

General Faculties Council
Executive Committee (EXEC)
Approved Open Session Minutes

Monday, February 13, 2023
South Academic Building (SAB) 2-31
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

ATTENDEES:

Bill Flanagan, Chair
Jerine Pegg
Bishoi Aziz
Jelena Holovati
Shanthi Johnson
Gurleen Kaur
Christopher Lupke

Spencer Proctor
Tracy Raivio
Norma Rodenburg
Dan Romanyk
Verna Yiu
non-voting:
Brad Hamdon
Kate Peters

REGRETS:

Chanpreet Singh
Nese Yuksel

Staff:

Heather Richholt, Scribe

OPENING SESSION

Before calling the meeting to order the Chair acknowledged, "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."

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 EXEC

Discussion:

The Chair noted that the proponent had asked that their two notices of motion be deferred until the March meeting so items 7 and 8 had been pulled from the agenda. He also noted that there was a late addition to the agenda from the Faculty of Science which he suggested would be considered as item 6 and that the discussion item on the GFC terms of reference would become item 7.

The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT GFC Executive Committee approve the agenda, as amended.
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CARRIED

2. Comments from the Chair (no documents)

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

Discussion:

In his comments the Chair spoke about:

- Black History Month and events hosted by the University;
- Welcome to Andy Knight the Inaugural Provost Fellow in Black Excellence;

- The annual memorial march for missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, two-spirit, and trans individuals;
- Memorial events across our campuses and the country;
- An update on the University Secretary search; and
- The call for nominations for the GFC nominee to the Board of Governors.

CONSENT AGENDA

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

The motion to approve the items in the consent agenda was moved and seconded.

3. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of January 16, 2023

THAT GFC Executive Committee approve the open session minutes of January 16, 2023.

CARRIED

4. Proposed Changes Faculty Deans Selection Procedure Appendix A - Dean of Students

THAT the GFC Executive Committee, acting on delegated authority, approve the revised membership for the Dean of Students Selection Committee, as set out in Attachment 1.

CARRIED

5. Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine Chair-Academic Selection Committee Policy

THAT the GFC Executive Committee approve, under delegated authority from the General Faculties Council, proposed changes to the composition of the Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine Chair-Academic Selection Committee policy as set forth in Attachment 1, submitted by the Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine, to take effect upon final approval.

CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS

6. Proposed Changes to Composition of the Dean Selection Committee for the Faculty of Science

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Bill Bedard, Faculty General Manager, Faculty of Science

Discussion:

Members asked about the Faculty-level approval for the change and the student membership on the selection committee.

The motion was moved and seconded

THAT the GFC Executive Committee approve, under delegated authority from the General Faculties Council, proposed changes to the composition of the Dean Selection Committee of the Faculty of Science as set forth in Attachment 1, submitted by the Faculty of Science, to take effect upon final approval.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. Proposed Changes to GFC Terms of Reference

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Jerine Pegg, Professor and Chair of the GFC Executive Subcommittee on Governance and Procedural Oversight (GPO); Kate Peters, GFC Secretary and Manager of GFC Services

Discussion:

J Pegg provided some information about the discussions at the meeting including the recommendations of the GFC Ad Hoc Committee for the Formal Review of Academic Restructuring about clarifying GFC's authority and role. She explained some of the questions related to the appointed members on GFC and noted that GPO wanted some guidance from EXEC and GFC on principles to shape their recommendations.

During the discussion members asked questions and expressed comments including but not limited to:

- The 1971 decision by GFC to include student representatives in equal numbers as elected academic staff members from Faculties;
- An observation that the large number of student seats was the result of a conscious decision to ensure that no one group had a clear majority;
- How our GFC composition compares to other universities in Alberta and across Canada;
- A recognition that proportionality was nice to have but that size was already an issue for GFC so adding members was not necessarily a good idea;
- That principles of equity rather than proportionality should be of primary consideration;
- GFC's commitment to a regular three-year review of its terms of reference and principles documents;
- Changes to the Reapportionment Procedure and the pieces that are mandated by the *Post-Secondary Learning Act* (PSLA);
- The statutory members and appointed members and where GFC had the authority to make changes; and
- Whether some of the appointed members could be non-voting members so that they have a voice but not a vote.

FOR PLACEMENT ON THE GFC AGENDA - CONSENT AGENDA

9. Proposed Suspension of the Graduate Certificate in Stroke Rehabilitation, Rehabilitation Medicine and FGSR
10. Proposed Suspension of the Graduate Certificate in Bridging to Canadian Physical Therapy Practice, Rehabilitation Medicine and FGSR

FOR PLACEMENT ON THE GFC AGENDA - ACTION ITEMS

11. Teaching, Learning and Evaluation Policy Revised Appendix A: Student Perspectives of Teaching (SPOT) Survey

FOR PLACEMENT ON THE GFC AGENDA - DISCUSSION ITEMS

12. Facilities Update (no documents)
13. Update on Development of the University Strategic Plan

14. Student Experience Action Plan
15. Budget Model 2.0 Update (no documents)

ACTION ITEMS

16. Draft Agenda for the Next Meeting of General Faculties Council

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

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

Discussion:

Members discussed the timing of items and changes to the agenda order.

The motion was moved and seconded.

THAT the GFC Executive Committee approve, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the Agenda for the February 27, 2023 meeting of General Faculties Council, as set forth in Attachment 1, as amended.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

17. Question Period

There were no questions.

INFORMATION REPORTS

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

18. Annual Report of the Student Conduct Responses, Dean of Students' Portfolio 2021-2022
19. Annual Report of Appeals and Compliance Officer 2021-2022
20. GFC 2023-24 Meeting Schedule

CLOSING SESSION

21. Adjournment
 - Next Meeting of Exec: March 13, 2023
 - Next Meeting of GFC: February 27, 2023