

**GFC Executive Committee**  
**October 9, 2024 at 3pm – 5pm**  
**University Boardroom A341**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Tim Rahilly	President and Vice-Chancellor, CHAIR ( <i>virtual</i> )
Chad London	Provost and Vice-President, Academic, VICE-CHAIR ( <i>virtual</i> )
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 ( <i>virtual</i> )
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 October 9, 2024 Executive Committee meeting be approved.

***Motion carried***

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

2.1. Minutes from September 11, 2024

***Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** the Minutes of the September 11, 2024 Executive Committee meeting be approved.

***Motion carried***

2.2. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**3. GFC September 20, 2024 Meeting Follow-ups**

3.1. Follow-ups for EC

EC discussed two questions that arose at the Sept. 20 GFC meeting that were brought forward by the acting Chair, Chad London, on behalf of GFC for EC to consider:

*1) Should there be a conversation with GFC about the Academic Indigenization Committee (AIC) earlier than bringing forward a GFC Bylaw change?*

- It was explained that at the September 20, 2024 GFC meeting, the question arose that if EC decides to recommend removing AIC from the GFC Bylaws, could a discussion with

GFC as a formal agenda item occur prior to submitting a Notice of Motion to amend the Bylaws.

- EC discussed and considered when and if a conversation with GFC about AIC is most appropriate. It was affirmed that no additional Bylaw change/s are contemplated at this time. There was acknowledgement that any process that might result in recommended Bylaw change/s could include consideration around a broader discussion at GFC and that GFC bylaws enshrine the right of any member of GFC to raise concern on any issue before or after a Notice of Motion. There was discussion about when and how GFC might be engaged in a broader discussion on establishing an AIC committee. There was discussion regarding the various factors that have been previously discussed at GFC EC and in other forums. There was discussion around the reasons why the AIC has not yet been established, including timing of the work on the Indigenous Strategic Plan and advice from leadership in the Office of Indigenization and Decolonization.

2) *Is there interest in having the Generative AI Working Group formally provide an update to GFC on a GFC agenda?*

- EC discussed and agreed that the GFC Chair and Vice-Chair Report will continue to include updates regarding the Generative AI Working Group's work.

3.2. GFC Governance Essentials Feedback

The GFC Governance Essentials feedback from the September 20, 2024 session was reviewed.

4. **Approval of GFC Agendas**

4.1. GFC Open Session Agenda – October 18, 2024

***Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** the Agenda for the October 18, 2024 GFC Open Session meeting be approved.

***Motion carried***

4.2. GFC Closed Session Agenda – October 18, 2024

***Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** the Agenda for the October 18, 2024 GFC Closed Session meeting be approved.

***Motion carried***

4.3. Speaker for Land Acknowledgement

A speaker for the Land Acknowledgement at the October GFC meeting was confirmed.

5. **Next Steps for Review of Formal GFC 2023-24 Assessment Results**

Discussion focused on how to address the GFC 2023-24 Assessment results and formulate recommendations that related to the theme of tone and decorum of discussions at GFC meetings. It was also noted by members of EC that some of the feedback demonstrates an opportunity for clarification and correction of misunderstanding/s by considering ways to inform members of the body about processes and content of the Bylaws and other GFC governing documents. EC will share the assessment results with GFC in November, and will discuss at their next meeting the approach/format for discussing the results with GFC in 2025.

**6. New Business**

There was no new business.

**7. Adjournment 4:20PM**