

GFC Executive Committee
February 5, 2025 at 3pm – 5pm
University Boardroom A341

IN ATTENDANCE:

Tim Rahilly	President and Vice-Chancellor, CHAIR
Chad London	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
Scott Murray	GFC Academic Staff Member
Leda Stawnychko	GFC Academic Staff Member
Elaine Mullen	GFC Academic Staff Member
Deepa Upadhyaya	GFC Academic Staff Member
Fiona Chetty	Student Member of GFC

Resources

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 February 5, 2025 Executive Committee meeting be approved.

Motion carried

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

2.1. Minutes from January 8, 2025

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Minutes of the January 8, 2025 Executive Committee meeting be approved.

Motion carried

2.2. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

3. Approval of GFC and GFC Committees Meeting Schedules

3.1. Approval of GFC Committees 2025/26 Meeting Schedules

Moved and seconded:

THAT the GFC Standing Committees meeting schedules for 2025-26 be approved.

Discussion:

- It was highlighted that some Committees, in consultation with the relevant Committee Chairs, have a narrowed meeting schedule for next year.

Motion carried

3.2. Approval of GFC and Executive Committee 2026/27 Meeting Schedules

Moved and seconded:

THAT the General Faculties Council and Executive Committee meeting schedules for 2026-27 be approved.

Motion carried

4. Guidelines for Tributes at GFC

Moved and seconded:

THAT the GFC Executive Committee approve the Guidelines for Tributes at GFC.

Motion carried

5. Approval of GFC Agenda

5.1. GFC Open Session Agenda – February 14, 2025

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Agenda for the February 14, 2025 GFC Open Session meeting be approved, as amended.

Discussion:

- Amendment: Upon request from D. Upadhyaya, EC supported amending the draft agenda to defer Items 3.1. and 3.2. regarding the GNED Exemption Request – Midwifery, B.Mid. and accompanying curriculum submission to the March 21, 2025 GFC meeting, due to a scheduling conflict for D. Upadhyaya to be able to attend to speak to the item. The Registrar confirmed they will work with the program on timelines.
- The written Question Submission was reviewed. Consideration was given to the connection between this submission and a previously submitted written question from the same GFC member that did not go forward to GFC, how to respond to the question and correct the member on the misunderstanding of information contained in the submission, and suggestions for specific advice to members about where to seek clarification on governance and operational matters at the University.

Motion carried

5.2. GFC Closed Session Agenda – February 14, 2025

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Agenda for the February 14, 2025 GFC Closed Session meeting be approved.

Motion carried

5.3. Speaker for Land Acknowledgement

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

6. Next Steps – GFC Structured Discussion Notes from January 17, 2025

Preliminary observations of the structured discussion group notes and the overall process were shared, including ways to streamline the process next time. A summary of feedback for EC to consider prior to sharing with GFC will be brought forward to the March 12, 2025 EC meeting.

7. For Information

The following items were provided for information:

7.1. GFC Annual Elections Information

In response to a question and comment made in the GFC Structured Discussion Notes, it was clarified that there are no restrictions for the number of terms an individual member can have on GFC.

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment 4:07PM