

General Faculties Council – OPEN SESSION
March 22, 2024 at 9am – 11am
Lincoln Park Room J301

IN ATTENDANCE:

Tim Rahilly, CHAIR
Chad London, VICE-CHAIR
David Bird
Julie Boone
Katherine Bright
Fiona Chetty
Peter Choate
Liza Choi
David Clemis
Evan Cortens
Karim Dharamsi
Trevor Day
Brooks DeCillia
Lee Easton
Maryam Elahi
John Fischer
Angela Faye Galeos
Shane Gannon

Geri Lynn Gouglas
Lisa Graham
Sally Haney
Gillian Hynes
Kalen Keavey
Brenda Lang
Moussa Magassa
Rusna Mahoon
Tori McMillan
Jon Mee
Lavinia Moldovan
Alexis Morris
Elaine Mullen
Scott Murray
Jacqueline Musabende
Mustansar Nadeem
Anh Nguyen
Joseph Nguyen

Nancy Ogden
Jennifer Pettit
Stephen Price
Katharin Pritchard
Chris Rogerson
Glen Ryland
Marc Schroeder
Sara Sharun
Saron Solomon
Leda Stawnychko
Keir Stuhlmiller
Marwaa Tahir
Cheryl Techentin
Joyce Totton
Connie Van der Byl
Phil Warsaba
Kelly Williams-Whitt
Jonathan Withey

Resources

Amy Nixon, SECRETARY
Sheena Jensen, RECORDING SECRETARY

NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Tala Abu Hayyaneh
Vicki Bouvier
Meagan Bowler
Haroon Chehade

Anupam Das
Carol Krol
Lynne Lafave
Michelle LoGullo

Colin Martin
Mary-Lee Mulholland
Kari Roberts
Deepa Upadhyaya

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

Land Acknowledgement

Rusna Mahoon opened the meeting with a Land Acknowledgement.

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Agenda for the March 22, 2024 General Faculties Council open session meeting be approved.

Motion carried by unanimous consent

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

2.1. Minutes from February 16, 2024

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Minutes of the February 16, 2024 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. Committee Chair Reports

3.1. Executive Committee

A written Committee Chair report was provided for information. The Chair highlighted the follow-up item for GFC that responded to the request to review Faculty Council terms of reference. Questions on various updates in the report were responded to for clarification on the following:

- Deans' Council composition and purpose (as per the PSLA)
- What constitutes operational versus governance responsibilities
- Approval process for Faculty Council Terms of Reference

3.2. Academic Planning and Budget Committee

A written Committee Chair report was provided for information, and it was confirmed that the Board of Governors' approved the 2024-25 institutional budget at their March 21, 2024 meeting.

3.3. Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee

No report.

3.4. Academic Standards Committee

A written Committee Chair report was provided for information.

3.5. Research and Scholarship Committee

A written Committee Chair report was provided for information.

3.6. Student Affairs Committee

No report.

3.7. Teaching and Learning Committee

A written Committee Chair report was provided for information.

A member asked if a formal induction (onboarding) program could be offered to contract faculty specific to their program.

4. Question Period

4.1. Written Question

T. Rahilly responded to the written question submitted to GFC regarding the Alberta Post-Secondary Network (APSN), providing background information on its purpose and role in government relations, provided examples of its advocacy work, and explained how it is constituted (Societies Act). It was also noted that it is not a decision-making body.

4.2. Questions from the Floor

- In what capacity would the President of a post-secondary institution be acting as a member of the APSN, and to what extent the lines may be blurred between being an individual member and as President?
 - T. Rahilly acknowledged the concern and further explained the model of APSN and being a member.
- What is the decision making process in determining new management positions within the University and who has the authority to approve those decisions? Is it appropriate to engage GFC in the discussion?
 - Explanation was provided on how the decision making process for new management positions is integrated with the budget planning process.
- Within the academic side, what is the process to create an out-of-scope position, such as a Director?
 - The process for determining the responsibilities of these positions was explained, which follows the relevant policies and procedures.
- Is there an appetite to address concerns within existing policy with students who have multiple withdrawals on their transcript?
 - As part of the review of the timing of reading week, withdrawal sections in policy are also being looked at, including a scan of other institutions' policies.
 - A discussion took place on the issue raised, including the student-perspective about how policy changes be considered to address these types of issues (e.g. a growth mindset/resilience approach instead of punitive).

5. Other Reports

5.1. GFC Chair and Vice-Chair Report

The GFC Chair and Vice-Chair submitted a written report. C. London recognized the Faculty promotions to Professor:

- Professor Deb Bennett, Faculty of Arts
- Professor Corinne Mason, Faculty of Arts
- Professor Irene Shankar, Faculty of Arts
- Professor Sally Haney, Faculty of Business and Communication Studies
- Professor Jill Parnell, Faculty of Health, Community and Education

- Professor D. Gaye Watson Warthe, Faculty of Health, Community and Education
- Professor Sarah Hewitt, Faculty of Science and Technology.

6. Consent Agenda

6.1. Items Removed for Discussion

6.2.1. Investment Management Agreement Update

In response to a question, the process for pulling information items from the Consent Agenda for discussion was explained. This process is routine for items from other governing bodies that are shared with GFC for information.

Questions were responded to about the metrics within the Investment Management Agreement (IMA) update, and how these get shared with Committee prior to coming to GFC. An overview of the numeric values in the IMA and risk in the budget was given. It was reiterated that APBC will be continuing to discuss its role in the budget planning process, including discussion of IMAs.

6.2. Items for Information

The following items were received for information:

- 6.2.1. Investment Management Agreement Update
- 6.2.2. Committee Meeting Minutes
- 6.2.3. Faculty Council Approved Curriculum

7. New Business

There was no new business.

8. Adjournment 10:00AM