



General Faculties Council  
Approved Open Session Minutes

Monday, October 22, 2018  
Council Chamber, 2-100 University Hall (UNH)  
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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**ATTENDEES:**

**Statutory Members:**

***Ex-Officio:***

Lesley Cormack, Acting-  
Chair

Chris Andersen

Dale Askey

Laura Beard (delegate)

Deborah Burshtyn

André Costopoulos

Greta Cummings

Shanthi Johnson

Frank Marsiglio

Kerry Mummary

Melissa Padfield

Andrew Sharman

Jacqui Tam

***Elected Faculty:***

W. Ted Allison

Jeff Birchall

Ryan Dunch

Duncan Elliott

Mary Forhan

Bill Foster

Michael Frishkopf

Lesley Harrington

Basil Hubbard

Eva Lemaire

Pierre Lemelin

Susanne Luhmann

Pirkko Markula

Lynn McMullen

Sue-Ann Mok

Shannon O'Byrne

Carolyn Sale

John Seubert

Carrie Smith

Susan Sommerfeldt

Lisa Stein

Bruce Sutherland

Benjamin Tucker

Dilini Vethanayagam

Akiko Watanabe

Lynne Wiltse

***Students:***

Masoud Aliramezani

Sasha van der Klein

**Appointed Members:**

Joel Agarwal

Erin Allin

Bishoi Aziz

Matthew Barnett

Akanksha Bhatnagar

Robert Bilak

Katherine Binhammer

Amlan Bose

Meijun Chen

Julia Craig

Natalie Diether

Shannon Erichsen

Shawn Flynn

Gautam Gaur

Osman Hojanepesov

Kevin Kane

Janice Kung

Braulio Marfil-Garza

Carmel Montgomery

Sabitha Rajaruban

Shuaa Rizvi

Dustin Sandler

Andrei Tabirca

Rachel Wang

Janet Williamson

Allan Yilun Wu

Ding Xu

Janet Yao

**REGRETS:**

David Turpin

Jason Acker

Miray Aizouki

Saleema Allana

Vahid Ayan

Allen Berger

Stanford Blade

Andre Bourgeois

Abigail Bridarolli

Tiffany Bruce

Katy Campbell

Yiming Chen

David Chung

David Cooper

Neal Davies

Piet Defraeye

Victoria deJong

Steven Dew

Joseph Doucet

Tarek El-Bialy

Nadir Erbilgin

Dean Eurich

Levi Flaman

Fraser Forbes

Adam Gaudry

Tahra Haddouche

Robert Haennel

Ryan Holowaty

Mariam Hosseiny

Albert Hu

John Hussein

Taher Jafferjee

Maryam Kebbe

Hyejun Kim

Brandi Kobes

Gitta Kulczycki

Dennis Kunimoto

Reed Larsen

Leijun Li

Cindy Liang

Mark Loewen

Rob McMahan

Sean McMurtry

Al Meldrum

Laurie Mereu

Pierre-Yves Mocquais

Mpoe Mogale

Roger Moore

Vivian Mushahwar

Syed Mustafa

Alice Nakamura

Paul Paton

Christina Rinaldi

Matthias Ruth

Georg Schmolzer

Richard Schulz

Marc Secanell

Kim Solez

Jorge Sousa

Kelly Spencer

Luke Statt

Eleni Stroulia

Nathan Sunday

Brent Swallow

Amy Tse

Jennifer Tupper

Amanda Wakaruk

Jonathan White

Ian Winship

Erin Wright

Ding Xu

**Staff:**

Meg Brolley, GFC

Secretary

Heather Richholt, Scribe

**Observers:**

Ayman Adwan

Melinda Chisholm

Nathan Fung

Adrienne Lutzke

Jonathan Olfert

Ivy Porter

Fred Tappenden

Charity Slobod

## **OPENING SESSION**

### 1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Sharman/Lemelin

THAT General Faculties Council approve the Agenda.

**CARRIED**

### 2. Approval of the Minutes of September 24, 2018

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Agarwal/Bilak

THAT General Faculties Council approve the Minutes of September 24, 2018.

**CARRIED**

### 3. Report from the Chair (no documents)

*Presenter(s):* Lesley Cormack, Acting Chair, General Faculties Council, and Dean, Faculty of Arts; Heidi Cossey, Graduate Student, Civil and Environmental Engineering; Nuanyi Liang, Graduate Student, Agricultural, Food and Nutritional Sciences; Andrew Leitch, Director, ERM Programs; Kevin Friese, Assistant Dean, Health and Wellness

The Acting Chair introduced two 2018 3MT (Three Minute Thesis) Finalists, Heidi Cossey and Nuanyi Liang, who presented their work.

Mr Leitch and Mr Friese updated members on cannabis on campus. They noted that there were 4 sites on north campus that allowed smoking of cannabis and that smoking on Augustana Campus and Campus Saint-Jean was currently not allowed. They noted that the working group would continue to monitor the situation and ask for feedback from the community: <https://www.ualberta.ca/campus-life/cannabis-working-group>. They also noted that there was information available on the Health and Wellness website: <https://www.ualberta.ca/current-students/wellness/substance-aware/cannabis>

The Acting Chair noted that early consultation on the Council on Student Affairs (COSA) would be coming to GFC in November.

The Acting Chair reminded members about the upcoming Plasma Car Derby fundraiser for the United Way that would be happening Friday, October 26, 2018.

She also noted that the Board/GFC/Senate Summit was scheduled for Friday, January 25, 2019 and that more details would be coming soon.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### 4. New Members of GFC

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Purpose of the Proposal:* To appoint, re-appoint or receive new members of General Faculties Council.

Motion: Johnson/Bhatnagar

MOTION I: TO RECEIVE:

The following *ex officio* member, to serve on GFC for a term effective November 1, 2018 and extending to June 30, 2019:

Kelly Spencer, Interim Vice-President (Advancement)

The following *ex officio* member, to serve on GFC for a term effective October 15, 2018 and extending to June 30, 2019:

Melissa Padfield, Interim Vice-Provost and University Registrar

The following *ex officio* member, to serve on GFC for a term effective October 1, 2018 and extending to June 30, 2019:

Frank Marsiglio, Interim Dean, Faculty of Science

**CARRIED**

### **EARLY CONSULTATION**

#### 5. GFC University Teaching Awards Committee (UTAC) - draft Terms of Reference

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter(s)*: Pierre Lemelin, Chair, GFC University Teaching Awards Committee (UTAC)

#### *Discussion:*

Dr Lemelin gave an overview of the process of reviewing the committee's terms of reference and the reasons the committee felt that the parameters for its membership should fall outside of the Principles for General Faculties Council Standing Committee Composition. He noted that impartiality and the alumni voice were critical in the work of UTAC and that the proposed composition best served the mandate of the committee.

Members discussed the importance of the student voice and student input into the nominations for the awards. A member asked about Indigenous representation on the committee.

#### 6. Workplace Impairment Policy

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter(s)*: Marjorie Cayford, Co-chair, Workplace Impairment Policy Working Group

#### *Discussion:*

Ms Cayford gave an overview of the draft policy and procedures. She noted that the drafts were currently with Legal Counsel and that the policy would come forward to GFC and the Board for approval in the new year. She also noted that Occupational Health and Safety Legislation addresses impairment regardless of the cause.

During the discussion members expressed several comments and questions, including but not limited to: the differences in reporting students and academic and non-academic staff; the impact impairment could have on safety and the duty to report; the implications for the Code of Student Behaviour; homogeneity between policies for students and staff; students who are also employed by the university; and the rules for student athletes.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### 7. Senate ad hoc Committee on Honorary Degrees (no documents)

*Presenter(s)*: Greta Cummings, Dean, Faculty of Nursing, and University of Alberta Senator

*Discussion:*

Dr Cummings noted that the Honorary Degree recipients for fall convocation had been announced and were posted on the Senate website. She noted that more than 800 Honorary Degrees had been awarded over the past 110 years. Dr Cummings spoke about the *ad hoc* Committee on the Honorary Degree Process that had been established to: undertake research into best practices for honorary degrees in Canada and internationally; consult with internal and external stakeholders regarding the honorary degree recipient selection processes; and make recommendations to the Senate in early 2019. She encouraged members to submit their feedback through the survey on the Senate website.

8. Question Period

During question period members discussed the decision to schedule fall reading break around Remembrance Day rather than Thanksgiving and the importance of this break to student mental health.

Members asked about the decision of the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences to opt out of the fall reading break for 2019-2020. Members were informed that this issue would be addressed by the GFC Executive Committee at their November meeting.

**INFORMATION REPORTS**

9. Report of the GFC Executive Committee

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

10. Report of the GFC Academic Planning Committee

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

11. Report of the GFC Academic Standards Committee

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

12. GFC Nominations and Elections

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

13. Report of the Board of Governors

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

14. Information Items

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

A. Waiver of Advertising Requirements

B. 2019-2020 Academic Schedule

15. Information Forwarded to GFC Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

**CLOSING SESSION**

16. Adjournment

The Acting Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.