

General Faculties Council – OPEN SESSION**November 21, 2025 at 9am – 11am****Lincoln Park Room J301****IN ATTENDANCE:**

Tim Rahilly, CHAIR
Chad London, VICE-CHAIR
Ademola Adesola
Ayden Ali
Karen Atkinson-Leadbearer
Meagan Bowler
Neil Brigden
Katherine Bright
Todd Burton
David Clemis
Trevor Day
Karim Dharamsi
Lee Easton
Meekena Erkin
John Fischer
Dimitra Fotopoulos
Shane Gannon
Chris Gillanders
Geri Lynn Gouglas
Sarah Hamilton

Kevin Hayes
Lori Kearney
Kalen Keavey
Carol Krol
Michael Lam
Brenda Lang
Michelle LoGullo
Margaret MacConnachie
Robyn Madden
Moussa Magassa
Tori McMillan
Jon Mee
Sara Memon
Lavinia Moldovan
Amal Mouaouia
Mary-Lee Mulholland
Scott Murray
Gloria Muskaj
Nicoleta Nedelcu
Monica Pauls

Jennifer Pettit
Katharin Pritchard
Kari Roberts
Melanie Rogers
Chris Rogerson
Peter Ryan
Sara Sharun
Leda Stawnychko
Nick Strzalkowski
Keir Stuhlmiller
Simran Tamber
Cheryl Techentin
Deepa Upadhyaya
Connie Van der Byl
Phil Warsaba
Gaye Warthe
Gini Weber
Kelly Williams-Whitt
Jonathan Withey
Michelle Yeo

Resources

Amy Nixon, SECRETARY
Sheena Dyer, RECORDING SECRETARY

NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Tala Abu Hayyaneh
Raniah Khorga

Chris Lovallo
Milena Radzikowska

Joyce Totton
Tanya Trussler

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:45AM.

Land Acknowledgement

Sara Sharun opened the meeting with a Land Acknowledgement.

1. Approval of Agenda***Moved and seconded:***

THAT the Agenda for the November 21, 2025 General Faculties Council open session meeting be approved.

Motion carried by unanimous consent

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

2.1. Minutes from October 17, 2025

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Minutes of the October 17, 2025 General Faculties Council open session meeting be approved.

Discussion:

- In response to a remark that the motion to table should have indicated sending the item back to the Academic Standards Committee, the Chair noted that motion types were clarified in the November Executive Committee Chair's Report.

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. Program Suspension – Advanced Studies in Critical Care Nursing, Post Diploma Certificate

Moved and seconded:

THAT General Faculties Council approve the Program Suspension – Advanced Studies in Critical Care Nursing, Post Diploma Certificate.

Discussion:

- The rationale for the submission was highlighted.

Motion carried

4. Approval of Revised Tenure, Promotion and Permanency Handbook v4.0

Moved and seconded:

THAT the General Faculties Council approve the revised Tenure, Promotion and Permanency Handbook v4.0.

Discussion:

- The background and context for the revisions provided in the briefing note were highlighted.
- Questions about the consultation process were addressed.
 - It was explained that the revision process followed the same pathway as previous versions approved by GFC, as recently as May 2025.
 - It was noted that the revisions were shared with the MRFA President who indicated that they shared it with the MRFA Executive.
- A point of information asked if Provost's Council is part of the governance of the institution.
 - It was affirmed that Provost's Council is not a statutory body but has delegated operational responsibilities

Motion carried

5. Discussion of “Expert Panel on Post-Secondary Institution Funding and Alberta’s Competitiveness – Final Report and Recommendations” (Mintz Panel)

T. Rahilly introduced the discussion by giving context to the information provided in the briefing note, which summarized the Expert Panel’s recommendations and outlined potential next steps. Discussion focused on sharing comments and concerns about the recommendations, the next steps, government relations, risk implications, institutional autonomy, and Mount Royal’s value to the community. There may be opportunities in the future for GFC to continue to engage in this discussion.

6. Committee Chair Reports and Annual Plans

6.1. Executive Committee

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

6.2. Academic Planning and Budget Committee

No report.

6.3. Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee

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

6.4. Academic Standards Committee

A written Committee Chair report of the most recent meeting and the ASC 2025-26 Annual Plan were provided for information.

6.5. Research and Scholarship Committee

No report.

6.6. Student Affairs Committee

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

6.7. Teaching and Learning Committee

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

7. Question Period

7.1. Written Questions

No written questions were submitted for inclusion in the package.

7.2. Questions from the Floor

There were no questions from the floor.

8. Other Reports

8.1. GFC Chair and Vice-Chair Report

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

8.2. Board of Governors Meeting Summary

A written summary of the October 23, 2025 Board of Governors meeting was provided for information.

9. Consent Agenda – Items for Approval

9.1. Items Removed for Discussion

There were no items removed for discussion.

9.2. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Moved and seconded:

THAT General Faculties Council approve the Consent Agenda – Items for Approval for the November 21, 2025 Open Session:

9.2.1. Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee Charter – Proposed Revision (Membership)

THAT General Faculties Council approves that the Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee Charter be amended to add the Academic Director, Liberal Education.

Motion carried

10. For Information

The following items were provided for information:

- 10.1. Enrolment Summaries – *confidential for GFC Members only***
- 10.2. Program Review: Bachelor of Arts - Psychology**
- 10.3. Mount Royal University Annual Report: 2024/25**
- 10.4. Committee Meeting Minutes**
- 10.5. Faculty Council Approved Curriculum**

11. New Business

There was no new business.

12. Adjournment 10:40AM