



General Faculties Council  
Approved Open Session Minutes

Monday, May 28, 2018  
Council Chamber, 2-100 University Hall (UNH)  
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

**ATTENDEES:**

**Statutory Members:**

**Ex-Officio:**

David Turpin, Chair  
Jeff Birchall  
Stanford Blade  
Deborah Burshtyn  
(delegate)  
Lisa Collins  
André Costopoulos  
Greta Cummings  
Steven Dew  
Gitta Kulczycki  
Heather McCaw  
Paul Paton  
Matthias Ruth  
Jonathan Schaeffer  
Andrew Sharman  
Jacqui Tam

**Elected Faculty:**

Cary Brown  
Peter Carver  
Nadir Erbilgin  
Murray Gingras  
Al Meldrum  
Roger Moore  
Alice Nakamura  
Carla Peck  
Carrie Smith-Prei  
Jorge Sousa  
Sarah Stahlke  
Lisa Stein  
Eleni Stroulia  
Bruce Sutherland  
Benjamin Tucker  
Dilini Vethanayagam

**Students:**

Masoud Aliramezani  
Reed Larsen  
Sasha van der Klein

**Appointed Members:**

Joel Agarwal  
Vahid Ayan  
Andre Bourgeois  
Yiming Chen  
David Cooper  
Pamela Mayne Correia  
Julia Craig  
Natalie Diether  
Shannon Erichsen  
Levi Flaman  
Shawn Flynn  
Gautam Gaur  
Ryan Holowaty  
Albert Hu  
John Hussein  
Irehobhude Iyioha  
Mpoé Mogale  
Sabitha Rajaruban  
Dustin Sandler  
Luke Statt  
Amanda Wakaruk  
Janet Williamson  
Allan (Yilun) Wu  
Ding Xu  
Janet Yao

**REGRETS:**

Jason Acker  
Miray Aizouki  
Saleema Allana  
Erin Allin  
Chris Andersen  
Susan Andrew  
Bishoi Aziz  
Allen Berger  
Akanksha Bhatnagar  
Robert Bilak  
Katherine Binhammer  
Amlan Bose  
Abigail Bridarolli  
Sylvia Brown

Heather Bruce  
Tiffany Bruce  
Katy Campbell  
David Chung  
Lesley Cormack  
Neal Davies  
Victoria deJong  
Kathleen DeLong  
Genna DiPinto  
Joseph Doucet  
Ryan Dunch  
Tarek El-Bialy  
Duncan Elliott  
Dean Eurich  
Fraser Forbes  
Bill Foster  
Kim Frail  
Adam Gaudry  
Tahra Haddouche  
Robert Haennel  
Lesley Harrington  
Osman Hojanepesov  
Mariam Hosseiny  
Taher Jafferjee  
Maryam Kebbe  
Hyejun Kim  
Brandi Kobes  
Dennis Kunimoto  
Eva Lemaire  
Pierre Lemelin  
Leijun Li  
Cindy Liang  
Wei Liu  
Mark Loewen  
Godfrey Man  
Lisa McDermott  
Rob McMahan  
Lynn McMullen  
Laurie Mereu  
Pierre-Yves Mocquais  
Carmel Montgomery  
Kerry Mummery

Vivian Mushahwar  
Syed Mustafa  
Leonard Ratzlaff  
Shuaa Rizvi  
Carolyn Sale  
Samina Sana  
Georg Schmolzer  
Marc Secanell  
John Seubert  
Kim Solez  
Nathan Sunday  
Brent Swallow  
Andrews Tawiah  
Amy Tse  
Jennifer Tupper  
Rachel Wang  
Akiko Watanabe  
Bonnie Watt  
Jonathan White  
Mitch Wilson  
Ian Winship  
Erin Wright  
Kue Young

**Staff:**

Meg Brolley, GFC  
Secretary  
Marion Haggarty-France,  
University Secretary  
Heather Richholt, Scribe

**Observers:**

Giovana Bianchi  
Kathleen Brough  
Sarah Forgie  
Kevin Friese  
Andrew Leitch  
Andrea Patrick  
Wendy Rogers  
Catherine Swindlehurst

## **OPENING SESSION**

### 1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

THAT General Faculties Council approve the Agenda.

**CARRIED**

### 2. Approval of the Minutes of April 30, 2018

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

THAT General Faculties Council approve the Minutes of April 30, 2018.

**CARRIED**

### 3. Report from the President

- Budget - Update
- Financial Statements - Update
- Convocation
- Deferred Maintenance
- Cannabis

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#### *Discussion:*

The Chair welcomed the new Vice-President (Research) Matthias Ruth and the new student members of GFC who began their terms on May 1.

The Chair noted that the Board of Governors had discussed the budget at their regular meeting in May and that they had not yet received the official letter from the provincial government. He noted that the Board had agreed to use an in-year variance process to determine where any budget surplus would be applied. Dr Dew added that he would be meeting with the Deans to discuss priority setting for the in-year variance process.

Ms Kulczycki, Vice-President (Finance & Administration), explained the budget surplus in regards to endowments, employee future benefits, ancillary operations, carryforward balances from the Faculties, and pending capital improvements.

The Chair noted that Convocation Ceremonies would begin in two weeks and encouraged everyone to participate. He noted that there would be 7914 graduates as well as 14 Honorary Degree Recipients.

Mr Sharman, Vice-President (Facilities and Operations), presented an overview of the issues regarding deferred maintenance. He noted that 25% of the university's deferred maintenance items are in critical and severe condition. Mr Sharman explained that Facilities and Operations had mapped these risks to help prioritize and mitigate significant risk.

A member asked if the deferred maintenance specifications were based on engineering standards and projections or on inspections. Mr Sharman responded that the 4 year projection was based on engineering standards but the provincial government funds an on-site review every 5 years and the university's tradespeople provide current data which is used in the analysis as well.

Mr Leitch, Director, Enterprise Risk Management Programs, Risk Management Services, updated members on the current status of cannabis legislation. He noted that the city of Edmonton had not released information on its policy yet and that the university would have to consider how the city's bylaws would impact cannabis use on campus. Mr Leitch also referenced the university's policy on impairment in the workplace. Mr Leitch noted that

there were just over 2600 responses to the community survey on Cannabis and that the results were available on the website: <https://www.ualberta.ca/campus-life/cannabis-working-group/fdbck/survey>

The Chair reminded members of the recent call for nominations for GFC members to serve on the GFC Executive Committee and the new free-standing Nominating Committee. He stressed member responsibility in this process as this was the first time that these committees would be replenished through open nominations rather than recommendations coming forward to the Replenishment Committee.

The Chair also encouraged members to take an opportunity after the meeting to meet and greet their GFC colleagues in particular noting the new student members that were present.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### 4. New Members of GFC

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Purpose of the Proposal:* To appoint, re-appoint or receive new members of General Faculties Council.

Motion: Dew/Collins

#### MOTION I: TO APPOINT/RE-APPOINT:

The following President of the Association of Academic Staff of the University of Alberta (AASUA), for a term beginning July 1, 2018 and extending for the duration of the appointment:

- Kevin Kane, President, AASUA

The following non-academic staff representative nominated by the Non-Academic Staff Association (NASA), for a term beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2021:

- Andrei Tabirca, Faculty of Arts

**CARRIED**

Motion: Correia/Dew

#### MOTION II: TO RECEIVE:

The following *ex officio* member, to serve on GFC for a term beginning August 1, 2018 and extending to June 30, 2019:

- Deborah Burshtyn, Interim Vice-Provost and Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

The following *ex officio* member, to serve on GFC for a term of office beginning July 1, 2018 and extending for the duration of the appointment:

- Robert (Bob) Haennel, Dean, Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine

The following *ex officio* member, to serve on GFC for a term of office beginning July 1, 2018 and extending for the duration of the appointment:

- Shanthi Johnson, Dean, School of Public Health

The following *ex officio* member, to serve on GFC for a term of office beginning August 15, 2018 and extending for the duration of the appointment:

- Dale Askey, Vice-Provost (Learning Services) and Chief Librarian

The following statutory faculty member/s who has been elected/re-elected by their Faculty, to serve on GFC for term of office beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2021:

- Faculty of Education: Christina Rinaldi; Lynne Wiltse
- Faculty of Science: Eleni Stroulia; W. Ted Allison; Roger Moore

**CARRIED**

5. Proposal for the Termination of the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Arts (Honors) in: Italian Studies; Russian Language and Literature; Ukrainian Folklore; Ukrainian Language and Literature; French and Italian; German and Scandinavian; Italian and Spanish; Russian and Ukrainian, Faculty of Arts

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter(s)*: Rebecca Nagel, Associate Dean Student Programs, Faculty of Arts; Steven Dew, Provost and Vice-President (Academic)

*Discussion:*

Dr Dew indicated that Items 5 through 8 were terminations of programs and that the path toward termination began with suspensions in 2014. He noted that there were no longer any students registered in these suspended programs and that the proposed terminations would proceed to the Board of Governors for approval.

Dr Nagel explained that the Faculty of Arts advised the affected students appropriately to ensure the successful completion of their programs. She also noted that small programs with few students do not offer a rich learning environment for students and that the Faculty of Arts is committed to ensuring that their programs are relevant and responsive to student interests and needs.

Motion: Sharman/Dew

Motion: THAT General Faculties Council, as recommended by the GFC Academic Planning Committee, recommend that the Board of Governors approve the termination of the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Arts (Honors) in: Italian Studies; Russian Language and Literature; Ukrainian Folklore; Ukrainian Language and Literature; French and Italian; German and Scandinavian; Italian and Spanish; Russian and Ukrainian to take effect upon final approval.

**CARRIED**

6. Proposal for the Termination of the Bachelor of Arts Individualized Major and Minor, Faculty of Arts

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter(s)*: Rebecca Nagel, Associate Dean Student Programs, Faculty of Arts; Steven Dew, Provost and Vice-President (Academic)

*Discussion:*

In response to a question Dr Nagel stated that the Faculty of Arts allowed considerable flexibility in its programs to meet the needs of students who desire certain majors and minors.

Motion: Collins/Dew

Motion: THAT General Faculties Council, as recommended by the GFC Academic Planning Committee,

recommend that the Board of Governors approve the termination of the Bachelor of Arts Individualized Major and Minor to take effect upon final approval.

**CARRIED**

7. Proposal for the Termination of the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Arts (Honors), and the Certificate in Middle Eastern and African Studies (MEAS), Faculty of Arts

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter(s):* Rebecca Nagel, Associate Dean Student Programs, Faculty of Arts; Steven Dew, Provost and Vice-President (Academic)

*Discussion:*

In response to a question Dr Nagel explained that the suspension and termination of this program was the result of the desire to revise the structure of the program to make it more successful.

Motion: Moore/Sharman

Motion: THAT General Faculties Council, as recommended by the GFC Academic Planning Committee, recommend that the Board of Governors approve the termination of the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Arts (Honors), and the Certificate in Middle Eastern and African Studies (MEAS) to take effect upon final approval.

**CARRIED**

8. Proposal for the Termination of the Bachelor of Music routes of Music History, School Music, and World Music, Faculty of Arts

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter(s):* Rebecca Nagel, Associate Dean Student Programs, Faculty of Arts; Steven Dew, Provost and Vice-President (Academic)

*Discussion:*

There was no discussion.

Motion: Nakamura/Dew

Motion: THAT General Faculties Council, as recommended by the GFC Academic Planning Committee, recommend that the Board of Governors approve the termination of the Bachelor of Music routes of Music History, School Music, and World Music to take effect upon final approval.

**CARRIED**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

9. Question Period

There were no questions.

**INFORMATION REPORTS**

10. Report of the GFC Executive Committee

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

11. Report of the GFC Academic Planning Committee

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

12. Report of the GFC Academic Standards Committee

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

13. GFC Nominations and Elections - Nominations being sought for:

- [GFC Executive Committee](#)
- [GFC Nominating Committee](#)

There were no documents.

14. Report of the Board of Governors

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

15. Information Items

A. CIC Annual Report

B. 2018/19 dates for GFC and GFC Standing Committee meetings

<https://cloudfront.ualberta.ca/-/media/universitgovernance/documents/calendars/2018to2019/gfc-template-chrono.pdf>

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16. Information Forwarded to GFC Members Between Meetings

- Announcement of Principal, Peter Lougheed Leadership College (PLLC)
- Announcement of Vice-Provost (Learning Services) and Chief Librarian

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**CLOSING SESSION**

17. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.