

General Faculties Council – OPEN SESSION**May 15, 2026 at 9am – 11am****Lincoln Park Room J301****IN ATTENDANCE:**

Tim Rahilly, CHAIR
Chad London, VICE-CHAIR
Ademola Adesola
Meagan Bowler
Neil Brigden
Todd Burton
David Clemis
Trevor Day
Karim Dharamsi
Lee Easton
Dimitra Fotopoulos
Shane Gannon
Chris Gillanders
Sarah Hamilton
Kevin Hayes

Lori Kearney
Kalen Keavey
Carol Krol
Michael Lam
Brenda Lang
Chris Lovallo
Margaret MacConnachie
Julia Madden
Robyn Madden
Tori McMillan
Lavinia Moldovan
Noel Ormita
Jennifer Pettit
Tracy Powell
Katharin Pritchard

Milena Radzikowska
Kari Roberts
Melanie Rogers
Chris Rogerson
Peter Ryan
Keir Stuhlmiller
Tanya Trussler
Connie Van der Byl
Phil Warsaba
Gaye Warthe
Gini Weber
Kelly Williams-Whitt
Jonathan Withey
Michelle Yeo

Resources

Sheena Dyer, RECORDING SECRETARY

NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Ayden Ali
Karen Atkinson-Leadbearer
Katherine Bright
John Fischer
Geri Lynn Gouglas
Raniah Khorga
Michelle LoGullo
Moussa Magassa

Jon Mee
Sara Memon
Amal Mouaouia
Mary-Lee Mulholland
Scott Murray
Gloria Muskaj
Denzel Muzanenhano
Monica Pauls

Sara Sharun
Leda Stawnychko
Nick Strzalkowski
Cheryl Techentin
Terri Tibbel-Mosher
Deepa Upadhyaya

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

Land AcknowledgementJennifer Pettit opened the meeting with a [Land Acknowledgement](#).**1. Approval of Agenda (motion)*****Moved and seconded:*****THAT** the Agenda for the May 15, 2026 General Faculties Council open session meeting be approved.***Motion carried by unanimous consent***

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

2.1. Minutes from April 17, 2026

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Minutes of the April 17, 2026 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. Presentations & Discussion: ELSC and GESC – 60 minutes

3.1. Experiential Learning Steering Committee (ELSC)

K. Dharamsi presented the Experiential Learning Framework - Draft Recommendations (ELSC Phase 2). Questions and observations were shared on the following areas, many of which the ELSC have under consideration:

- Reporting relationships to GFC and the GFC Teaching and Learning Committees
- Integration with existing institutional processes, such as Research Assistant's
- Administrative structure and roles within the Hub and Spoke model

3.2. General Education Steering Committee (GESC)

K. Dharamsi presented the Draft Liberal Education Model (GESC Phase 2). Questions and feedback addressed the following areas:

- Regarding implementation of the proposed model: potential impacts on faculty, contract faculty, existing academic units, and students, and current/future course inventory
 - It was shared that with general support of the approach to the proposed model, GESC can move forward with putting together more information about implementation planning
- Approach to electives to ensure students are getting exposure beyond their program
- Clarification of symmetrical approval processes for the CRLA and QLRE areas
- Considerations for Undergraduate Studies
 - It was confirmed that UEO was not part of GESC's mandate, but it will be considered during the implementation phase of the model

The Provost and VP, Academic observed that the number of questions raised around implementation indicated support for the models presented, allowing GESC to move forward towards implementation planning and approval stages with the proposed model.

4. Committee Chair Reports and Committee Annual Reports

4.1. Executive Committee

A written Committee Chair report of the most recent meeting and the EC 2025-26 Annual Report was provided for information.

4.2. Academic Planning and Budget Committee

A written Committee Chair report of the most recent meeting and the APBC 2025-26 Annual Report was provided for information.

4.3. Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee

A written Committee Chair report of the most recent meeting and the APCC 2025-26 Annual Report was provided for information.

4.4. Academic Standards Committee

A written Committee Chair report of the most recent meeting and the ASC 2025-26 Annual Report was provided for information. The ASC Chair gave an update on the establishment of the ASC Working Group to Review Amending Processes for the *Institutional Tenure and Promotion Criteria* and the *Tenure, Permanency, and Promotion Handbook*.

4.5. Research and Scholarship Committee

A written Committee Chair report of the most recent meeting and the RSC 2025-26 Annual Report was provided for information.

4.6. Student Affairs Committee

A written Committee Chair report of the most recent meeting and the SAC 2025-26 Annual Report was provided for information.

4.7. Teaching and Learning Committee

A written Committee Chair report of the most recent meeting and the TLC 2025-26 Annual Report was provided for information.

5. Question Period**5.1. Written Questions**

No written questions were submitted for inclusion in the package.

5.2. Questions from the Floor

- In response to a question, information was shared about the revised consultation period, which is now a minimum 15 business days, in the recently updated (March 26, 2026) Policy on University Policies.
- A comment was made about improving navigation to the Policy website with respect to policy consultations.
- The Chair acknowledged a question regarding whether the Government of Alberta may amend the PSLA to address institutional neutrality and the potential implications for the practice of Land Acknowledgements at GFC meetings. He noted that he had heard of possible revisions to the PSLA, although no details were available at this time. The Chair commented on his approach to government relations, echoing the concern that had been raised.

6. Other Reports

6.1. GFC Chair and Vice-Chair Report

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

7. For Information

The following items were provided for information:

- 7.1. 2024/2025 Non-Ministry Approved Curriculum**
- 7.2. GFC Assessment Information**
- 7.3. GFC Annual Election Results**
- 7.4. GFC 2026-27 Membership**
- 7.5. Call For Nominations for Emerita-Emeritus Designation**
- 7.6. Call For Nominations for Honorary Degree Candidates**
- 7.7. Indigenization and Decolonization Strategic Framework**
- 7.8. Committee Meeting Minutes**
- 7.9. Faculty Council Approved Curriculum**

Discussion:

- In response to a question, it was explained that at this time there are no plans for laddering new microcredentials in Continuing Education with credential courses, though future opportunities could be explored. Currently, microcredentials may be able to be laddered within Continuing Education to Extension Certificates.

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment 10:18AM