

General Faculties Council – OPEN SESSION**May 16, 2025 at 9am – 11am****Lincoln Park Room J301****IN ATTENDANCE:**

Tim Rahilly, CHAIR
Chad London, VICE-CHAIR
Ademola Adesola
Ayden Ali
Vicki Bouvier
Neil Brigden
Katherine Bright
Isabella Carinelli
Peter Choate
Evan Cortens
Anupam Das
Brooks DeCillia
Karim Dharamsi
Lee Easton
Maryam Elahi
Meekena Erkin

Richard Erlendson
John Fischer
Shane Gannon
Geri Lynn Gouglas
Charles Hepler
Paul Jessop
Kalen Keavey
Brenda Lang
Chris Lovallo
Sinclair MacRae
Moussa Magassa
Tori McMillan
Jon Mee
Alexis Morris
Mary-Lee Mulholland
Elaine Mullen

Scott Murray
Jacqueline Musabende
Stephen Price
Kari Roberts
Chris Rogerson
Sara Sharun
Leda Stawnychko
Keir Stuhlmiller
Cheryl Techentin
Joyce Totton
Jason Unsworth
Connie Van der Byl
Phil Warsaba
Jonathan Withey

Resources

Amy Nixon, SECRETARY
Sheena Dyer, RECORDING SECRETARY

Guests

Leah Hamilton, Vice Dean, Faculty of Business, Communication Studies and Aviation

NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Tala Abu Hayyaneh
Julie Boone
Meagan Bowler
David Giers
Chris Gillanders
Sally Haney
Lynne Lafave

Michelle LoGullo
Robyn Madden
Rusna Mahoon
Mohsen Nasrin
Alejandra Perez
Jennifer Pettit
Karen Pheasant-Neganigwane

Melanie Rogers
Qanita Samore
Saron Solomon
Meg Stewart
Deepa Upadhyaya
Kelly Williams-Whitt

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

Land Acknowledgement

Tim Rahilly opened the meeting with a Land Acknowledgement.

1. Approval of Agenda (*motion*)

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Agenda for the May 16, 2025 General Faculties Council open session meeting be approved.

Motion carried by unanimous consent

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

2.1. Minutes from April 25, 2025

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Minutes of the April 25, 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 – Aviation, Diploma

Moved and seconded:

THAT General Faculties Council approve the Major Program Change – Aviation, Diploma.

Discussion:

- Peter Choate, Chair of APCC, gave a brief summary of the major program change.

Motion carried

3.2. New Program/Major – Broadcast Media Studies, BCMM (Honours)

3.3. New Program/Major – Information Design, BCMM (Honours)

3.4. New Program/Major – Journalism and Digital Media, BCMM (Honours)

3.5. New Program/Major – Public Relations, BCMM (Honours)

Moved and seconded:

THAT General Faculties Council approve Items 3.2 – 3.5. New Program/Majors – Broadcast Media Studies, BCMM (Honours), Information Design, BCMM (Honours), Journalism and Digital Media, BCMM (Honours) and Public Relations, BCMM (Honours).

Motion carried

3.6. Major Program Change – Public Relations, BCMM

Moved and seconded:

THAT General Faculties Council approve the Major Program Change – Public Relations, BCMM.

Discussion:

- Peter Choate, Chair of APCC, gave a brief summary of the major program change.

Motion carried

4. Recommendation to the Board of Governors: Revised Tenure and Promotion Handbook (Appendix D: Minimum Required Academic Credential)

Moved and seconded:

THAT the General Faculties Council recommend to the Board of Governors the approval of the addition of a minimum required academic credential in the Tenure, Permanency, and Promotion Handbook (Appendix D) for tenure for Indigenous faculty across all Faculties as follows:

“A Master's degree with significant relevant expertise. In determining the expertise, the AVP Indigenization and Decolonization will be consulted. If necessary, the AVP Indigenization and Decolonization will assist and/or support in identifying First Nations, Métis or Inuit Indigenous experts to assess expertise in specific cases. Also, note that the above credentials should not be confused with hiring criteria. When hiring, academic units may seek candidates with credentials which exceed those listed above.”.

Discussion:

- Lee Easton, Chair of ASC, gave a summary and background information about this proposed addition, and clarified that it is not a substitution. He also noted that discussions are underway with the Provost's Office for documenting a process for making revisions to the Tenure and Promotion Handbook.
- Comments were made in support of this recommendation.

Motion carried**5. Recommendation to the Board of Governors: Revised Tenure and Promotion Criteria for the Faculty of Business, Communication Studies and Aviation*****Moved and seconded:***

THAT the General Faculties Council recommend the proposed revisions to the *Research and Scholarship Criteria, Evidence and Standards for Tenure and Promotion for the Faculty of Business, Communication Studies and Aviation* to the Board of Governors for approval.

Discussion:

- Lee Easton, Chair of ASC, highlighted the consultations that were detailed in the briefing note.
- Leah Hamilton, Vice Dean, was invited to speak to the submission. She commented on the support these revisions received from Business, Communication Studies and Aviation faculty.

Motion carried**6. General Education Steering Committee Presentation & Discussion**

K. Dharamsi gave a presentation on the “General Education: Current Model Assessment”. Questions about the approval process and scalability of the model were responded to. Preliminary feedback was collected on the draft recommendations and GFC members were also asked to complete the feedback survey after the meeting.

7. Committee Chair Reports and Committee Annual Reports**7.1. Executive Committee**

A written Committee Chair report of the most recent meeting and the EC 2024-25 Annual Report was provided for information.

7.2. Academic Planning and Budget Committee

The APBC 2024-25 Annual Report was provided for information.

7.3. Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee

A written Committee Chair report of the most recent meeting, and the APCC 2024-25 Annual Report was provided for information and highlighted at the meeting.

7.4. Academic Standards Committee

A written Committee Chair report of the most recent meeting, and the ASC 2024-25 Annual Report was provided for information and highlighted at the meeting.

7.5. Research and Scholarship Committee

A written Committee Chair report of the most recent meeting, and the RSC 2024-25 Annual Report was provided for information and highlighted at the meeting. In response to a question, no details have been received from the Government of Alberta regarding specific reporting requirements on research (Bill 18), and that they are working with post-secondary institutions about guidance on research information to provide.

7.6. Student Affairs Committee

A written Committee Chair report of the most recent meeting and the SAC 2024-25 Annual Report was provided for information.

7.7. Teaching and Learning Committee

A written Committee Chair report of the most recent meeting, and the TLC 2024-25 Annual Report was provided for information and highlighted at the meeting.

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, and highlighted various areas of the report at the meeting.

10. For Information

The following items were provided for information:

10.1. GFC Annual Election Results

10.2. GFC 2025-26 Membership

10.3. Program Review: Advanced Studies in Critical Care Nursing

- 10.4. University Honours Committee Call for Nominations
- 10.5. Committee Meeting Minutes
- 10.6. Faculty Council Approved Curriculum

11. New Business

There was no new business.

12. Adjournment 10:06AM