OPENING SESSION

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

We are privileged to reside on lands in Treaties 6, 7, 8 and the homeland of the Metis. To respect these agreements and to honour our relations with these Nations, we recognise this territory as we convene today. This is a sign of our commitment to working and living in good relations with Indigenous Peoples and nations who, through the treaty process, generously offered their lands.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Verna Yiu, Interim Provost and Vice-President (Academic), Vice-Chair of GFC

Discussion:

The Vice-Chair noted that the meeting had been shortened to allow for consultation on the University Strategic Plan starting at 3:30 p.m. She also noted that the two items that were deferred at the last meeting of GFC, the presentation on online and continuing education, and a report on progress from the College Deans would come back to GFC in the New Year.

A member 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: To reinstate the mandatory 30 minute question period for GFC meetings.

A member made a motion to add a committee of the whole discussion item to the agenda before the action items. She said that GFC had been circumvented with the new procedure for the College Dean Selection and that it was urgent for GFC to discuss the procedure and make recommendations before the December 9th meeting of the Board of Governors where the Board would hear GFC’s request to pause implementation of the procedure. She also suggested that GFC could adjourn to another time for the discussion if there was not enough time on the agenda today.

Members discussed the proper placement of a committee of the whole discussion item and whether the discussion could happen today or at a future meeting after the Board had decided whether to pause implementation.

The proponent explained that it would be too late to have the discussion at a later meeting because the College Dean Selections were already in progress and if GFC was to make recommendations to the Board, they should be presented along with GFC’s recommendation to pause implementation.
A member proposed an amendment to the motion to place the committee of the whole discussion after the action items.

General Counsel and University Secretary Brad Hamdon explained that according to GFC’s Meeting Procedural Rule 6.3, GFC should first decide whether to add the item to the agenda and then the Chair would decide where on the agenda the item would be placed.

Members voted on the proposed addition to the agenda which required a two-thirds majority. The motion was announced to have failed but a member noted that a mistake was made in the calculation. Because the results of the voting tool had already been dismissed and were not recoverable, they could not be verified. In addition, several members noted that their votes were not registering in the voting tool. The Vice-Chair called for a re-vote and again, several members noted that their votes did not register in the voting tool. A member suggested a roll call vote to save time. GFC Secretary Kate Peters explained that a roll call vote with a membership of 162 would take considerably more time.

The Vice-Chair asked for a vote by show of hands by members in the room and by members on Zoom. A member raised a point of order noting that voting should be simultaneous so that members were not influenced by how others were voting and that GFC was becoming a farce. The Vice-Chair thanked members for their patience and understanding. The vote was carried out and the motion to add a committee of the whole discussion to the agenda was defeated.

The motion was moved and seconded.

Motion from the floor:

**THAT** the General Faculties Council add a committee of the whole discussion item to the agenda, before the action items, to discuss the College Dean Selection Procedure.

DEFEATED

The motion was moved and seconded

**THAT** the General Faculties Council approve the agenda.

CARRIED

2. Report from the President

The Vice-Chair noted that the President’s report was in the meeting materials.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

3. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of October 17, 2022

The item was deferred.

**ACTION ITEMS**

4. Sexual and Gender-based Violence Policy

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter(s):* Kathryn Todd, Deputy Provost (Academic); Jax Oltean, Senior Legal Counsel
Discussion:
K Todd explained that after GFC recommended approval of the proposal at their September 19, 2022 meeting, the Board Human Resources and Compensation Committee suggested some revisions related to faculty and staff, and the potential power imbalance in a teaching or supervisory relationship as well as to comply with requirements of the Occupational Health and Safety Act of Alberta. She noted that there was broad support for the revisions to the Policy and that there were no additional changes to the Student Conduct Policy suite and the Sexual and Gender-based Violence Procedures.

University Chancellor Peggy Garrity was in attendance and was invited to speak to the proposal. The Chancellor spoke about the importance of protecting current and future students and recognizing the power imbalances that often contribute to sexual and gender-based violence.

J Oltean noted that these revisions meet the Minister's letter request that the policy is trauma-informed and survivor-driven.

Members expressed support and appreciation for the level of consultation with students as well as a recognition of the need for education in the community.

The motion was moved and seconded

THAT the General Faculties Council rescind the following component of the motion approved at its September 19, 2022 meeting for Item 10: Revisions to Sexual Violence Policy and new Student Conduct Policy (to replace non-academic portions of the Code of Student Behaviour):

THAT the General Faculties Council recommend that the Board of Governors approve the amendments to the Sexual Violence Policy as identified in Attachment 1.

CARRIED

The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT the General Faculties Council recommend that the Board of Governors approve the revised Sexual Violence Policy (“Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Policy”) as set forth in Attachment 1.

CARRIED

5. Proposed Revisions to Terms of Reference – General Faculties Council

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Andrei Tabirca, Nominated NASA representative to the Board of Governors and GFC Member

Discussion:
A member made a motion to extend the meeting for 15 minutes.

The motion was moved and seconded.

Motion from the floor:
THAT the General Faculties Council extend the meeting for an additional 15 minutes.

CARRIED

A Tabirca introduced his motion to add the Non-Academic Staff Association (NASA) President to GFC’s appointed members noting that the Presidents of the University of Alberta Students' Union (UASU), Graduate
Students’ Association (GSA) and Association of Academic Staff of the University of Alberta (AASUA) were already members.

Members spoke in favour of the motion.

A member 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:** To add faculty members to the composition of GFC.

The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT the General Faculties Council approve the proposed changes to the GFC Terms of Reference as set forth in Attachment 1, to take effect upon approval. CARRIED

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

6. **Question Period**

*Presenter(s):* Verna Yiu, Interim Provost and Vice-President (Academic), Vice-Chair of GFC

*Discussion:* As a follow up to a submitted question about the University Strategic Plan (USP), a member noted the importance of GFC’s input and that it was important to also emphasize that by approving the USP, GFC was essentially approving certain budget priorities and decisions.

V Yiu replied that delivering on strategy was important and that the USP should be a long-term plan of 10 years.

A member made a motion to adjourn the meeting noting the question period was important but that the consultation on the USP was also important.

The motion was moved and seconded.

**Motion from the floor:**

THAT the General Faculties Council adjourn the meeting. CARRIED

**INFORMATION REPORTS**

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

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

8. **GFC Nominations and Elections**
   - NC Report to GFC - October 28, 2022
   - Current Vacancies

9. **Report of the Board of Governors**
10. **Information Items:**
   A. Culture of Care - U of A Safety Action Plan
   B. Student Financial Support Annual Report To Our Community and Accompanying Overview
   C. Student Perspectives of Teaching (SPOT) Survey Update

11. **Information Forwarded to GFC Members Between Meetings**
   - Pivot to Remote Meetings
   - [Deadline Attached] GFC Executive Committee Report to GFC

**CLOSING SESSION**

12. **Adjournment**
   - Next Meeting of General Faculties Council: January 30, 2023
ATTENDEES:

Statutory Members:
- Verna Yiu, Vice-Chair
- Laura Beard (delegate)
- Barbara Billingsley
- Jessica Butts Scott
- Roger Epp
- Todd Gilchrist
- Brenda Hemmelgarn
- Tammy Hopper
- Nathalie Kermoal
- Diane Kunyk
- Elan MacDonald
- Kyle Murray
- Kyra Pyke
- Norma Rodenburg
- Andrew Sharman
- Demetres
- Tryphonopoulos
- Jennifer Tupper
- Frederick West
- Robert Wood

Ex-Officio:
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- Todd Gilchrist
- Brenda Hemmelgarn
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- Kyle Murray
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- Norma Rodenburg
- Andrew Sharman
- Demetres
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- Jennifer Tupper
- Frederick West
- Robert Wood

Elected Academic Staff:
- Jennifer Branch-Mueller
- Cary Brown
- Marie Carrière
- Susan Chatwood
- Pierre Chue
- Chetan Dave
- Bipro Dhar
- Melanie Dreyer-Lude
- Michael Dyck
- Zachary Friggstad
- Michael Hendzel
- Jelena Holovati
- Jessica Kolopenuk
- Hollis Lai
- Jacqueline Leighton
- Pierre Lemelin
- Liran Levin
- Jinfeng Liu
- Christopher Lupke
- Derek MacKenzie
- Andrew McGee
- Weimin Mou
- Mario Nascimento
- Pauline Paul
- Graham Pearson
- Jerine Pegg
- Sujata Persad
- Frances Plane
- Spencer Proctor
- Dan Romanyk
- Kent Rondeau
- Carolyn Sale
- Chris Sprysak
- Mani Vaidyanathan
- Richard Wozniak
- Nese Yuksel

Students:
- Bishoi Aziz
- Joannie Fogue
- Gurleen Kaur

Appointed Members:
- Haruun Ali
- Jill Bagwe
- Cirila Bartley
- Josephine Bolaji
- Marsha Boyd
- Heather Bruce
- André Costopoulos
- Telisa Courtney
- Greta Cummings
- Alexander Dorscheld
- Joseph Doucet
- Ryan Dunch
- Anas Fassih
- Levi Flaman
- Shawn Flynn
- Kyle Foster
- Eva Glancy
- Rachel Hislop-Hook
- Emily Holden
- Leo Huang
- Valentina Kozlova
- Devshri Lala

Warren Leung
- Angie Mandeville
- Lionel Liu
- Adekunle Mofolasayo
- Tessa Monaghan
- Abner Monteiro
- Jennifer Passey
- Hubert Piatkowski
- Jad-Julian Rachid
- Milan Regmi
- Marian Sanchez
- Meruja Selvamanikkam
- Patricia Sherbaniuk
- Sophie Shi
- Pien Steinbusch
- Gordon Sweater
- Andrei Tabirca
- Dilini Vethanayagam
- Adrian Wattamaniuk
- Rachel Yang

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- Bill Flanagan
- Abdul Abbasi
- Simaan AbouRizk
- Sandeep Agrawal
- Hussain Alhussainy
- Saadet Andrews
- Fateh Arslan
- Dale Askey
- Rebecca Avila
- Stanford Blade
- Ahmed Bouferguene
- Jayden Brooks
- Robert Burrell
- Daniela Carbajal
- Jason Carey
- Yiming Chen
- Sharon Compton
- Charvi Dhamija
- Richard Field
- Tahmid Al Hafiz
- Jaida Han
- Carol Hodgson
- Birkman
- Christine Hughes
- Shanthi Johnson
- Matina Kalcounis-Rueppell
- Simran Kaur Dhillon
- Mobashhir Khan
- Vadim Kravchinsky
- Mohit Kumar
- Ariane Lamoureux
- Precious Majekodunmi
- Priyanka Mittapelly
- Sarah Opena-Sakar
- Elena Posse de Chaves
- Tracy Raivio
- Polina Reisbig
- Christian Reynolds-Chikuma
- Aminah Robinson
- Fayek
- Keith Rourke
- Dweej Shah
- Srivathsan
- Shanmuganathan
- Subrat Sharma
- Chanpreet Singh
- Allison Sivak
- John Spence
- Rana Sunjog Singh
- Thind
- Frederick Tappenden
- Mirko van der Baan
- Vedant Vyas
- Yifeng Wei
- Shauna Wilton

Governance Staff:
- Brad Hamdon, General Counsel and University Secretary
- Kate Peters, GFC Secretary
- Heather Richholt, Scribe
- Faiza Billo
- Erin Plume