

General Faculties Council – OPEN SESSION

November 21, 2025 at 9am – 11am

Lincoln Park Room J301

IN ATTENDANCE:

Tim Rahilly, CHAIR	Kevin Hayes	Jennifer Pettit
Chad London, VICE-CHAIR	Lori Kearney	Katharin Pritchard
Ademola Adesola	Kalen Keavey	Kari Roberts
Ayden Ali	Carol Krol	Melanie Rogers
Karen Atkinson-Leadbeater	Michael Lam	Chris Rogerson
Meagan Bowler	Brenda Lang	Peter Ryan
Neil Brigden	Michelle LoGullo	Sara Sharun
Katherine Bright	Margaret MacConnachie	Leda Stawnychko
Todd Burton	Robyn Madden	Nick Strzalkowski
David Clemis	Moussa Magassa	Keir Stuhlmann
Trevor Day	Tori McMillan	Simran Tamber
Karim Dharamsi	Jon Mee	Cheryl Techentin
Lee Easton	Sara Memon	Deepa Upadhyaya
Meekena Erkin	Lavinia Moldovan	Connie Van der Byl
John Fischer	Amal Mouaouia	Phil Warsaba
Dimitra Fotopoulos	Mary-Lee Mulholland	Gaye Warthe
Shane Gannon	Scott Murray	Gini Weber
Chris Gillanders	Gloria Muskaj	Kelly Williams-Whitt
Geri Lynn Gouglas	Nicoleta Nedelcu	Jonathan Withey
Sarah Hamilton	Monica Pauls	Michelle Yeo

Resources

Amy Nixon, SECRETARY

Sheena Dyer, RECORDING SECRETARY

NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Tala Abu Hayyaneh	Chris Lovallo	Joyce Totton
Raniah Khorga	Milena Radzikowska	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