1. **Mandate and Role of the Committee**
   The Council on Student Affairs is a standing committee of General Faculties Council (GFC) charged with providing considered input to ensure proposals and policies before GFC are evaluated in light of their impact on students at the University of Alberta.

2. **Areas of Responsibility**
   a. Promote continued improvement of programs and policies related to student academic affairs
   b. Review proposals and policies related to student academic affairs

3. **Composition**
   
   **Voting Members (21)**
   
   **Ex-officio (6)**
   - Provost and Vice-President (Academic), Chair
   - President, Students’ Union
   - President, Graduate Students’ Association
   - Vice-Provost and Dean of Students
   - Vice-Provost and University Registrar
   - Vice-Provost and Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

   *(Either the President, Students’ Union or the President, Graduate Students’ Association, will serve as Vice-Chair, to be decided annually by the executive of the SU and GSA.)*

   **Elected by GFC (12)**
   - 8 undergraduate students, at least 4 must be members of GFC, with no more than one student per faculty (preference to members of GFC)
   - 2 graduate students, at least 1 must be a member of GFC (preference to members of GFC)
   - 2 academic staff from GFC

   **Appointed (3)**
   **Representatives of:**
   - the Indigenous Students’ Council, selected by the Indigenous Students’ Council
   - the Indigenous Graduate Students’ Association, selected by the Indigenous Graduate Students’ Association
   - the International Students’ Association, selected by the International Students’ Association

4. **Delegated Authority from General Faculties Council**
   None

5. **Responsibilities Additional to Delegated Authority**
   5.1 Review and recommend to the GFC standing committees and GFC on various issues related to teaching and learning, academic programs, research, student financial support, student accessibility, significant changes to the academic schedule, student conduct, planning, and facilities
   5.2 Review of issues may be requested by GFC, its standing committees, or initiated by the Council on Student Affairs
6. Limitations to Authority
   N/A

7. Reporting
   Reports regularly to GFC on activities and recommendations

8. Definitions

   Student Academic Affairs: Activities, directly related to education and learning, that occur as part of a student’s regular course work or program of study

9. Links

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