

**Please note the location of this meeting.**

Monday, September 16, 2013  
1-140, Centennial Centre for Interdisciplinary Science (CCIS)  
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

**OPENING SESSION**

**Presenter(s)**

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| 1. | Approval of the Agenda  | Indira Samarasekera    |
| 2. | Approval of the Minutes of June 3, 2013   | Indira Samarasekera    |
| 3. | Comments from the President (no documents)                                      | Indira Samarasekera    |
|    | 3.1 Academic Governance Task Force - Update (no documents)                      | Indira Samarasekera    |
| 4. | Comments from the University Secretary for the New Academic Year (no documents) | Marion Haggarty-France |

**ACTION ITEMS**

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| 5. | New Members of GFC<br>[Note: A motion to appoint may be proposed only by a statutory member of GFC. A motion to receive may be proposed by any member of GFC.]<br><i>Motion I: To Appoint New Members</i><br><i>Motion II: To Receive New Members</i> | Indira Samarasekera                         |
| 6. | Letter of Expectation 2013 (University of Alberta Section)<br><i>Motion: To Recommend to the Board of Governors</i>   | Martin Ferguson-Pell<br>Debra Pozega Osburn |

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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| 7. | Leadership Initiative   | Indira Samarasekera<br>Peter Meekison |
| 8. | Information Session on the University Budget 2013/2014 Preliminary Forecast (no documents)  | Martin Ferguson-Pell<br>Phyllis Clark |
| 9. | Question Period<br><br><i>[Question Period Policy provides that Question Period is one half-hour in length and comprises both oral and written questions. Question Period can be extended if there is a motion to do so (General Faculties Council Terms of Reference).]</i><br><br>9.1Q <u>Question</u> from GFC Member Mr Dustin Chelen (Students' Union Vice-President (Academic)) Regarding the Student Mental Health Initiatives Review <i>and</i><br>9.1R <u>Response</u> from Acting Provost and Vice-President Martin Ferguson-Pell to Question Raised by Mr Chelen (to be distributed)<br><br>9.2Q <u>Question</u> from GFC Member Mr Dustin Chelen (Students' Union | Indira Samarasekera                   |

Vice-President (Academic)) Regarding Digital Learning Initiatives Funding Usage *and*

9.2R Response from President Indira Samarasekera to Question Raised by Mr Chelen (to be distributed)

9.3Q Question from GFC Member Mr Dustin Chelen (Students' Union Vice-President (Academic)) Regarding Teaching and Learning Resources and the Establishment of a Centralized "Teaching and Research Unit" *and*

9.3R Response from President Indira Samarasekera to Question Raised by Mr Chelen (to be distributed)

9.4Q Question from GFC Member Mr Dustin Chelen (Students' Union Vice-President (Academic)) Regarding GFC and Student Involvement in Digital Learning Discussions *and*

9.4R Response from Acting Provost and Vice-President Martin Ferguson-Pell to Question Raised by Mr Chelen (to be distributed)

9.5Q Question from GFC Member Mr Dustin Chelen (Students' Union Vice-President (Academic)) Regarding Student Involvement in the Open Educational Resources Pilot *and*

9.5R Response from Acting Provost and Vice-President Martin Ferguson-Pell to Question Raised by Mr Chelen (to be distributed)

9.6Q Question from GFC Member Mr Dustin Chelen (Students' Union Vice-President (Academic)) Regarding 'Student Connect' *and*

9.6R Response from Vice-Provost and University Registrar Lisa Collins to Question Raised by Mr Chelen (to be distributed)

9.7Q Question from GFC Member Mr Dustin Chelen (Students' Union Vice-President (Academic)) Regarding the Release of Budget Letters from the Ministry of Enterprise and Advanced Education (EAE) *and*

9.7R Response from President Indira Samarasekera to Question Raised by Mr Chelen (to be distributed)

9.8Q Question from GFC Member Mr Dustin Chelen (Students' Union Vice-President (Academic)) Regarding Advocacy for a Predictable Funding Model *and*

9.8R Response from Vice-President (Finance and Administration) Phyllis Clark to Question Raised by Mr Chelen

9.9Q Question from GFC Member Mr Petros Kusmu (Students' Union President) Regarding the Status of a Downtown Arts Centre and Engagement Surrounding Planning *and*

9.9R Response from President Indira Samarasekera to Question Raised by Mr Kusmu (to be distributed)

*[At the close of Question Period, questions will be invited on the following Information Items (Executive Committee Minutes; Reports of the Board of Governors to GFC; Nominating*

*Committee/Replenishment Committee Reports.]*

**INFORMATION REPORTS**

10. GFC Executive Committee Minutes of April 26, 2013 and May 6, 2013 Martin Ferguson-Pell  
  
(Minutes for GFC Executive Committee meetings are available online at:<http://www.governance.ualberta.ca/en/GeneralFacultiesCouncil/ExecutiveCommittee.aspx> )
11. Report of the Board of Governors of May 10, June 3, and June 21, 2013 Mike Belosevic
12. E-Mail Reports of the GFC Nominating Committee (June 19 and August 2, 2013) Ed Blackburn
13. E-Mail Report of the GFC Replenishment Committee (July 12, 2013) Marion Haggarty-France
14. Information Items Forwarded to GFC Members Between Meetings Indira Samarasekera  
  
- 2013-14 General Faculties Council (GFC) and GFC Standing Committee Meeting Schedules [E-Mailed to Members on September 3, 2013]
15. Reports Indira Samarasekera  
  
*If a GFC member has a question about a report, or feels that the report should be discussed by GFC, the GFC member should notify the Secretary to GFC, in writing, two business days or more before GFC meets so that the Committee Chair (or relevant expert) can be invited to attend. [GFC Terms of Reference Section 4 (Procedures)]*

No reports to date.

**CLOSING SESSION**

16. Next meeting date: Monday, October 28, 2013 Indira Samarasekera

Documentation was before members unless otherwise noted.

Note for Members: This is the 390<sup>th</sup> meeting of General Faculties Council.

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**Presenters/Proposers:**

Mike Belosevic Academic Staff Representative on the Board of Governors  
Ed Blackburn Chair, GFC Nominating Committee  
Phyllis Clark Vice-President (Finance and Administration)

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Martin Ferguson-Pell	Acting Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and Acting Chair, GFC Executive Committee
Marion Haggarty-France	University Secretary
Peter Meekison	Program Advisor, Leadership Initiative, and Distinguished University Professor Emeritus
Debra Pozega Osburn	Vice-President (University Relations)
Indira Samarasekera	President and Chair, General Faculties Council