

General Faculties Council – OPEN SESSION
September 18, 2026 at 9am – 11am
Lincoln Park Room J301

IN ATTENDANCE:

Tim Rahilly, CHAIR	Lynn Headley	Michael Roberts
Chad London, VICE-CHAIR	Aman Kaur	Melanie Rogers
Ademola Adesola	Alexander Khan	Chris Rogerson
Rida Ansari	Mahum Khan	Nausheen Sadiq
Karen Atkinson-Leadbater	Michael Lam	Sean Simoes
Noor Bata	Margaret MacConnachie	Hailey Siracky
Rob Boschman	Sinclair MacRae	Marija Small Legs
Neil Brigden	Julia Madden	Nick Strzalkowski
Todd Burton	Moussa Magassa	Anita Surujbally
Marty Clark	Colin Martin	David Terrill
David Clemis	Tori McMillan	Christina Tortorelli
Evan Cortens	Mary-Lee Mulholland	Tanya Trussler
Karim Dharamsi	Scott Murray	Connie Van der Byl
Lauren Dwyer	Anh Thu Nguyen	Phil Warsaba
John Fischer	Noel Ormita	Gini Weber
Shane Gannon	Jennifer Pettit	Kelly Williams-Whitt
Douglas Gleddie	Tracy Powell	Jonathan Withey
Geri Lynn Gouglas	Milena Radzikowska	Michelle Yeo
Sarah Hamilton	Kari Roberts	

Resources

Sheena Dyer, RECORDING SECRETARY

NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Meagan Bowler	Brenda Lang	Deepa Upadhyaya
Trevor Day	Michelle LoGullo	Madelaine Vanderwerff
Lee Easton	Katharin Pritchard	Dylan Webb

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

Land Acknowledgement

Julia Madden opened the meeting with a Land Acknowledgement.

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

THAT the Agenda for the September 18, 2026 General Faculties Council open session meeting be approved.

Motion carried by unanimous consent

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

2.1. Minutes from May 15, 2026

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Minutes of the May 15, 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. Cyber Update

Michael Lam, VP Finance and Administration, provided an update on the status of restoration efforts due to the cyber incident at Mount Royal University that began in late-June 2026. Key areas highlighted from the briefing note included current system status, identified gaps, implemented security controls, and future action plans as it relates to the academic affairs of the university.

Appreciation was expressed to the individuals and teams involved in the restoration efforts, and to the MRU community for their support.

Questions were responded to regarding security and data protection, the balance between enhanced security controls and operational requirements, reported harm arising from the incident, whether the threat actor retained the stolen information, and Mount Royal's response to the threat actor's demands. Management advised that, based on the best information available, the understanding was that the threat actor had deleted the information. Management also explained the rationale for limiting disclosure of certain incident details, noting that external experts retained by Mount Royal had advised that organizations generally do not publicly disclose such information, with ongoing safety and security being the primary objective and to avoid incentivizing future threat actors. It was reminded that as a precautionary measure, MRU has offered complimentary credit monitoring and identity theft protection to all current employees and individuals employed by MRU within the past five years. Management also responded that they are not aware of any personal financial impacts having been reported by employees related to the incident to date.

An additional question was raised about permissions requested by the FAR (Faculty Annual Reporting) app, which is currently being addressed.

4. Committee Chair Reports

4.1. Executive Committee

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

5. Question Period

5.1. Written Questions

No written questions were submitted for inclusion in the package.

5.2. Questions from the Floor

There were no questions from the floor.

6. Other Reports

6.1. GFC Chair and Vice-Chair Report

The GFC Chair and Vice-Chair submitted a written report. In response to a question about the engagement sessions attended by Dr. Tim Rahilly, Dr. Chad London and Mike Lam with Advanced Education on Post-secondary Funding and Tuition models, arising out of the Mintz Panel recommendations, Dr. Rahilly shared general information about those discussions related to funding and institutional neutrality. He noted that there are no specific details to share at this time.

Dr. London highlighted the hiring of 32 new full-time faculty, and enrollment expansion funding.

6.2. Board of Governors Meeting Summary

A written summary of the most recent Board of Governors meeting was provided for information.

7. For Information

The following items were provided for information:

- 7.1. GFC Membership List**
- 7.2. GFC Meeting Schedule**
- 7.3. GFC and Committees Meeting Schedule**
- 7.4. Committee Meeting Minutes**
- 7.5. GFC Orientation Information**

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment 9:47AM