

GFC Executive Committee
January 8, 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

Resources

Amy Nixon	General Counsel and University Secretary
Sheena Dyer	Assistant University Secretary, GFC, RECORDING SECRETARY

NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Deepa Upadhyaya	GFC Academic Staff Member
Fiona Chetty	Student Member of GFC

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:02PM.

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Agenda for the January 8, 2025 Executive Committee meeting be approved.

Motion carried

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

2.1. Minutes from November 13, 2024

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Minutes of the November 13, 2024 Executive Committee meeting be approved.

Motion carried

2.2. Business Arising from the Minutes

2.2.1. Break-out Groups for Structured Discussion of GFC 2023-24 Assessment Results with GFC
It was suggested at the November 13, 2024 EC meeting that for the January 17 session break-out groups be pre-populated to ensure an even distribution of GFC members in each group for the discussion. The groups were reviewed and confirmed, including the size of the groups. No changes were made.

3. Approval of Revised 2025-26 GFC and EC Meeting Schedules

Moved and seconded:

THAT the revised General Faculties Council and Executive Committee meeting schedules 2025-26 be approved.

Discussion:

- The proposed revision reschedules GFC to meet before the Board (from October 24 to October 17, 2025). The October EC meeting would also be rescheduled accordingly (October 15 to October 8, 2025).
- Comments in support of the change were heard.

Motion carried

4. Approval of GFC Agenda

4.1. GFC Open Session Agenda – January 17, 2025

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Agenda for the January 17, 2025 GFC Open Session meeting be approved.

Discussion:

- It was noted that Enrolment Reports will come forward to the February meeting.

Motion carried

4.2. Speaker for Land Acknowledgement

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

5. Review November GFC Governance Essentials Feedback

Feedback from the November GFC Governance Essentials session was reviewed. The feedback was positive and the Committee agreed to continue with the approach to the Governance Essentials sessions next Fall 2025.

6. Tributes at GFC

EC had a preliminary discussion on the idea of Tributes at GFC meetings. When a former GFC member and/or long-term contributor to MRU (i.e. a decade or more of service) passes away, a way of acknowledging their contributions could be a tribute at a GFC meeting.

Discussion:

- Comments were made in support of the idea and to draft guidelines.
- Preliminary feedback was given on considering family wishes for whether or not an individual receives a tribute, who would be eligible and included, who could do the tribute, and what if someone gets missed.

Next Steps:

- The University Secretariat will work with C. London to further discuss implementation considerations/timing and develop guidelines based on this preliminary discussion.

- These will be presented to EC for approval and shared with GFC.

7. For Information

The following items were provided for information:

7.1. GFC Orientation Schedule Details

For information, as EC continues its work on GFC member's ongoing education, the University Secretariat shared the schedule and details of various activities and resources offered to GFC members in the vein of orientation and ongoing governance education.

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment 3:27PM