowledgement.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

***Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** the Agenda for the March 22, 2024 General Faculties Council open session meeting be approved.

***Motion carried by unanimous consent***

## 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

### 2.1. Minutes from February 16, 2024

***Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** the Minutes of the February 16, 2024 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. Committee Chair Reports

### 3.1. Executive Committee

A written Committee Chair report was provided for information. The Chair highlighted the follow-up item for GFC that responded to the request to review Faculty Council terms of reference. Questions on various updates in the report were responded to for clarification on the following:

- Deans' Council composition and purpose (as per the PSLA)
- What constitutes operational versus governance responsibilities
- Approval process for Faculty Council Terms of Reference

### 3.2. Academic Planning and Budget Committee

A written Committee Chair report was provided for information, and it was confirmed that the Board of Governors' approved the 2024-25 institutional budget at their March 21, 2024 meeting.

### 3.3. Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee

No report.

### 3.4. Academic Standards Committee

A written Committee Chair report was provided for information.

### 3.5. Research and Scholarship Committee

A written Committee Chair report was provided for information.

### 3.6. Student Affairs Committee

No report.

### 3.7. Teaching and Learning Committee

A written Committee Chair report was provided for information.

A member asked if a formal induction (onboarding) program could be offered to contract faculty specific to their program.

#### **4. Question Period**

##### **4.1. Written Question**

T. Rahilly responded to the written question submitted to GFC regarding the Alberta Post-Secondary Network (APSN), providing background information on its purpose and role in government relations, provided examples of its advocacy work, and explained how it is constituted (Societies Act). It was also noted that it is not a decision-making body.

##### **4.2. Questions from the Floor**

- In what capacity would the President of a post-secondary institution be acting as a member of the APSN, and to what extent the lines may be blurred between being an individual member and as President?
  - T. Rahilly acknowledged the concern and further explained the model of APSN and being a member.
- What is the decision making process in determining new management positions within the University and who has the authority to approve those decisions? Is it appropriate to engage GFC in the discussion?
  - Explanation was provided on how the decision making process for new management positions is integrated with the budget planning process.
- Within the academic side, what is the process to create an out-of-scope position, such as a Director?
  - The process for determining the responsibilities of these positions was explained, which follows the relevant policies and procedures.
- Is there an appetite to address concerns within existing policy with students who have multiple withdrawals on their transcript?
  - As part of the review of the timing of reading week, withdrawal sections in policy are also being looked at, including a scan of other institutions' policies.
  - A discussion took place on the issue raised, including the student-perspective about how policy changes be considered to address these types of issues (e.g. a growth mindset/resilience approach instead of punitive).

#### **5. Other Reports**

##### **5.1. GFC Chair and Vice-Chair Report**

The GFC Chair and Vice-Chair submitted a written report. C. London recognized the Faculty promotions to Professor:

- Professor Deb Bennett, Faculty of Arts
- Professor Corinne Mason, Faculty of Arts
- Professor Irene Shankar, Faculty of Arts
- Professor Sally Haney, Faculty of Business and Communication Studies
- Professor Jill Parnell, Faculty of Health, Community and Education

- Professor D. Gaye Watson Warthe, Faculty of Health, Community and Education
- Professor Sarah Hewitt, Faculty of Science and Technology.

## **6. Consent Agenda**

### **6.1. Items Removed for Discussion**

#### **6.2.1. Investment Management Agreement Update**

In response to a question, the process for pulling information items from the Consent Agenda for discussion was explained. This process is routine for items from other governing bodies that are shared with GFC for information.

Questions were responded to about the metrics within the Investment Management Agreement (IMA) update, and how these get shared with Committee prior to coming to GFC. An overview of the numeric values in the IMA and risk in the budget was given. It was reiterated that APBC will be continuing to discuss its role in the budget planning process, including discussion of IMAs.

### **6.2. Items for Information**

The following items were received for information:

- 6.2.1. Investment Management Agreement Update
- 6.2.2. Committee Meeting Minutes
- 6.2.3. Faculty Council Approved Curriculum

## **7. New Business**

There was no new business.

## **8. Adjournment 10:00AM**