

**General Faculties Council – OPEN SESSION**  
**January 17, 2025 at 9am – 11am**  
**Lincoln Park Room J301**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Tim Rahilly, CHAIR  
Chad London, VICE-CHAIR  
Tala Abu Hayyaneh  
Ademola Adesola  
Ayden Ali  
Julie Booke  
Vicki Bouvier  
Meagan Bowler  
Neil Brigden  
Katherine Bright  
Fiona Chetty  
Peter Choate  
Evan Cortens  
Anupam Das  
Brooks DeCillia  
Karim Dharamsi  
Lee Easton  
Maryam Elahi

Richard Erlendson  
John Fischer  
Shane Gannon  
David Giers  
Chris Gillanders  
Geri Lynn Gouglas  
Sally Haney  
Charles Hepler  
Kalen Keavey  
Lynne Lafave  
Chris Lovallo  
Sinclair MacRae  
Moussa Magassa  
Rusna Mahoon  
Tori McMillan  
Jon Mee  
Alexis Morris  
Mary-Lee Mulholland

Scott Murray  
Jacqueline Musabende  
Alejandra Perez  
Jennifer Pettit  
Stephen Price  
Melanie Rogers  
Chris Rogerson  
Qanita Samore  
Sara Sharun  
Saron Solomon  
Keir Stuhmiller  
Cheryl Techentin  
Joyce Totton  
Deepa Upadhyaya  
Connie Van der Byl  
Phil Warsaba  
Kelly Williams-Whitt  
Jonathan Withey

Resources

Amy Nixon, SECRETARY  
Sheena Dyer, RECORDING SECRETARY

Guests

Kevin O'Connor, Chair and Associate Professor, Department of Education  
Gaye Warthe, Vice Dean, Faculty of Healthy, Community and Education

**NOT IN ATTENDANCE:**

Isabella Carinelli  
Paul Jessop  
Brenda Lang  
Michelle LoGullo

Robyn Madden  
Elaine Mullen  
Mustansar Nadeem  
Mohsen Nasrin

Karen Pheasant-Neganigwane  
Kari Roberts  
Leda Stawnychko  
Meg Stewart

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:35AM.

**Land Acknowledgement**

Peter Choate opened the meeting with a Land Acknowledgement.

1. **Approval of Agenda (motion)**

**Moved and seconded:**

**THAT** the Agenda for the January 17, 2025 General Faculties Council open session meeting be approved.

**Motion carried by unanimous consent**

2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

2.1. Minutes from November 22, 2024

**Moved and seconded:**

**THAT** the Minutes of the November 22, 2024 General Faculties Council open session meeting be approved.

**Motion carried by unanimous consent**

2.2. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

3. **Approval of Code of Student Academic Integrity Policy (Minor Revisions)**

**Moved and seconded:**

**THAT** the minor revision to the *Code of Student Academic Integrity Policy* be approved.

Discussion:

- In response to a question and concern, it was explained that the revision was deemed a minor revision for reasons including the Student Affairs Committee advising against a separate AI policy, and that currently any violations involving AI are addressed through the Code. This minor revision provides specific clarification that the policy covers violations involving AI.
  - The Generative AI Working Group is continuing to meet to develop recommendations, including recommendations regarding policy.
- In response to a question, it was clarified that the placement of this minor revision in the policy fit best under “Plagiarism” where it’s been observed this is where AI is currently being used for academic integrity violations.

**Motion carried**

4. **Approval of Curriculum**

4.1. Major Program Change – Bachelor of Education – Elementary

**Moved and seconded:**

**THAT** General Faculties Council approve the Major Program Change – Bachelor of Education – Elementary.

*Guests K. O’Connor and G. Warthe were invited by the Chair to respond to questions about the curriculum proposal.*

Discussion:

- A concern was raised that after the Academic Program and Curriculum Committee’s recommendation with amendments to the submission for GFC approval, the changes that were made applied the major program change (Requirement to Withdraw from Program requirements) to all core courses and not just the two practicum courses, which

means two courses with a course grade progression requirement (minimum B grade) would also be impacted. It was asked if this was the intention for the change to also apply to those two courses, given the potential impact of this change on students to withdraw from the program if they receive a grade lower than B in either of those two courses.

- K. O'Connor and G. Warthe responded to the concern by explaining that the minimum B grade progression requirement would still be in place, the importance of students in the program to be successful in those two courses, how this change overall aims to support students, and that the impact on students is expected to be minimal. Further monitoring will take place if the change is approved.
- Discussion ensued on whether or not this submission be approved in consideration of the impact for those two courses that would be unique to this program, comparison to other programs, if there are plans to re-evaluate that grade progression requirement, and clarification on the process for re-entry to the program.
- The Chair confirmed there was support to vote on the proposal as presented.

***Motion defeated***

The APCC Chair indicated that he will update APCC at their next meeting on this outcome.

4.2. Major Program Change – Bachelor of Nursing

***Moved and seconded:***

**THAT** General Faculties Council approve the Major Program Change – Bachelor of Nursing.

***Motion carried***

**5. Revisions to Emeritus/Emerita Policy and Procedures (Draft)**

- C. London gave a summary of the revisions and what is being retained in the policy and procedures.
- GFC was reminded that the drafts are currently in consultation until January 27, 2025.
- Questions and comments were responded to for clarification on why it continues to be a Board approved policy, that the “Professor Emeritus” designation is for tenured faculty only, administrators are included in these policies and procedures, and the distinction between administrative and academic titles.
- As part of the consultation process, feedback is being considered, revisions are being made and there will be consideration of the various title naming and procedural issues raised in this discussion for clarity.

**6. Committee Chair Reports**

6.1. Executive Committee

A written Committee Chair report of the January 8, 2025 EC meeting was provided.

- 6.2. Academic Planning and Budget Committee  
A written Committee Chair report of the December 9, 2024 APBC meeting was provided. It was clarified that APBC has been receiving updates on the progress of the implementation of the current Academic Plan, and are not updating the plan.
- 6.3. Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee  
A written Committee Chair report of the November 27, 2024 APCC meeting was provided.
- 6.4. Academic Standards Committee  
A written Committee Chair report of the December 3, 2024 ASC meeting was provided.
- 6.5. Research and Scholarship Committee  
A written Committee Chair report of the December 11, 2024 RSC meeting was provided.
- 6.6. Student Affairs Committee  
A written Committee Chair report of the November 26, 2024 SAC meeting was provided.
- 6.7. Teaching and Learning Committee  
A written Committee Chair report of the December 5, 2024 TLC meeting was provided. In response to a question, the TLC Chair explained that there is nothing specific to report at this time about TLC's discussions regarding "Better defining our responsibilities" as these discussions are still occurring. A GFC member asked if TLC could consider areas such as the mental health crisis of students at Mount Royal. The TLC Chair acknowledged the suggestion.

## 7. Question Period

- 7.1. Written Questions  
No written questions were submitted for inclusion in the package.
- 7.2. Questions from the Floor
  - Is there an update on the Fall Reading week proposal and is pedagogy being considered as part of it?
    - GFC was directed to the written update provided in the GFC Chair and Vice-Chair report.
    - A survey about reading week is in development and will include a question related to pedagogy to collect more information on that impact.

## 8. Other Reports

- 8.1. GFC Chair and Vice-Chair Report  
The GFC Chair and Vice-Chair submitted a written report. A question was asked with respect to Cougars Athletics and Government of Alberta's proposed "Bill 29 Fairness and Safety in Sport Act": where is this at and what is the potential impact nationally? In response to the question, the VP Students acknowledged the impacts of this Bill, explained that they are waiting for a response from the Ministry with more information about this Bill specific to post-secondary

institutions, and gave an overview of the possible impacts. Student Services continues to advocate strongly for the rights of all students.

8.2. Board of Governors Meeting Summary

A written summary of the December 6, 2024 Board of Governors meeting was provided for information.

**9. For Information**

The following items were provided for information:

9.1. Access and Inclusion Services Annual Report

9.2. Program Reviews:

- Bachelor of Education
- Bachelor of Arts (and Honours) in Criminal Justice
- Bachelor of Communication Studies Journalism and Digital Media

9.3. Committee Meeting Minutes

9.4. Faculty Council Approved Curriculum

**10. New Business**

There was no new business.

**11. Adjournment 10:52AM**