General Faculties Council
Approved Open Session Minutes

Monday, November 29, 2021
Zoom Virtual Meeting
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

ATTENDEES:
Statutory Members:
- Bill Flanagan, Chair
- Simaan AbouRizk
- Dale Askey
- Barbara Billingsley
- Stanford Blade
- Steven Dew
- Todd Gilchrist
- Brenda Hemmelgarn
- Nick Holt
- Tammy Hopper
- Christine Hughes
- Shanthi Johnson
- Matina Kalcounis-Ruepell
- Diane Kunyk
- Elan MacDonald
- Brooke Milne
- Pierre-Yves Mocquais
- Melissa Padfield
- Steve Patten
- Aminah Robinson Fayek
- Wendy Rodgers
- Andrew Sharman
- Demetres
- Tryphonopoulos
- Jennifer Tupper

Ex-Officio:
- Peter Hurd
- Nat Kav
- Jessica Kolopenk
- Vadim Kravchinsky
- Hollis Lai
- Jacqueline Leighton
- Pierre Lemelin
- Kathleen Lowrey
- Derek MacKenzie
- Al Meldrum
- Sourayan Mookerjea
- Weimin Mou
- Mario Nascimento
- Sujata Persad
- Dan Romanyk
- Keith Rourke
- Victoria Ruetalo
- Carolyn Sale
- John Spence
- Alan Underhill
- Kristof Van Assche
- Shauna Wilton
- Richard Wozniak
- Yan Yuan
- Nese Yuksel

Students:
- Talia Dixon
- Kathy Haddadkar
- Abner Monterio

Elected Faculty:
- Jason Acker
- J Nelson Amaral
- Nicholas Beier
- Ahmed Bouferguene
- Jennifer Branch-Mueller
- Robert Burrell
- Marie Carrière
- Heather Coleman
- Gary Citzen
- Anastasia Elias
- Jaymie Heilman
- Michael Hendzel
- Carol Hodgson Birkman

Appointed Members:
- Andy Deprato
- Joseph Doucet
- Anas Fassih
- Levi Flaman
- Shawn Flynn
- Kyle Foster
- Tahmid Al Hafiz
- Jill Hall
- Emily Holden
- Harnoor Kaler
- Simran Kaur Dhillion
- Rokhand Khademi
- David Konrad
- Jesse Lafontaine
- Jenny Lam
- Rowan Ley
- Maggie Lin
- Andrew Locke
- Angie Mandeville
- Tia Marko
- Adekunle Mofolasayo
- Emily Motoska
- Mary Olukotun
- Sanhita Pal
- Sarah Severson
- Sophie Shi
- Chanpreet Singh
- Allison Sivak
- Aadhavya Sivakumaran
- Shubham Soni
- Cindy Sun
- Andrei Tabirca
- Frederick Tappenden
- Philipp Vandevalk
- Dilini Vethanayagam
- Julia Viloso
- Adrian Wattamaniuk
- Kyle Whitlock
- Adrienne Wright
- Ding Xu
- Shuce Zhang

REGRETS:
- Ghalia Aamer
- Sandeep Agrawal
- Chris Andersen
- Saadat Andrews
- Ashmeen Aneja
- Heba Aref
- Nicole de Grano
- Devin Doherty
- Michael Dyck
- Lisa Glock
- Gurleen Kaur
- Georgia Korfeh
- Mohit Kumar
- Shashi Kumar
- Devshri Lala
- Runjuan Liu
- Sarah Moore
- Reagan Morris
- Kyle Murray
- Yusuf Oliya
- Jerine Pegg
- Frances Plane
- Elena Posse de Chaves
- Laura Reifferscheid
- Khandaker Aikib Shahriar
- Laura Stovel
- Rama Taha
- Siddharth Thakur
- Amy Tse
- Mani Vaidyanathan
- Frederick West
- Jonathan White
- Moin Yahya
- Akanksha Yeola

Staff:
- Brad Hamdon, General Counsel and University Secretary
- Kate Peters, GFC Secretary
- Heather Richholt, Scribe

University Governance:
- Edyta McLoughlin
- Laura Riley
OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

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

Discussion:

Before calling the meeting to order, the Chair made the following territorial acknowledgement:

We are located on Treaty 6 territory. We respect the histories, languages, and cultures of First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and all First Peoples of Canada, whose presence continues to enrich our vibrant community.

A member asked what the next steps were for the proposed amendments to the GFC Principles Documents. The Chair noted that Executive would do some work on these matters and determine how to proceed.

Board of Governors representative and NASA Appointee Andrei Tabirca made a notice of motion for debate at the next meeting of GFC as set out in the GFC Meeting Procedural Rules (8.7).

Notice of Motion: For GFC to discuss and debate the amendments to the GFC Meeting Procedural Rules on voting.

Rowan Ley, President of the University of Alberta Students’ Union read a prepared statement noting that sexual violence was endemic and there were allegations against people in positions of trust that had not been addressed properly. For this reason, he announced that the undergraduate student representatives on GFC were leaving the meeting in protest.

The undergraduate student representatives proceeded to exit the meeting.

The GFC Secretary advised that the meeting still had a quorum and the motion to approve the agenda carried.

A member made a motion from the floor to adjourn the meeting until January 17, 2022 because it was not appropriate to proceed without the student members. Members discussed whether January 17 was too late as there were important items on the agenda.

A member asked whether the student concerns regarding sexual violence should be discussed now. A member raised a point of order that this did not pertain to the motion on the floor.

A member suggested that the time to which to adjourn should be before the winter closure and suggested a friendly amendment to adjourn the meeting to December 6, 2021. The original mover did not feel that the concerns that led to the student walkout would be solved by then so did not accept the changes as a friendly amendment. The amendment was moved, seconded, and carried. The motion to adjourn the meeting to December 6, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. was carried.

Motion: Coleman/Acker

THAT General Faculties Council approve the agenda.

CARRIED

Motion: Sale/Patten

Original Motion from the floor:

THAT the General Faculties Council adjourn the meeting to January 17, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.
Motion: Mocquais/Vethanayagam

**Proposed Amendment:**
THAT the General Faculties Council adjourn the meeting to December 6, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.  
*CARRIED*

Motion: Sale/Patten

**Final Motion from the floor as amended:**
THAT the General Faculties Council adjourn the meeting to December 6, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.  
*CARRIED*

*The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. to resume on Monday, December 6, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.*