

**General Faculties Council – ORIENTATION & OPEN SESSION**  
**Friday, September 22, 2023 at 9am – 11am**  
**Lincoln Park Room J301**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Tim Rahilly, CHAIR	Kalen Keavey	Stephen Price
Chad London, VICE-CHAIR	Carol Krol	Katharin Pritchard
Tala Abu Hayyaneh	Lynne Lafave	Kari Roberts
Julie Boone	Brenda Lang	Chris Rogerson
Vicki Bouvier	Michelle LoGullo	Paul Rossmann
Meagan Bowler	Rusna Mahoon	Glen Ryland
Fiona Chetty	Colin Martin	Marc Schroeder
Peter Choate	Tori McMillan	Sara Sharun
Liza Choi	Jon Mee	Leda Stawnychko
Evan Cortens	Lavinia Moldovan	Keir Stuhlmiller
Anupam Das	Alexis Morris	Marwaa Tahir
Trevor Day	Mary-Lee Mulholland	Cheryl Techentin
Lee Easton	Elaine Mullen	Joyce Totton
John Fischer	Scott Murray	Deepa Upadhyaya
Angela Faye Galeos	Mustansar Nadeem	Connie Van der Byl
Tanya Gapara	Anh Nguyen	Phil Warsaba
Julie Gathercole	Joseph Nguyen	Gaye Warthe
Geri Lynn Gouglas	Nancy Ogden	Kelly Williams-Whitt
Lisa Graham	Jennifer Pettit	Jonathan Withey
Sally Haney		

Resources

Amy Nixon, SECRETARY  
Sheena Jensen, RECORDING SECRETARY

**NOT IN ATTENDANCE:**

David Bird	David Clemis	Moussa Magassa
Katherine Bright	Maryam Elahi	
Haroon Chehade	Shane Gannon	

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

**Land Acknowledgement**

Evan Cortens opened the meeting with a Land Acknowledgement.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

***Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** the Agenda for the September 22, 2023 General Faculties Council open session meeting be approved.

***Motion carried by unanimous consent***

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

2.1. Minutes from May 19, 2023 and June 8, 2023

***Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** the Minutes of the May 19, 2023 General Faculties Council open session meeting be approved.

***Motion carried by unanimous consent***

***Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** the Minutes of the June 8, 2023 General Faculties Council special meeting be approved.

***Motion carried by unanimous consent***

2.2. Business Arising from the Minutes

A comment was made asking the current APBC to discuss the previous year's recommendation for the committee to disband, as referenced in the May 19, 2023 GFC meeting minutes.

**3. Approval of Academic Plan 2023-2030**

***Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** the General Faculties Council approve the 2023-2030 Academic Plan.

Discussion:

- Chad London, Vice-Provost and Vice-President, Academic, presented the draft 2023-2030 Academic Plan.
- C. London responded to questions and comments and provided clarification on supporting the implementation of the plan (e.g. resources, development of subsequent plans), and on items that would be addressed at the institutional level.
- Comments were made in support of the plan.
- Suggestions were heard about involving GFC and its Committees to update GFC members on implementation of the plan and to debrief the development plan process.

***Motion carried***

**4. Committee Chair Reports**

4.1. Executive Committee – T. Rahilly

A written Committee Chair report of the September 13, 2023 EC meeting was provided. T. Rahilly added that a formal GFC Bylaw review and GFC Committee Structure review is underway.

**5. Question Period**

5.1. Written Questions

No written questions were submitted for inclusion in the package.

5.2. Questions from the Floor

- Mustansar Nadeem, Vice-President, Finance and Administration, responded to a question from the floor regarding the transition to a new environmental services/custodial contractor. He provided an overview of the formal evaluation process related to MRU's RFP (request for proposal) obligations and context for the considerations. He confirmed that EDI criteria were considered as part of the RFP process.

**6. Other Reports**

6.1. GFC Chair and Vice-Chair Report

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

**7. Consent Agenda**

7.1. Items Removed for Discussion

There were no items removed for discussion.

7.2. Items for Information

The following consent agenda items were received for information:

- 7.2.1. Notice of Motion – GFC Bylaw Revision (Membership)
- 7.2.2. GFC Membership List 2023-24
- 7.2.3. GFC Meeting Schedules 2023-24 and 2024-25
- 7.2.4. GFC Orientation Information

**8. New Business**

There was no new business.

**9. Adjournment 10:58AM**