



General Faculties Council
Approved Open Session Minutes

Monday, March 18, 2019
Council Chamber, 2-100 University Hall (UNH)
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Statutory Members:

Ex-Officio:

David Turpin, Chair
Chris Andersen
Dale Askey
Stanford Blade
Deborah Burshtyn
Katy Campbell
Lesley Cormack
Steven Dew
Joseph Doucet
Gitta Kulczycki
Dennis Kunimoto
Frank Marsiglio
Kerry Mummery
Melissa Padfield
Andrew Sharman
Kelly Spencer
Jacqui Tam
Jennifer Tupper

Elected Faculty:

W. Ted Allison
Jeff Birchall
Ryan Dunch
Duncan Elliott
Nadir Erbilgin
Dean Eurich
Bill Foster
Lesley Harrington
Basil Hubbard
Pierre Lemelin
Susanne Luhmann
Pirkko Markula
Sean McMurtry
Al Meldrum
Sue-Ann Mok
Roger Moore
Alice Nakamura
Shannon O'Byrne
Richard Schulz

Marc Secanell

John Seubert
Carrie Smith
Kim Solez
Susan Sommerfeldt
Lisa Stein
Eleni Stroulia
Benjamin Tucker
Dilini Vethanayagam
Akiko Watanabe
Jonathan White
Lynne Wiltse

Students:

Masoud Aliramezani
Akanksha Bhatnagar
Andre Bourgeois

Appointed Members:

Robert Bilak
Meijun Chen
Melinda Chisholm
André Costopoulos
Julia Craig
Shannon Erichsen
Levi Flaman
Shawn Flynn
Kevin Kane
Janice Kung
Reed Larsen
Braulio Marfil-Garza
Mpoé Mogale
Ivy Porter
Sabitha Rajaruban
Andrei Tabirca
Sasha van der Klein
Amanda Wakaruk
Janet Williamson
Donna Wilson
Allan Yilun Wu
Ding Xu

REGRETS:

Jason Acker
Ayman Adwan
Joel Agarwal
Miray Aizouki
Saleema Allana
Erin Allin
Vahid Ayan
Bishoi Aziz
Matthew Barnett
Allen Berger
Katherine Binhammer
Amlan Bose
Abigail Bridarolli
Tiffany Bruce
Yiming Chen
David Chung
Greta Cummings
Neal Davies
Piet Defraeye
Natalie Diether
Tarek El-Bialy
Fraser Forbes
Mary Forhan
Michael Frishkopf
Adam Gaudry
Gautam Gaur
Tahra Haddouche
Robert Haennel
Osman Hojanepesov
Ryan Holowaty
Mariam Hosseiny
Albert Hu
John Hussein
Taher Jafferjee
Shanthy Johnson
Maryam Kebbe
Hyejun Kim
Brandi Kobes
Eva Lemaire

Leijun Li
Cindy Liang
Mark Loewen
Rob McMahon
Lynn McMullen
Laurie Mereu
Pierre-Yves Mocquais
Carmel Montgomery
Vivian Mushahwar
Syed Mustafa
Anthony Nguyen
Paul Paton
Christina Rinaldi
Shuaa Rizvi
Matthias Ruth
Carolyn Sale
Dustin Sandler
Georg Schmolzer
Jorge Sousa
Luke Statt
Nathan Sunday
Bruce Sutherland
Brent Swallow
Amy Tse
Rachel Wang
Ian Winship
Erin Wright
Janet Yao

Staff:

Meg Brolley, GFC
Secretary
Marion Haggarty-France,
University Secretary
Heather Richholt, scribe

Observers:

Mike MacGregor
Jonathan Olfert
Fred Tappenden

OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Flaman/Dew

THAT General Faculties Council approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Report from the President

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): David Turpin, President and Vice-Chancellor, and Chair of GFC

The Chair shared with GFC his decision not to seek a renewal of his appointment as University President and that his term would end in June 2020. He noted that the accomplishment he was most proud of was the transformative work occurring with GFC and Academic Governance allowing for difficult discussions to happen in a collegial manner. He applauded the contribution of members and the work of the ad hoc and transition committees which were integral in this transformation.

The Chair remarked on the Executive Transition Committee's work on the links between Faculty Councils and GFC and the presentation to Dean's Council earlier that month. He noted that he anticipated further activity in the Faculties related to these discussions.

The Chair reminded members that terms for elected some faculty members would end on June 30th and that Faculty Councils were responsible for the election of replacements. He noted that filling GFC seats at this time would ensure that the Nominating Committee could fill the vacant seats on GFC Standing Committees. He pointed to the link in the current agenda to the call for nominations.

The Chair noted that the Board approved the Employee Code of Conduct and the Budget at their meeting of March 15th.

The Chair offered his congratulations to the successful students in the Students' Union and Graduate Students' Association elections.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Approval of the Minutes of February 25, 2019

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Dew/Nakamura

THAT General Faculties Council approve the Minutes of February 25, 2019.

CARRIED

EARLY CONSULTATION

4. Draft Teaching Policy

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Sarah Forgie, Vice-Provost (Learning Initiatives) and Chair of GFC Committee on the Learning Environment (CLE); Brian Maraj, Vice-Chair of CLE

Discussion:

Dr Forgie provided background on GFC's direction to CLE to review GFC Policy Section 111 - Teaching and Learning and Teaching Evaluation. She noted that a report had been presented to GFC in October 2017 which included past reports, an environmental scan of Canadian and American universities, and a literature review. She indicated that the committee was re-imagining GFC Policy Section 111 to include the teaching policy being presented for discussion, and a separate teaching evaluation policy and procedures that would come forward at a later date.

Members expressed support for the policy and discussed: robust multifaceted evaluation, mentorship for postdoctoral fellows and graduate students, teaching evaluation, and resources and support for teaching.

5. Proposed Revisions to Standing Committee Terms of Reference - GFC Academic and Research Planning Committee

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Steven Dew, Provost and Vice-President (Academic), and Chair of GFC Academic Planning Committee (APC)

Discussion:

Dr Dew noted that several standing committee terms of reference had already come forward to GFC as a result of the recommendations of the ad hoc Committee on Academic Governance including Delegated Authority. He noted that APC had responded to the ad hoc Committee's recommendations to make more explicit the committee's responsibilities related to research. He also noted the addition of Indigenous, international, and IT components to the terms of reference to ensure the committee had an understanding of these issues to inform its work. He noted that the committee continued to evaluate the proposed change in committee name.

Members discussed the value of adding the word 'research' into the name of the committee to increase its visibility versus considering research as part of academics, the potential impact of policy changes on research and development, changes to approval of program terminations, and noted that the Vice-President (Research) was a member of APC.

ACTION ITEMS

6. Proposed Revisions to Standing Committee Terms of Reference - GFC Academic Standards Committee

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Tammy Hopper, Vice-Provost (Programs), and Chair of GFC Academic Standards Committee (ASC)

Discussion:

Dr Hopper noted that the proposed ASC terms of reference had addressed all the recommendations of the ad hoc Committee with the exception of 4 which would be considered in upcoming work on Program Approval Pathways.

There was no discussion.

Motion: Dew/Bhatnagar

THAT General Faculties Council approve the proposed changes to the GFC Academic Standards Committee

Terms of Reference as recommended by the GFC Academic Standards Committee and the GFC Executive Committee, and as set forth in Attachment 1, to take effect July 1, 2019.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. Proposed Terms of Reference - General Faculties Council Composition

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Eleni Stroulia, Chair of Executive Transition Committee; Marion Haggarty-France, University Secretary

Discussion:

Dr Stroulia explained that the ad hoc Committee's recommendations related to reducing the size of GFC were intended to improve engagement. She noted that sufficient change had happened to make GFC more agile and engaged without shrinking the size.

Ms Haggarty-France noted that the 1970s was the last time the composition of GFC was really considered.

Members discussed the proposal to add the Principal of St. Stephen's College and a postdoctoral fellow to the composition, and the representation of de-designated members of the community.

8. Question Period

A member noted that she had returned from a meeting in Washington DC on the US official statistics system held concurrently with a Big Data conference sponsored by the National Bureau of Economic Research. She briefly shared information that may become relevant to the official statistics for Canada.

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 (no documents)

- [Call for Nominations for GFC Committees](#)

13. Information Items

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

A. Feedback on Joint Summit

14. Information Forwarded to GFC Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

CLOSING SESSION

15. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.