

GFC Executive Committee
May 8, 2024 at 3pm – 5pm
University Boardroom A341

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chad London	Acting President and Vice-Chancellor, CHAIR
Karim Dharamsi	Acting Provost and Vice-President, Academic, VICE-CHAIR
Geri Lynn Gouglas	University Registrar and Associate Vice-President, Enrolment Management
Jennifer Pettit	Deans' Council Representative
Peter Choate	GFC Academic Staff Member
Elaine Mullen	GFC Academic Staff Member
Kari Roberts	GFC Academic Staff Member
Marc Schroeder	GFC Academic Staff Member
Deepa Upadhyaya	GFC Academic Staff Member (<i>via Google Meet</i>)
Fiona Chetty	Student Member of GFC
<u>Resources</u>	
Amy Nixon	General Counsel and University Secretary
Sheena Dyer	Assistant University Secretary, GFC, Recording Secretary

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:00PM.

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Agenda for the May 8, 2024 GFC Executive Committee meeting be approved.

Motion carried

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

2.1. Minutes from April 10, 2024

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Minutes of the April 10, 2024 GFC Executive Committee meeting be approved.

Motion carried

2.2. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

3. ASC Charter Revision (Membership)

EC received a recommendation from the Academic Standards Committee to amend the ASC Charter to add a "Continuing Education Representative, elected by the Faculty Council". It was explained that the structure of Continuing Education differs from other Faculties and that they do not have a Faculty Council, therefore this portion of the language cannot be added to the Charter. Suggestions were

discussed on alternative language to use instead, and consideration was given to whether or not the revised language should be sent back to ASC before proceeding to GFC for approval.

Following discussion, EC determined that it would align the Charter language with other GFC Committee Charters who have a Continuing Education Representative to read "designated by Continuing Education". K. Dharamsi, as a member of EC and Vice-Chair of ASC, agreed to inform ASC of this change ahead of the May 17, 2024 GFC meeting when it is presented for GFC approval, should any ASC members present at the GFC meeting wish to discuss this item further.

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Executive Committee recommends to GFC for approval that the membership be revised in the Academic Standards Committee Charter to add a "Continuing Education Representative, designated by Continuing Education".

Motion carried

4. GFC Committee Review

4.1. Recommendations for Committee Charter Revisions

Moved and seconded:

THAT the GFC Executive Committee recommends that General Faculties Council approve the revisions to the following Committee Charters, as amended:

- Academic Planning and Budget Committee Charter
- Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee Charter
- Academic Standards Committee Charter
- Teaching and Learning Committee Charter
- Research and Scholarship Committee Charter

Discussion:

- Suggestion to move the following APBC Charter Responsibility 4.2. to both TLC and RSC, as both of those committees have connections to infrastructure for their respective mandates: *"Recommend on technological and physical infrastructure as it relates to academic priorities and plans."*
 - It was agreed to move this Charter responsibility to RSC, in addition to TLC.
- Whether the proposed change to remove language from the following Charter Responsibility restricts the ability for these types of proposals (a dissolution or a merger) to come forward to GFC in the future:
"Recommend on the establishment, ~~dissolution or merger~~ of Faculties, Departments and other academic units or programs of study."
 - It was explained that the removal of this language is because it was overly broad.

Motion carried

4.2. Review of Committees Not Yet Established

The update provided on the two GFC committees not yet established (International Activities and Academic Indigenization) was reviewed. Comments were made in support of proceeding to remove International Activities from the GFC Bylaws in the Fall, and to not make a recommendation on the establishing of an Academic Indigenization Committee at this time.

J. Pettit left the meeting.

5. Approval of GFC Agenda

5.1. GFC Open Session Agenda – May 17, 2024

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Agenda for the May 17, 2024 GFC Open Session meeting be approved.

Motion carried

5.2. Speaker for Land Acknowledgement

A GFC member was confirmed as the speaker for the Land Acknowledgement at the next GFC meeting.

6. Final GFC Assessment Questions

The final GFC Assessment questions for the 2023-24 academic year were reviewed and confirmed.

7. GFC Annual Elections – Results

The GFC Annual Election results were received for information.

8. Committee Chair Report

8.1. EC 2023-24 Annual Report

The EC 2023-24 Annual Report was reviewed.

9. Items for Information

The following items were received for information:

9.1. EC Membership 2024-25

9.2. EC Meeting Schedule 2024-25

10. New Business

There was no new business.

11. Adjournment 4:08PM