



General Faculties Council  
Approved Open Session Minutes

Monday, February 08, 2021  
Zoom Virtual Meeting  
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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**ATTENDEES:**

**Statutory Members:**

**Ex-Officio:**

Bill Flanagan  
Chris Andersen  
Dale Askey  
Barbara Billingsley  
Stanford Blade  
Greta Cummings  
Neal Davies  
Steven Dew  
Walter Dixon  
Joseph Doucet  
Fraser Forbes  
Todd Gilchrist  
Robert Haennel  
Brenda Hemmelgarn  
Shanthi Johnson  
Matina Kalcounis-Rueppell  
Elan MacDonald  
Maria Mayan  
Brooke Milne  
Pierre-Yves Mocuquais  
Kerry Mummery  
Melissa Padfield  
Steve Patten  
Andrew Sharman  
Demetres Tryphonopoulos  
Jennifer Tupper

**Elected Faculty:**

Jason Acker  
W. Ted Allison  
J Nelson Amaral  
Nicholas Beier  
Pamela Brett-MacLean  
Robert Burrell  
Heather Coleman  
Piet Defraeye  
Michael Dyck  
Anastasia Elias  
Mary Forhan

Michael Frishkopf  
Basil Hubbard  
Christine Hughes  
Peter Hurd  
Marianne Jacquet  
Nat Kav  
Jessica Kolopenuk  
Hollis Lai  
Pierre Lemelin  
Kathleen Lowrey  
Susanne Luhmann  
Derek MacKenzie  
Pirkko Markula  
Al Meldrum  
Sue-Ann Mok  
Roger Moore  
Sarah Moore  
Sujata Persad  
Frances Plane  
Elena Posse de Chaves  
Cheryl Poth  
Christina Rinaldi  
Dan Romanyk  
Keith Rourke  
Victoria Ruetalo  
Carolyn Sale  
Susan Sommerfeldt  
Eleni Stroulia  
Kisha Supernant  
Yan Yuan

**Mani Vaidyanathan**

Akiko Watanabe  
Jonathan White  
Lynne Wiltse

**Students:**

David Draper  
Katie Kidd  
Sachiketha Reddy

**Appointed Members:**

Ricardo Acuna  
Joel Agarwal  
Susan Babcock

Chris Beasley  
Dhir Bid  
Amlan Bose  
Karl Buchanan  
Daniela Carbajal  
Meijun Chen  
André Costopoulos  
Talia Dixon  
Shannon Erichsen  
Jennifer Fang  
Shawn Flynn  
Makboolee Fyith  
Simran Ghoman  
Shivani Gupta  
Jill Hall  
Simran Kaur Dhillon  
Zaryab Khan  
Harnoor Kochar  
David Konrad  
Janice Kung  
Sharonne Lee  
Christopher Lupke  
Habba Mahal  
Angie Mandeville  
Lucas Marques  
Adekunle Mofolasayo  
Abner Monteiro  
Emily Motoska  
Ana Oliveira  
Yusuf Oliya  
Jacob Park  
Nicole Patrie  
Tyler Saretzky  
Sarah Severson  
Catrina Shellenberg  
Andrei Tabirca  
Shahed Taghian  
Dehaghani  
Frederick Tappenden  
Edward Tiet  
Dilini Vethanayagam  
Marc Waddingham  
Adan Wang

Adrian Wattamaniuk  
Adrienne Wright  
Ding Xu  
Moin Yahya  
Minn-Nyoung Yoon  
Xinxin Zhang

**REGRETS:**

Ananya Sarkar  
Adarsh Badesha  
Samar Barazesh  
Paramita Chaudhuri Basu  
Marwan Burhani  
Ashley Cardinal  
Yiming Chen  
Gary Eitzen  
Bill Foster  
Purna Hariharan  
Rahul Korde  
Devshri Lala  
Sean McMurtry  
Gaser Nagah  
David Ren  
Khandaker Akib Shahriar  
Aadhavya Sivakumaran  
Amy Tse  
Alan Underhill  
Kristof Van Assche  
Mansimran Virk  
Donna Wilson  
Francine (Yuheng) Zhou

**Staff:**

Brad Hamdon, General  
Counsel and University  
Secretary  
Kate Peters, GFC  
Secretary  
Heather Richholt, Scribe  
**University Governance:**  
Ann Hodgson  
Edyta McLoughlin  
Laura Riley

## **OPENING SESSION**

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

The Chair welcomed members and read the following territorial acknowledgement:

The University of Alberta resides on Treaty 6 territory and the homeland of the Métis. This territory is a traditional gathering place for diverse Indigenous peoples whose histories, languages and cultures continue to influence our community. To acknowledge the territory is to recognize the longer history of these lands. The acknowledgement signifies our commitment to working in Good Relations with First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples as we engage in our institutional work, uplifting the whole people, for the University for Tomorrow.

GFC Secretary Kate Peters gave an update on the changes to the eClicker voting tool and noted that for each vote she would announce the number of eligible voters as well as the number of votes required for the motion to pass.

The Chair pointed to the introduction of GFC's Meeting Procedural Rules, where GFC committed to inclusive and participatory decision-making, transparency, and respectful communication. He recognized that the January 25 meeting was an important but challenging discussion and that all members of GFC shared a commitment to collegiality and respectful dialogue and that it was important to reaffirm that commitment.

The Chair explained that the agenda was approved on January 25 and that the meeting would begin with Item 6 on Collegial Governance. He noted that since this was a continuation of the January 25 meeting, no agenda approval was required. He also reminded members of the procedural rules related to debate, points of order, and motions to extend the meeting.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### 6. Collegial Governance at the University of Alberta in Light of December events at GFC and the Board (no documents)

*Discussion:*

The Chair called the meeting to order. He noted that he had received notice that a member wished to make a motion to move into a committee of the whole. The Chair explained that the purpose of a committee of the whole was to allow an assembly to give a matter detailed consideration with more freedom than was possible in the regular session and that the discussion was not minuted but that the committee of the whole could produce a report which would be included in the minutes. He also explained that GFC procedural rules of debate would still apply and outlined the general parameters for a committee of the whole according to the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order*.

A motion from the floor was made to extend the meeting to 5:00 p.m.. The motion carried.

A motion from the floor was made to move to a committee of the whole. The motion carried and the assembly moved immediately into a committee of the whole.

The committee of the whole rose to ask for instruction.

A motion from the floor was made to extend the meeting.

A motion from the floor was made to move back into a committee of the whole to continue the discussion. The motion carried and the assembly immediately moved back into a committee of the whole.

The committee rose to report the following to the Chair:

The Committee of the Whole of General Faculties Council, who has had under its consideration a discussion of Collegial Governance at the University of Alberta in Light of December events at GFC and the Board reports as follows:

1. That the Committee of the Whole adopt for inclusion in its report the recommendation that the agenda for the meeting of February 22nd include an item for GFC to determine a process for developing its position on metrics
2. That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the chair of GFC consult with the chair of the Board of Governors about the development of joint committees between GFC and the Board, that their Terms of Reference be ratified by GFC, and that they indicate that both have discussions on areas of overlap.
3. That the Committee of the Whole recommends that the GFC develops a set of procedures for enabling a meaningful consultation process, including potentially but not limited to: further publicizing the meetings, agendas, and minutes of GFC and all its committees through the UoA mailing lists; opening the meetings to the public through live-streaming; and establishing a standard way for the community to provide input on all agendas and minutes.
4. That there be a formal review of the consultations and action processes for academic restructuring in the Fall of 2020. The goal of the review would be to make recommendations to improve communication and decision-making processes of the GFC and the University going forward. A group elected by GFC and report to the GFC and the Board of Governors should conduct the review.
5. That GFC reaffirm its commitment for equal participation of members regardless of their position within the University and their ability to raise their concerns within the mandate of GFC regardless of the concerns of other members.

The Chair noted that the report had been received and would be discussed by the Executive Committee at their meeting of February 10, 2021.

Motion: Amaral/Stroulia

**Motion from the floor**

THAT the General Faculties Council extend the meeting until 5:00 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Motion: Amaral/Tabirca

**Motion from the floor**

That GFC shall move to a committee of the whole for the discussion of Collegial Governance at the University of Alberta in Light of December events at GFC and the Board.

And that Christopher Lupke, the Chair of the East-Asian Studies Department, be designated the chair of the committee of the whole.

**CARRIED**

Motion: Vaidyanathan/Coleman

**Motion from the floor**

THAT the General Faculties Council extend the meeting until 5:30 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Motion: Vaidyanathan/Lupke

**Motion from the floor**

THAT the General Faculties Council move back into a committee of the whole to continue the discussion on

Collegial Governance.

**CARRIED**

7. Clean Air Strategy

Item was deferred to the meeting of February 22, 2021.

8. Integrated Asset Management Strategy (IAMS) Update

Item was deferred to the meeting of February 22, 2021.

9. Question Period

Item was deferred to the meeting of February 22, 2021.

**INFORMATION REPORTS**

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

10. Report of the GFC Executive Committee

11. Report of the GFC Academic Planning Committee

12. Report of the GFC Programs Committee

13. GFC Nominations and Elections

A. Current Vacancies on GFC Committees

14. Report of the Board of Governors

15. COVID-19 Governance Decision Tracker

16. Information Items

There were no items.

17. Information Forwarded to GFC Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

**CLOSING SESSION**

18. Adjournment

- Next Meeting of General Faculties Council: February 22, 2021

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.