Monday, February 08, 2021
Zoom Virtual Meeting
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

ATTENDEES:
Statutory Members:
Bill Flanagan
Chris Andersen
Dale Askey
Barbara Billingsley
Stanford Blade
Greta Cummings
Neal Davies
Steven Dew
Walter Dixon
Joseph Doucet
Fraser Forbes
Todd Gilchrist
Robert Haennel
Brenda Hemmelgarn
Shanthi Johnson
Matina Kalcounis-Rueppell
Elan MacDonald
Maria Mayan
Brooke Milne
Pierre-Yves Mocquais
Kerry Mummery
Melissa Padfield
Steve Patten
Andrew Sharman
Demetres Tryphonopoulos
Jennifer Tupper

Elected Faculty:
Jason Acker
W. Ted Allison
J Nelson Amaral
Nicholas Beier
Pamela Brett-MacLean
Robert Burrell
Heather Coleman
Piet Defraeye
Michael Dyck
Anastasia Elias
Mary Forhan

Michael Frishkopf
Basil Hubbard
Christine Hughes
Peter Hurd
Marianne Jacquet
Nat Kav
Jessica Kolopenuk
Hollis Lai
Pierre Lemelin
Kathleen Lowrey
Suzanne Luhmann
Derek MacKenzie
Pirkko Markula
Al Meldrum
Sue-Ann Mok
Roger Moore
Sarah Moore
Sujata Persad
Frances Plane
Elena Posse de Chaves
Cheryl Poth
Christina Rinaldi
Dan Romanyk
Keith Rourke
Victoria Ruetalo
Carolyn Sale
Susan Sommerfeldt
Eleni Stroulia
Kisha Supernant
Yan Yuan
Mani Vaidyanathan
Akiko Watanabe
Jonathan White
Lynne Wiltsie

Students:
David Draper
Katie Kidd
Sachiketha Reddy

Appointed Members:
Ricardo Acuna
Joel Agarwal
Susan Babcock

Chris Beasley
Dhir Bid
Amlan Bose
Karl Buchanan
Daniela Carbajal
Meijun Chen
André Costopoulos
Talia Dixon
Shannon Erichsen
Jennifer Fang
Shawn Flynn
Makboolee Fyth
Simran Ghoman
Shivani Gupta
Jill Hall
Simran Kaur Dhillon
Zaryab Khan
Harmon Kochar
David Konrad
Janice Kung
Sharonne Lee
Christopher Lupke
Habba Mahal
Angie Mandeville
Lucas Marques
Adekunle Mofolosayo
Abner Monteiro
Emily Motoska
Ana Oliveira
Yusuf Oliya
Jacob Park
Nicole Patrie
Tyler Saretzky

Regrets:
Ananya Sarkar
Adarsh Badesha
Samar Barazesh
Paramita Chaudhuri Basu
Marwan Burhani
Ashley Cardinal
Yiming Chen
Gary Eitzen
Bill Foster
Purna Hariharan
Rahul Korde
Devshri Lala
Sean McMurtry
Gaser Nagah
David Ren
Khandaker Aikib Shahriar
Aadhavya Sivakumaran
Amy Tse
Alan Underhill
Kristof Van Assche
Mansimran Virk
Donna Wilson
Francine (Yuheng) Zhou

Staff:
Brad Hamdon, General Counsel and University Secretary
Kate Peters, GFC Secretary
Heather Richholt, Scribe
University Governance: Ann Hodgson
Edyta McLoughlin
Laura Riley
OPENING SESSION

Presenter(s): Bill Flanagan, President and Vice-Chancellor, and Chair of GFC

The Chair welcomed members and read the following territorial acknowledgement:

The University of Alberta resides on Treaty 6 territory and the homeland of the Métis. This territory is a traditional gathering place for diverse Indigenous peoples whose histories, languages and cultures continue to influence our community. To acknowledge the territory is to recognize the longer history of these lands. The acknowledgement signifies our commitment to working in Good Relations with First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples as we engage in our institutional work, uplifting the whole people, for the University for Tomorrow.

GFC Secretary Kate Peters gave an update on the changes to the eClicker voting tool and noted that for each vote she would announce the number of eligible voters as well as the number of votes required for the motion to pass.

The Chair pointed to the introduction of GFC's Meeting Procedural Rules, where GFC committed to inclusive and participatory decision-making, transparency, and respectful communication. He recognized that the January 25 meeting was an important but challenging discussion and that all members of GFC shared a commitment to collegiality and respectful dialogue and that it was important to reaffirm that commitment.

The Chair explained that the agenda was approved on January 25 and that the meeting would begin with Item 6 on Collegial Governance. He noted that since this was a continuation of the January 25 meeting, no agenda approval was required. He also reminded members of the procedural rules related to debate, points of order, and motions to extend the meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. Collegial Governance at the University of Alberta in Light of December events at GFC and the Board (no documents)

Discussion:
The Chair called the meeting to order. He noted that he had received notice that a member wished to make a motion to move into a committee of the whole. The Chair explained that the purpose of a committee of the whole was to allow an assembly to give a matter detailed consideration with more freedom than was possible in the regular session and that the discussion was not minuted but that the committee of the whole could produce a report which would be included in the minutes. He also explained that GFC procedural rules of debate would still apply and outlined the general parameters for a committee of the whole according to the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

A motion from the floor was made to extend the meeting to 5:00 p.m.. The motion carried.

A motion from the floor was made to move to a committee of the whole. The motion carried and the assembly moved immediately into a committee of the whole.

The committee of the whole rose to ask for instruction.

A motion from the floor was made to extend the meeting.

A motion from the floor was made to move back into a committee of the whole to continue the discussion. The motion carried and the assembly immediately moved back into a committee of the whole.
The committee rose to report the following to the Chair:

The Committee of the Whole of General Faculties Council, who has had under its consideration a discussion of Collegial Governance at the University of Alberta in Light of December events at GFC and the Board reports as follows:

1. That the Committee of the Whole adopt for inclusion in its report the recommendation that the agenda for the meeting of February 22nd include an item for GFC to determine a process for developing its position on metrics.
2. That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the chair of GFC consult with the chair of the Board of Governors about the development of joint committees between GFC and the Board, that their Terms of Reference be ratified by GFC, and that they indicate that both have discussions on areas of overlap.
3. That the Committee of the Whole recommends that the GFC develops a set of procedures for enabling a meaningful consultation process, including potentially but not limited to: further publicizing the meetings, agendas, and minutes of GFC and all its committees through the UoA mailing lists; opening the meetings to the public through live-streaming; and establishing a standard way for the community to provide input on all agendas and minutes.
4. That there be a formal review of the consultations and action processes for academic restructuring in the Fall of 2020. The goal of the review would be to make recommendations to improve communication and decision-making processes of the GFC and the University going forward. A group elected by GFC and report to the GFC and the Board of Governors should conduct the review.
5. That GFC reaffirm its commitment for equal participation of members regardless of their position within the University and their ability to raise their concerns within the mandate of GFC regardless of the concerns of other members.

The Chair noted that the report had been received and would be discussed by the Executive Committee at their meeting of February 10, 2021.

Motion: Amaral/Stroulia

Motion from the floor
THAT the General Faculties Council extend the meeting until 5:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Motion: Amaral/Tabirca

Motion from the floor
THAT the General Faculties Council extend the meeting until 5:30 p.m.

CARRIED

Motion: Vaidyanathan/Lupke

Motion from the floor
THAT the General Faculties Council move back into a committee of the whole to continue the discussion on
Collegial Governance.  

7. **Clean Air Strategy**  
   Item was deferred to the meeting of February 22, 2021.

8. **Integrated Asset Management Strategy (IAMS) Update**  
   Item was deferred to the meeting of February 22, 2021.

9. **Question Period**  
   Item was deferred to the meeting of February 22, 2021.

**INFORMATION REPORTS**

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

10. **Report of the GFC Executive Committee**

11. **Report of the GFC Academic Planning Committee**

12. **Report of the GFC Programs Committee**

13. **GFC Nominations and Elections**  
    A. **Current Vacancies on GFC Committees**

14. **Report of the Board of Governors**

15. **COVID-19 Governance Decision Tracker**

16. **Information Items**
   There were no items.

17. **Information Forwarded to GFC Members Between Meetings**
   There were no items.

**CLOSING SESSION**

18. **Adjournment**  
    - Next Meeting of General Faculties Council: February 22, 2021

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.